

St. Peter's Church



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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 – stpreled@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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 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!

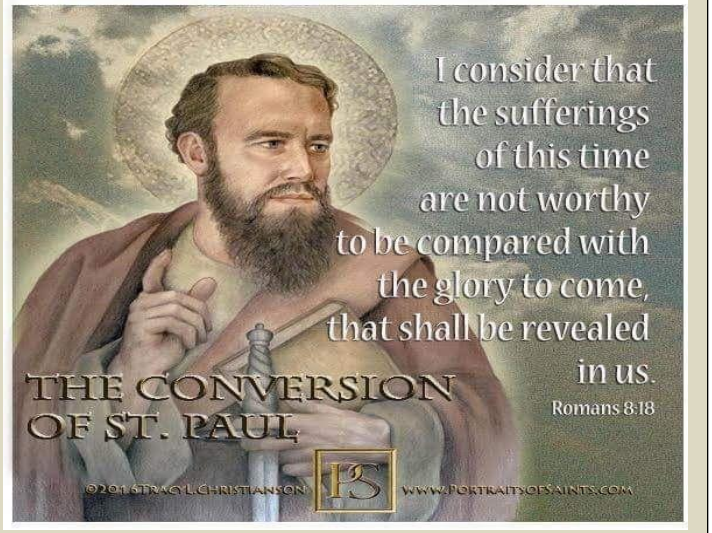
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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 1/23	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/24	12:10pm	In Memory of Wayne Clifton (Richard & Kate Black)
Wednesday 1/25	12:10pm	Stutz & Hebson Family (Family)
Thursday 1/26	12:10pm	In Memory of Ann Matthews (The Grab Family)
Friday 1/27	12:10pm	Living and Deceased Members of Fred & Mary Swan Family (Sue Singer)
Saturday 1/28	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 1/29	8:30am	In Memory of Eileen Evert (Ida Dziengowski)

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 22nd

Exodus 90 – 4:00pm, Adult Ed. Room

Tuesday, January 24th

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

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm, Church

Wednesday, January 25th

Following Christ – 6:30pm, Parish Center

Thursday, January 26th

Social Concerns Committee Mtg. - 6:30pm, Adult Ed. Room

Finance Council Mtg. – 6:30pm, St. Catherine's Hall

Sunday, January 29th

Exodus 90 – 4:00pm, Adult Ed. Room

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for January 15, 2023: \$6,803.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference: \$703.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: \$441.91

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Isaiah recalls Israel's history when the northern tribes were conquered by the Assyrians and placed in exile. Their situation is described as "darkness" and their living conditions as being "in the land of gloom." Their eventual freedom is attributed to the intervention of God, who came to them as a light. The result of this freedom was "great rejoicing" and "abundant joy." The prophet compares their jubilation to the joy that happens when the spoils of the harvest are shared, and when those in slavery are given their freedom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27

The first verse is a declaration of praise of the Lord. The second is a petition to dwell with the Lord, and the third is an affirmation of confidence in the Lord. The Lord is addressed with three metaphors: light, salvation, and refuge. Each ascribes to the Lord both the desire and the power to take care of the psalmist and, by inference, all those who know the Lord. The petition to "dwell in the house of the Lord" could be understood to dwell in the embraced of the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

On more than one occasion Paul takes the Church in Corinth to task for the divisions that arise among them. Today's text is one example. Although Paul considers them brothers and sisters in the Lord, he still takes responsibility for their spiritual welfare and for the harmony that should be among them. He dismisses their bickering over whom they should follow by reminding them that it is Christ Jesus who has saved them. The Gospel he preaches is that of Christ; and that is what they are to follow.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23



Today's reading is Matthew's account of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. One of Matthew's themes is the connection between Jesus' mission and that foretold by the prophets. He does this by quoting the Isaiah passage that was in the first reading. Jesus is presented as the Light for the nations. Now that John the Baptist has been arrested, Jesus takes up his ministry and calls the first four apostles. The immediate response of the four fishermen has become an example for every disciple who intends to follow the Lord. The last lines of the Gospel announce the nature and scope of Jesus' mission.



Congratulations
to the winners
of this year's
Coin Challenge for
Charity Fundraiser!

Each year, religious education students in grades kindergarten through high school participate in a Coin Challenge for Charity fundraiser. Classes compete to collect the most money by bringing in their loose change. At the end of the competition, all money raised is donated to a local charity. This year, a total of \$428.77 was collected and students from the kindergarten/1st grade/2nd grade team (pictured) won the challenge by collecting the most money. All funds will be donated to the Tioga County Homeless Initiative. Thank you to all the students who participated!



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WHO: 32 brave Diocese of Scranton priests, or, as we like to call them, **PASTOR CHEFS**, on 24 teams!

WHAT: Rectory, Set, Cook! II: Turning Up The Heat!

WHEN: Jan. 10, 2023, through noon on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 21, with winners announced by 5 p.m.

WHERE: Any desktop, laptop or mobile device/cell phone

WHY: To feed the hungry within the Diocese of Scranton while also supporting our parishes.



HOW:

1 Click on the **OUR CHEFS** tab. On mobile devices, find this tab by scrolling down to the bottom of the page, past the sponsor logos, to see the pastor chef pages and view the videos.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THOSE USING PHONES:

If you cannot see the videos, click **VIEW**, then "Read More" (under the small rectangular image beneath "Donate to Vote") to reveal the **PLAY** key.

2 Click on a chef's (or team of chefs') page, select **DONATE NOW** and make at least a \$10 gift to cast one vote. Cast as many votes as you wish as often as you wish for as many chefs as you wish!

3 Watch your name appear on our donor walls and your pastor chefs'/chefs' page! (Or check the anonymous option when donating.)



Just as the earth bears abundant fruit when it is well cultivated and cared for, so it is with us. When we cultivate our spiritual health, when we have a well cultivated relationship with the Lord, we begin to bear very good fruit. Pope Francis

Notre Dame High School Open House

Notre Dame High School, grades 7-12, is hosting an **Open House on Monday, January 30**. Check in begins at 6:15pm with a presentation at 6:30pm in the Charles and Mary Crossed Auditorium. Campus tours will follow. Prospective students and their families will have an opportunity to meet the faculty and administration, learn about admissions and the financial aid process and explore the school's athletics and extracurricular activities.

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. The school is located at 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY. For more information about the benefits of a Notre Dame education and to register for the Open House, visit notredamehighschool.com.

Has your contact information changed?

Please help us keep our parish records up to date.



Update your contact info!

Call or email the rectory if your phone number, email or mailing address has changed, or if you no longer use your land line.



Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, January 14. They encountered God's love and mercy in this beautiful Sacrament!

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 the funds 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.

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.



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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.