

# St. Peter's Church



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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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Business Manager: Patti Mitchell – spadm@ptd.net  
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Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

## 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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 16, 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup>) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

### **Welcome to St. Peter's Church!**

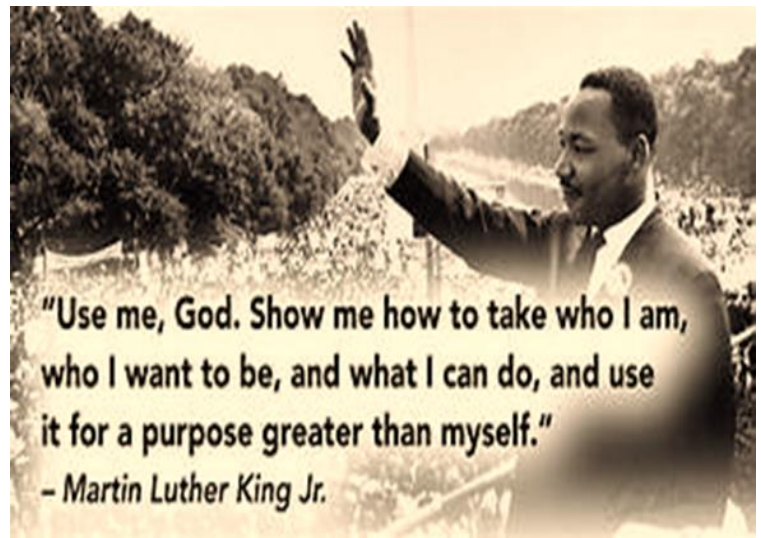
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

#### **Request for Parishioner Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



### **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 – Mary Lasko 570-439-7706  
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 – Eileen Evert 570-439-4470  
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 1/17	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/18	7:30am	In Memory of Norman Bucheit (Singer Family)
Wednesday 1/19	12:10pm	In Honor of Sheila Graham (Joan)
Thursday 1/20	No Mass	
Friday 1/21	12:10pm	In Memory of Robert & Joan Tobaygo, Sr. ( Robert Tobaygo, Jr.)
Saturday 1/22	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Bob & Mary Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)
Sunday 1/23	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Richard Zugarek (Black Family)

## 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.

### 2022 CALENDARS ARE HERE

The 2022 Catholic family calendars have arrived and can be found at each entrance to the church and on the handout table. Special thanks to Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home for their full sponsorship of these beautiful calendars.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Religious Education Classes  
8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12<sup>th</sup>  
**Tuesday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Women's Bible Study, 9:00am  
Cemetery Cmte Mtg., 6:30pm  
**Sunday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Religious Education Classes  
8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12<sup>th</sup>

### RECTORY HOURS BEGINNING JAN. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> the hours for the Rectory will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 8:00am – 2:00pm; Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm.

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for January 2, 2022: \$3,106.00  
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
Difference: (\$2,994.00)  
Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$1,874.94)

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

### UPDATED INFORMATION

Please let the rectory know whenever you make changes to your mailing address or telephone number, so that our records can be updated. 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 what phone number to use to reach you.

### 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.

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### MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE RECTORY CLOSED

Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, is Martin Luther King Day. The Rectory will be closed and there will be no daily Mass celebrated.

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

Today's First Reading comes from the third part of Isaiah, which is thought to have been written after the Babylonian Exile when a remnant of God's people had begun to return to Judea. The silence to which the prophet refers is the period of the exile, when the peoples feared that God had abandoned them. The language is filled with hope and the promise of new life. Israel's situation is totally transformed and the nation's relationship with the Lord is renewed. No longer languishing in exile, Israel basks in the mercy of the Lord. Her sin of idolatry is behind her. The marriage imagery tells us that the people have a fresh start; God has the ability to take a painful past and turn it into a glorious future. This is cause for great rejoicing!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96

The Responsorial Psalm is an exuberant hymn of praise. This is a new song, for God has given us new signs of his glory and love. It is not only the people of Israel who should give praise to God. All nations on the earth are called to join in this song. They have witnessed his goodness toward the people of God. This is one of the reasons we gather together on Sunday: to sing the praise and glory of God. We are called upon to tremble before him, not out of fear, but in a sense of awe that we have when we observe the works of God in our midst.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

The Christian community of Corinth was quite diverse and some members thought of themselves as better or more enlightened than others, in part because they possessed certain spiritual gifts such as prophecy or speaking in tongues. Paul teaches them that these gifts are gifts of the Holy Spirit. They possess these gifts not because they are special, but because these gifts come from the one Spirit who binds all of their ministries together for the good of the community. Paul introduces the concept of unity in diversity. Paul writes his spiritual children to restore peace and right teaching. He reminds the Corinthians (and us) that, though the Spirit has bestowed a variety of gifts, these gifts have a purpose: to build up the common good. By placing our gifts at the benefit of the community, Christians build up the Church and the Kingdom of God. Whatever spiritual gift we have been given should be at the service of the one Lord Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL: John 2:1-11



As we saw in the First Reading, today's Gospel continues the marriage theme. John calls Jesus' first miracle at the wedding of Cana "the beginning of his signs." At his mother's urging, Jesus transforms the situation, turning water into wine and changing what could have been a social disaster into a triumph. The seemingly unlimited fine wine calls to mind the "pure, choice wine" that the Lord has promised to provide on his holy mountain (see Isaiah 25:5) and so "his disciples began to believe in him." Mary's words to the servants - the last

she speaks in all the Gospel accounts - echo down the centuries as sage advice to all who would be her son's disciples - "Do whatever he tells you." This revelation of Jesus' glory did not end with the sign he performed but with the belief to which his followers came. Not only does Jesus change water into wine, but he transforms his disciples from being mere companions to becoming those who believe in him. They move from fellowship to the intimacy of belief and their lives will never be the same. He changed them. He will change us. And our lives will never be the same.

