

St. Peter's Church



47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
Rectory Phone: 570-724-3371 ~ Fax: 570-724-6322
Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789
Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Melissa Mann – streled@ptd.net
Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich

Schedule of Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

Tuesday through Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:20-4:50pm; or by appointment

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

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 no answer, please leave a message. Fr. Jacek 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!

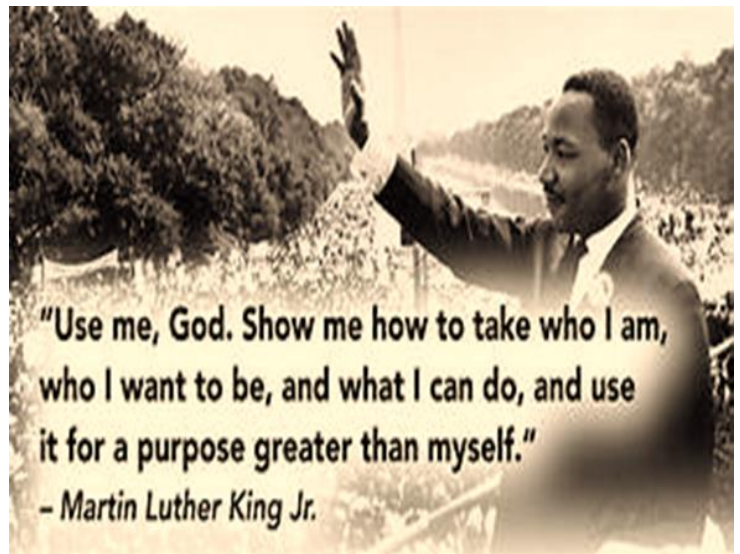
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



**"Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am,
who I want to be, and what I can do, and use
it for a purpose greater than myself."**

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175
Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570-404-8918
Diane Bill 516-458-9130
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Dinner Committee – 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 – Steve Tokarz 570-404-0693
Worship Committee – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
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
Marian Ministries – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 1/16	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/17	12:10pm	In Memory of James B. Ackley (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Wednesday 1/18	12:10pm	Living & Deceased Members of Charles & Clara Schaut Family (Sue Singer)
Thursday 1/19	12:10pm	In Memory of Kenneth Anderson (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Friday 1/20	12:10pm	In Memory of Bob & Mary Cleveland (Daughter Mary)
Saturday 1/21	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 1/22	8:30am	In Memory of Denison W. Young (Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Cardinal George Pell (Women's Bible Study)

Parish News and Activities

Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. From 8:00-9:00am, the only entrance will be through the door on the main parking lot side. From 9:00am-5:00pm, the front door and carport entrance will be open. If for some reason the main door is not unlocked, please enter through the parking lot door, as this entrance will always be open from 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am-4:30pm using only the parking lot door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:15pm for those attending Mass. All doors of the church will be unlocked on Sunday morning at 8:00am for those attending Mass. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 1:00pm-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

Flower Arrangements

Parishioners are now able to purchase the flower arrangements that are placed at the altar, tabernacle, or by the Mary statue in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is as follows:
 Altar Flower Arrangements-1 arrangement \$70, 2 arrangements \$140
 Tabernacle Arrangements - 2 arrangements \$40
 Mary Arrangement - 1 arrangement \$25

You may request a particular flower(s) or color scheme and Akiko's will do their best to honor that if at all possible. The Arrangements will arrive in time for the weekend Masses and remain for the following week. Please stop in or call the rectory for available dates. The Memorial/Honorarium will be listed in the bulletin.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school are **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance.

Happening This Week

Sunday, January 15th

Exodus 90 - 4:00pm, Adult Ed. Room

Monday, January 16th

Rectory Closed

Tuesday, January 17th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am, Adult Ed. Room

Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm, Church

Worship Committee Mtg. - 6:00pm, Adult Ed. Room

Wednesday, January 18th

Dinner Fundraising Mtg. - 10:00am, Adult Ed. Room

Following Christ - 6:30pm, Parish Center

Sunday, January 22nd

Exodus 90 - 4:00pm, Adult Ed. Room

Stewardship

Sunday collection for January 1, 2023: \$10,309.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$4,209.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$1,529.66

Sunday collection for January 9, 2023: \$4,309.25
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$-1,790.75
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$261.09

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Scripture commentators debate the identity of the “servant” in this passage. Is it the prophet Isaiah or is it the people of Israel? The text would seem to support both possibilities. In any case, the focus of the Lord’s pronouncement is the mission of the servant. The mission is twofold. First, the people will be brought back to the Lord and returned from exile. Second, the servant will be a light to all the nations. In this latter case it seems that the servant is the people. All this the Lord will do; the servant will be an instrument of the Lord’s salvation.

