

St. Peter's Church

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Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789
Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm
Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Mosley – joseph.mosley81@gmail.com
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Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:30-4:45pm or by appointment



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 6, 2022

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, are called to holiness by God as present-day disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united in service to God to share our faith with one another and our community. May our participation in the Holy Sacraments, our ministries and our devotion to Mary bring glory to God and His Kingdom.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310
Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS
Heart of Tioga County Pregnancy & Parent Support 570-948-2020

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If after hours, please leave call our emergency number 570-439-2219. If no answer, please leave a message and Fr. Mosely will return your call as soon as he is able.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 570-724-3371. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4th) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

If then you remain constant in your
faith in the face of trial, the Lord
will give you peace and rest
for a time in this world,
and forever in the next.

- St. Jerome Emiliani

Feast Day – February 8th



Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Knights of Columbus – George Gamble 570-724-5216
Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175
Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570-404-8918
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Fundraising Dinners – Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Samaritan House – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180
Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789
Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092
Finance Council – Priscilla Walrath 570-724-2056
Parish Council – Rectory 570-724-3371
Worship Committee – Rectory 570-724-3371
Sunday Nursing Home Communion – Rectory 570-724-3371
Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-916-9573
ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 2/7	12:10pm	In Memory of Peter & Helen Demcher (Robert Tobaygo, Jr.)
Tuesday 2/8	7:30am	In Memory of Frank Dziengowski (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Wednesday 2/9	12:10pm	In Memory of Paul Urner (Sue Singer)
Thursday 2/10	No Mass	
Friday 2/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Wayne Singer (Sue Singer)
Saturday 2/12	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Eileen Evert (ChristLife Friends)
Sunday 2/13	8:30am	In Honor of Pat & Jan Bernethy (Tom & Linda Sampson)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Lucille Cornell (Lee Glass & Christine Cardinale)

Parish News and Activities

CHURCH HOURS/ADORATION

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday 11:30am–5:00pm (to allow for thorough cleaning from the weekend), Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00am–5:00pm. If the front doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 8:00am–6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer. The church will also open on Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:00am.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for January 30, 2022: \$4,859.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: (\$1,241.00)
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$6,048.24)

We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

2022 Mass Intentions Notice

At this time we have filled all of our available Mass intentions for 2022 and are no longer able to accept any new requests. Sanctuary candles are still available for many dates. Please call the rectory to reserve a candle.

UPDATED INFORMATION

Please let the rectory know whenever you make changes to your mailing address or telephone number or email. We know that many no longer use a landline. If you are one of those who has made that change, please let the rectory know so that our records can be as up to date as possible.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 6th – Religious Education Classes
 Confirmation Prep Class – 6:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 8th – Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am
 Staff Meeting, 9:00am
 Worship Committee Meeting – 6:30pm, Parish Center

Sunday, Feb. 13th – Religious Education Classes

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school are closed, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration. If the schools are delayed on a Tuesday, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration. If schools are delayed on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, there will be 12:10pm Mass. The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance.

As we approach the Easter season, we are preparing to purchase a new Paschal Candle. If anyone would like to donate this year’s candle in memory of a loved one, please contact the rectory. This will be on a first come, first serve basis.



Liturgical Reflection ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:-1-2, 3-8

Today's readings continue the focus on the call to be ministers of God's word that we heard on the past two Sundays. Last week we heard about the call of the prophet Jeremiah. Today we proclaim a similar text about the call of Isaiah to his prophetic ministry. The call of Isaiah follows a familiar pattern. Isaiah has an encounter with the Lord, seeing a vision of the Lords' magnificence in his dwelling in the Temple. Transformed and inspired by that encounter, Isaiah offers himself enthusiastically in service of the Lord. Though Isaiah understands his own limitations, he trusts God and is purified for his mission of preaching God's steadfast love and mercy to a people in great need. When God says, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah is able to say, "Send me!" Do we trust that God will ready us for the ministry of the Word?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 138

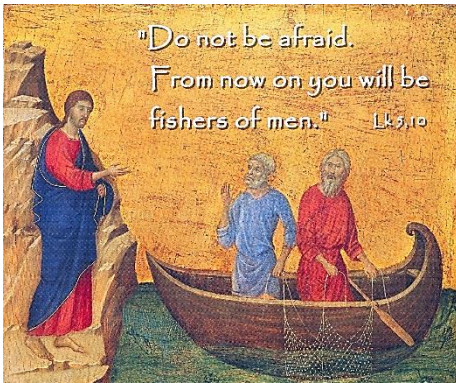
The Responsorial Psalm continues the theme found in the First Reading. It is a celebration of the tremendous holiness of God. We cannot even begin to comprehend the greatness and glory of our God. Our human mind and experiences are limited, but God is not. Our only possible response to this encounter with the holiness of God is to praise the glory of God. We join in the hymn sung by the angels that proclaims the holiness of God.



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Today Paul is teaching about the resurrection of the dead instead of spiritual gifts he has spoken about the past couple of weeks. Paul offers words of encouragement about what we've been taught, what we've embraced, and what has taken root in our hearts. Like Paul, all disciples are called to share the Gospel. The Gospel we are called to proclaim is quite simple: Jesus died for our sins and was raised from the dead so that we might share in eternal life. If we do not believe in this truth and live our lives formed by this belief, our preaching will be empty and useless. If the preacher is not formed by faith, the preaching will not be able to inspire, convert, and transform.