### Notre Dame H.S. Grades 7-12 Open House For Prospective Students & Families

Notre Dame High School, Grades 7-12 is hosting an *Open House on Monday, January 31, from 6:30-8:30pm for prospective students and their families*. The evening will begin with a brief presentation in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium with campus tours to follow. Open House is your chance to meet the faculty, administration, and students, tour the campus, learn about the benefits of a Notre Dame education, and explore the many opportunities your student can have as a student of Notre Dame. Notre Dame is a college preparatory school offering an inclusive environment that is rich in the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy and academic excellence. Additionally, Notre Dame offers a competitive athletic program, many opportunities to participate in the performing, visual, and language arts along with a variety of extra-curricular activities such as FTC & FRC Robotics, Science Olympiad, MaryLeaf (school newsletter), Yearbook, and Quiz League. Notre Dame H.S. is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira. Please note: COVID-19 safety precautions will be followed and all attendees will be required to wear masks while inside the building. To RSVP for the Open House, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ndhsopenhouse>. Notre Dame is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2022-23 school year. To apply visit [notredamehighschool.com](http://notredamehighschool.com). Questions? Please contact Brett Moore, Director of Enrollment at 607-734-2267 option 8.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

A candle is kept burning day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return. Sanctuary candles are available to remember or honor your loved ones. Call the rectory to reserve a week.



### Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, "*Rising Together in Christ*," is already underway. The overall goal of this year's Appeal is \$4.5 million. The money that is raised will help to continue the mission of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton by providing programs and ministries to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors, our children, and those most in need.

**Our parish goal this year remains at \$43,000.**

**Total raised: \$43,316.00.**

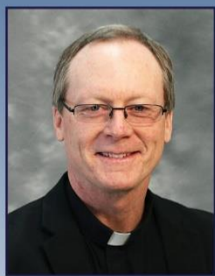
We appreciate any support that you might be able to give to the Appeal to help continue the spread of the gospel in our local Church. Blank pledge envelopes can be found near the doors of the church. Thank you, and may God bless you!

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.

## MASS OF THANKSGIVING

AND

*Sending Forth*



FOR

**BISHOP-ELECT  
JEFFREY J. WALSH**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
at 12:10 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

On December 21, 2021, Pope Francis appointed the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

As Bishop-elect Walsh prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Gaylord on March 4, 2022, parishioners and friends of the Bishop-elect are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth in gratitude for his ministry of service to the People of God in the Church of Scranton. The Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 12:10 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral. It will also be televised live on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

**"Sometimes, looking at our lives, we see only the things we lack and forget the talents we possess. Yet God gave them to us because He trusts us and asks us to make the most of the present moment, not yearning for the past, but waiting industriously for His return." Pope Francis**



January 22, 2022 will mark the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States. As Catholics, we are called to stand up for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

Many parishes around our diocese have answered this call by attending the annual March for Life in Washington DC. While the March for Life is scheduled to take place on Friday, January 21, 2022, we invite you to participate in our own **Vigil Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop Bambera on Thursday, January 20th at St. Maria Goretti Church in Laflin.**

All faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are welcome to join us on January 20th as we pray for a greater respect for human life.

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## VIGIL MASS FOR LIFE

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022**  
6:00PM | ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH, LAFLIN

CELEBRANT: MOST REV. JOSEPH C. BAMBERA  
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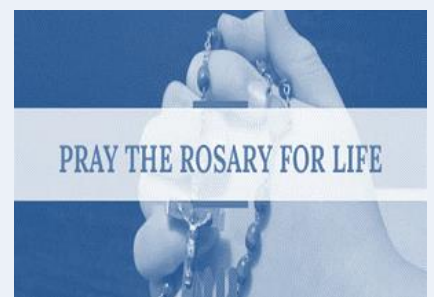
Join us on the eve of the 48th annual March for Life to pray for a greater respect of all human life, from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.

*We invite you to bring a new pack of diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Maternity House and St. Joseph's Center Baby and Children's Pantry*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
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### ROSARY FOR LIFE AT ST. PETER'S

For those who are unable to attend the National March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 21<sup>st</sup> you will still have an opportunity to join together in prayer for the sanctity of all human life. We will pray a rosary for life at St. Peters on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, following the 12:10pm Mass. All are Welcome!



**STAND FOR LIFE!** ~~ On Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, we invite you to *Stand for Life* from 1:00-2:00pm in front of Holy Child Church in Mansfield. Please join us to demonstrate our belief that every life is a gift from God and needs to be protected! We will have a variety of signs for you to hold if you choose. Bring a chair if you prefer to sit. We will have coffee and hot chocolate to warm us up after. Please let's make this our biggest group yet! Call Laurie Coffee 570-549-2210 for questions.

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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.

**Doris Coumbe, Joseph Bergen**

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.