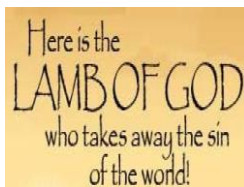
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 40

The opening cry of the psalmist that the Lord hear his plea is replaced by a song of praise because the Lord has heard him. As a faithful servant the psalmist realizes that the Lord desires more than ritual sacrifices. The Lord desires a deeper commitment that comes from the heart. When the servant is ready to make this commitment he can stand before the Lord and cry out: “Here I am Lord. I come to do your will.” These words can be the mantra of all those who accept the role of servant before the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

As Paul begins his letter to the Corinthians he first establishes his identity and his authority to teach them. He states that he has been called by Christ Jesus, even though Paul never met Jesus in his public life. He takes on the identity of an Apostle, one who has the right to preach the Gospel of the Risen Lord. Just as he has been called, he tells the faithful that they too have been called to holiness by the same Lord. Just as he has been called, he tells the faithful that they too have been called to holiness by the same Lord. Paul’s closing blessing for grace and peace is repeated in similar words in every Eucharistic celebration.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34



The Gospel text is not a firsthand observation by John of the preaching of John the Baptist or of Jesus’ baptism. Rather it is a report by the evangelist of that event and as such it carries theological insights of John as the Gospel writer. There is a clear call theme in the text. John the evangelist recognizes the Baptist’s call by God to baptize as a preparation for the coming of the Messiah. In his Gospel account, John sees the event of Jesus’ own baptism as an indication that Jesus, the Son of God, was called by the Father to take away the sins of the world.

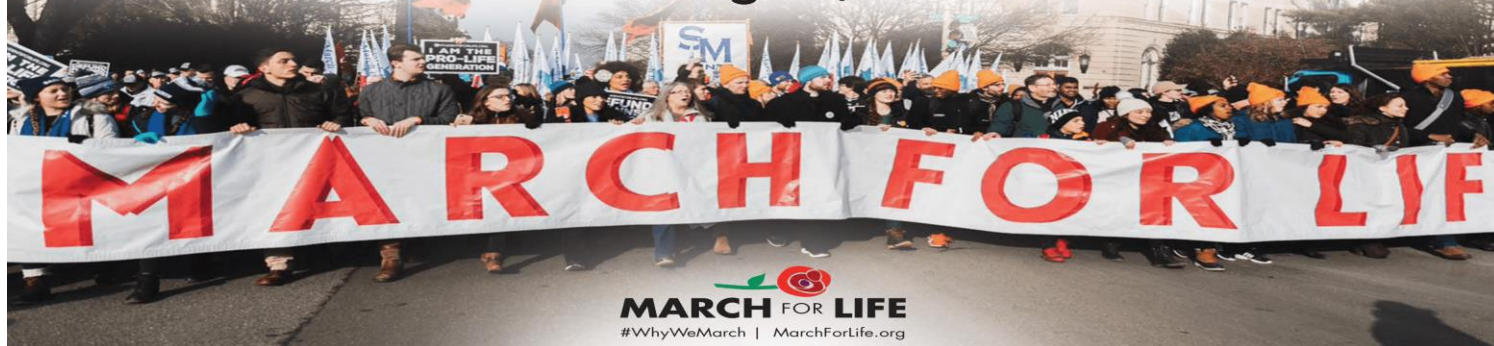
Know Your Catholic Faith

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3. The first twelve days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 20th, 2023

Washington, D.C.



Stand for Life – Friday, January 20th at Holy Child Church

The National March for Life in Washington D.C. takes place on Friday, January 20th.