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11



In both the Isaiah text and this Gospel, we hear a call story and reminds us that our call to ministry can come when least expected and in the very ordinariness of life. In each, the one called is overwhelmed, almost speechless, certain he's unworthy to be in the presence of the divine power that's calling and healing him at the same time. Today's Gospel recounts the calling of Jesus' first disciples. This call follows the familiar pattern. Having encountered Jesus and his preaching and having seen his glory in the miraculous catch of fish, Simon Peter, James, and John are transformed. They abandon the life they have known and begin to follow Jesus,

strengthened by the mission with which Jesus entrusts them. Simon Peter falling to the feet of Jesus and telling him that he is not worthy to be in Jesus' presence reminds us of Isaiah's reaction when he encountered God on his heavenly throne in today's First Reading. And then comes the call to ministry – "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

The Diocese of Scranton strongly recommends that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors and mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread.

"O Lord, grant us the courage to change course, to be converted, to follow your will and not our own; to go forward together, towards you, who by your Spirit wish to make us one." Pope Francis

St. Peter's Church

Polish Dinner

Friday, February 25, 2022
4:00 – 6:00pm

Take Out Only

Cost: \$10:00

- ❖ Homemade Pierogies
- ❖ Homemade Kielbasa
- ❖ Stuffed Cabbage
- ❖ Sauerkraut
- ❖ Applesauce
- ❖ Brownie

NEW ALTAR SERVER



TRAINING

Open to all Youth who are at least in 4th GRADE

Two Training Sessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th DURING RELIGIOUS ED

AND

SUNDAY, MARCH 6th DURING RELIGIOUS ED

Training will take place in the CHURCH

Please call or email the religious ed office to register

(570) 724 – 9789 stpreled@ptd.net

BISHOP BAMBERA TO CELEBRATE MASS AT ST. PETER'S ON FEBRUARY 20th

As part of a pastoral visit to Tioga County, Bishop Bambera will be the celebrant at the 8:30am Mass on February 20, 2022.

All are welcome to attend and greet the Bishop following the Mass.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 11, 2022

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ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have met our goal!

St. Peter's Annual Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 46,000 ~ Current Pledged Amount: \$ 46,891

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal. If you have not yet given your support, please: Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250, to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at www.DioceesofScranton.org.

The dioceses is offering a new donor initiative which provides a refund to parishes for reaching new donor goals. An increase of 10% in new donors results in a \$2000 refund to the parish. An increase of 5% in new donors offers a \$1000 refund to the parish. St. Peter's needs 31 new donors to meet the 5% increase and 49 new donors to meet the 10% increase. Any donation amount qualifies.

World Day of the Sick

The Church celebrates the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, February 11th. The Virgin Mary first appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous on this date in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Our Lady told Bernadette several messages; one being to drink from a spring near the grotto where she appeared. Bernadette scraped away some soil and the spring began to trickle out. The spring still flows to this day and numerous pilgrims come to bathe in those waters in search of God's healing.



In connection to those healing waters of Lourdes, Pope John Paul II designated February 11th as World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them. In commemoration of this time of prayer, we will celebrate the sacrament of anointing of the sick **during the 12:10 Mass on Friday, February 11th**. Anyone who is in need of the healing touch of the Lord is invited to come to be anointed during this liturgy.



VISION 2030

*Creating Parish Communities Rooted
in the Life of Jesus Christ*

CHALLENGES WE MUST ADDRESS TO ENSURE THE CHURCH IS VIBRANT AND PRESENT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

A lot has changed not only in society - but also in the Diocese of Scranton during its more than 150-year history. By working together, we hope to strengthen the most vibrant expressions of parish life and to embrace the unavoidable changes which require us to respond in new ways.

As members of the Church of Scranton, we must work together in a way that we best live out our baptismal calling in both a world - and local environment - that continues to change. We must continue to respond to the needs of the People of God with changing resources and opportunities.

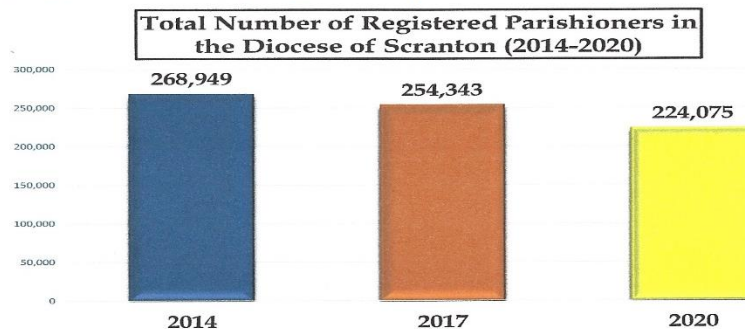
The following are some of the factors that will prompt change and response in our parishes:

1. Fewer Parishioners Supporting the Mission of the Church

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic impacted parishes, regular weekend Mass attendance had been on the decline. As shown in the chart below, the total number of parishioners who are registered in all parishes of the Diocese of Scranton dropped by more than 16% between 2014 and 2020.


The total number of Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations in the Diocese of Scranton also dropped during this time period.

In 2020, a custom demographics report from Mission Insite identified that there are more than 317,000 Catholic individuals within the 11-county geographic territory of the Diocese of Scranton. This gap between individuals who identify as Catholics, yet are not currently registered in a parish, is a challenge that must be addressed.



Source: Diocese of Scranton — Parish Report Statistics 2014-2020

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"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."



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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Lord, this we know, no matter how difficult life may be at this time, we know you will not stop loving us and will always hold us in the palm of your hand. We are reaching to you, Lord, to hold us, comfort us, and heal us. Lord, this we know, you are faithful in your love for us today and forever. You are with us, and we are with you. Amen.