

St. Peter's Church



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024

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–2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Jen Minnich – stpreld@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-12:10pm;
Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm; or by appointment

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 _____



The Conversion of St. Paul

January 25th

I consider that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

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 – Karen Novak 570/982-5115
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570/724-2085
Samaritan House – Mary Grab – 607/857-3447
Youth Group – Steve Tokarz – 570/404-0693
Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570/724-3092
Finance Council – Tim Gooch 570/971-5826
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
Fundraising Committee – Tim Gooch 570/971-5826
Knights of Columbus – Mike Buono 717/320-2305

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 1/22	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/23	12:10pm	Singer Children and Grandchildren (Sue Singer)
Wednesday 1/24	12:10 pm	In Memory of Denison Young (Family)
Thursday 1/25	12:10pm	In Memory of John & Anna Andrascik (Family)
Friday 1/26	12:10pm	In Memory of Ann Matthews (The Grab Family)
Saturday 1/27	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 1/28	8:30am	In Memory of Bob Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)

Church Hours / Adoration

Monday – Friday: The church doors will be open for private prayer from 8:00am – 5:00pm. If the main doors of the church are locked, please enter through the side parking lot door.

Saturday: The side parking lot door (only) will be open from 8:00am – 4:30pm for private prayer. All church doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm for Mass.

Sunday: All church doors will be unlocked at 8:00am for Mass and will remain open until 9:30am when religious education classes begin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 6:00pm, with Benediction.

Happening This Week

Sunday, January 21st

Religious Education Classes

8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Confirmation Class – 6:00pm; Parish Center

Monday, January 22nd

Knights of Columbus Mtg. – 7:00pm; Parish Center

Tuesday, January 23rd

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed Room

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, January 24th

Following Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Sunday, January 28th

Religious Education Classes

8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for January 14, 2024: \$8,050.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference: \$1,950.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$10,527.25

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school is **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**.

The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance, and the parish office hours may be affected.

Parish Prayer List

To add a name to the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at 570/724-3371. **For privacy reasons, the person making the request must be an immediate family member.** This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.

Liturgical Reflection – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20



Today's Gospel passage recounts the call of the first apostles – Peter and Andrew, James and John. Both pairs of brothers were fishermen and Jesus called them to become proclaimers of the Word of God. These first apostles left all that they had, and they followed Jesus wherever he went. This is our call as well. We do not necessarily have to leave our homes and families, but we do have to live our Christian calling in such a way that everything else is secondary. Conversion always involves saying “yes” to God's call and “no” to those things that would hinder us from answering that call. Even things that are good (relationships, food, etc.) can get in the way if they become too important in our lives.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our Call to Serve

Money raised through the Diocesan Annual Appeal will help continue the mission of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton by providing programs and ministries that bring the love of Christ to our families, our neighbors, and to those most in need.

Our parish goal this year is \$43,000
The total raised to date is \$33,160

We have reached 77% of our goal.

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 front doors of the church.

Thank you!

OUR CALL TO SERVE
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan to donate or visit
annualappeal.org

Your Gift to the *Diocesan Annual Appeal* helps Catholic Social Services fulfill its mission. This Christmas, the agency helped provide toys to 6,151 children!

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



St. Peter's Parish Raffle Fundraiser

Enter to win a
65" UQ70 LG UHD TV!

Just in time for the Super Bowl...enter to win a 65" LG large screen TV
and watch the big game on a big screen!

Raffle tickets cost \$10 each and one ticket, along with a letter from Father Jacek, has been mailed to parishioners. Entries with payment can be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "TV Raffle".

Extra tickets will be available for purchase at the back of the church immediately after each weekend Mass throughout the month of January. The number of tickets being sold is limited and will be on a first come, first sold basis.

The deadline for entry is Thursday, February 1st, so be sure to return all tickets by this date.
The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 4th and one lucky winner will be notified by phone.

Thank you for supporting St. Peter's raffle fundraiser, and good luck!



A special thank you to the anonymous donors who provided the funds to clean the beautiful stained-glass image of St. Peter above the main doors of the church. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Blessings and Congratulations to

Lillian Abbott
Andrew Knickerbocker
Emmelyn Rice
Avery Trescott
Anna Wojnicki

who encountered God's love and mercy
by receiving the Sacrament of First
Penance on Saturday, January 13th.



Religious Education

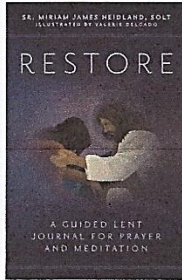
The Religious Education program is looking for high school students to volunteer in the pre-k classroom. Pre-k takes place during the 8:30am Mass on Sundays and lesson plans, including all materials, are provided. Student volunteers do not need to serve each week and scheduling is based on their availability.

If you know of a high school student who may be interested in sharing God's love with our pre-k children, please have them contact Mrs. Minnich at stpreled@ptd.net.



Marian Ministries Upcoming Events

Lenten Book Study



All parishioners are invited to join us for *"Restore,"* a guided Lenten journey by Sr. Miriam James Heidland. This online study will be facilitated by Chris Troncone and Linda Sampson. About the study (from Amazon:)

Follow the Lord into the depths of your heart this Lent and you will never be the same. Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole.

In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, Sr. Miriam invites you to meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life as you practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Restore features stunning original art by Valerie Delgado of Pax. Valerie along with daily meditations on a passage from scripture, reflection questions, guided prayer, and space for journaling and notetaking.

Throughout Lent, you'll move through four different phases of healing, focusing on traditional Lenten practices:

1. Prayer is the means of healing our relationship with God.
2. Fasting disciplines us in healing our relationship with ourselves.
3. Almsgiving leads us to healing our relationships with others.
4. Sacrifice shows us the path to heaven and union with God.

If you enter into Lent with Christ, your heart will see more clearly, be pierced more easily, love more strongly, and serve more passionately. Jesus will be etched into the crevasses of your being.

Sign-up sheets are available at St. Peter's, Holy Child, St. Mary's, St. Thomas, and St. Catherine's. Or email Linda @ marian-ministries@outlook.com or Chris @ troncy@hotmail.com. A donation of \$10 is suggested to assist with the cost of the books. (Mark these donations and place them in the weekly collection basket.) The deadline to register is **Sunday, February 4th**.



Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage

Please join the Dominican Friars in a national pilgrimage devoted to Christ and Our Lady. Pray the Nine Month Novena on the Last Saturday of each month, starting on January 27, 2024. Prayer cards are available on the Holy Handout table at St. Peter's.. For more information visit: <https://rosarypilgrimage.org/>


* Marian Ministries will coordinate a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, sometime during the coming year. Watch future bulletins for more details.

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<p> MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950 kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 T 570.662.2277 F 570.662.1078  Kenneth Mitchell Owner</p>	<p> Stephen F. Tokarz • Artisan • Craftsman Specializing in Custom Wood Products 570-404-0693 Established in Tioga County, PA</p>	<p>"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."</p>

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, Everett Dean Brown, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniow, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, 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, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Moore, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa; SSJ, Bill Cizek, Carter Benjamin, Stephen Farrell



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.