Let's show our local support!

We invite you to Stand for Life with us from 1:00pm – 2:00pm in front of Holy Child Church, Mansfield, directly after Father Bryan celebrates Mass at 12:00pm. We will have a variety of signs for you to hold if you choose. Bring a chair if you prefer to sit. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and conversation to warm us up after. Let us show our love for life!

Call Laurie Coffee at 570/549-2210 with questions.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY TO PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 19-27

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

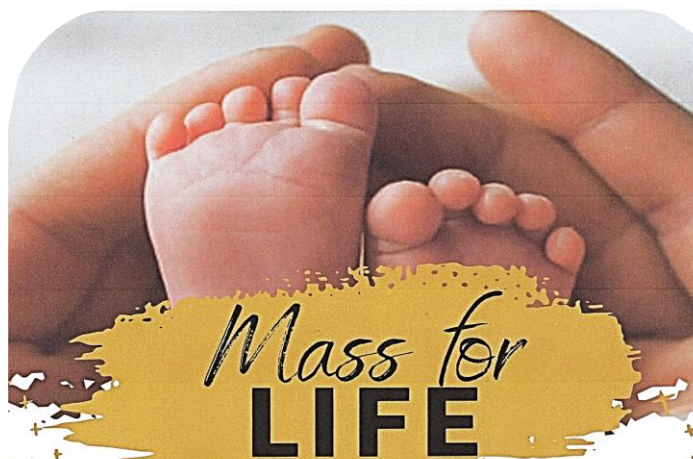


3 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe descends a stile after in the Church of Santa Maria della Penitella at the Vatican, Oct. 31, 1903 (photo: Paul Piatig).



THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER, SCRANTON

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
BISHOP OF SCRANTON

Join us on the eve of the 50th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.

Chosen: a Young Catholic Women's Retreat
January 27-29, 2023
Holy Family Center, Nanticoke PA

Young Women's Retreat
Chosen
Finding our Identity in Christ
January 27th-29th
Holy Family Retreat Center, Nanticoke



This retreat is intended to help young women (upperclassmen students to young moms) root their identity in Christ and find a community of other women pursuing their faith.

Chosen will start at 8 PM Friday night with an introductory talk and ice breaker activities.

The retreat will also offer Mass, guided personal prayer, different talks from speakers, small group discussion, rest/fellowship, and ending Saturday night with prayer teams and Adoration.

The weekend comes to a close on Sunday morning with a final talk and small group discussion, then Mass at 11 AM where loved ones, spouses, and children are welcome to join us.

For more information and to register, visit the Diocese of Scranton's website at dioceseofscranton.org

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



SUPER BINGO at Knoxville Community Center
Sunday, January 15th
12:00pm / Doors open at 10:30am

Join the Exodus!

Exodus 90 is a 90 day challenge of prayer, asceticism, and brotherhood. From January 9th until Easter, participants will be presented with the opportunity to follow the Israelites on their cleansing journey through the desert in the Exodus from Egypt. Set down your attachments and open yourself to the love the Lord wishes to pour out upon you through daily holy hours, weekly fasting, limited technology, abstinence from snacking and alcohol. This challenge calls us to "deny yourself, take up your cross & follow me" as fellowship. Reach out to Patrick Bialas at 570/439-2719 for more information on how to join this group!

Marian Ministries - Living Rosary Evaluation



A current Living Rosary sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the church (located on the confessional door). Participants without internet access are asked to check the sheet to be sure their assigned decades are correct.

Please contact Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180 with any changes or if you wish to take part in this devotion.

Volunteer Opportunity

Collection Counter



Each Sunday, volunteers count the offerings collected during the weekend Masses and prepare it for deposit. There are five teams of counters, and each team serves once every five weeks. We are looking for someone to join a counting team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory at 570/724-3371.

Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.

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Parish Prayer List

Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighaus, Suzie Alexander, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Joann Black, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Shannon Slaton, Lisa Neil-Keller, Ann Callahan, John Harling, Shawn Wheeler, John Wheeler, Kayleigh Johnson, Mary Clark, Ruth Braham, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermevic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Midge Bialas, B.J. Butler.



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.