

# St. Peter's Church

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## 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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Religious Education.: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net  
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



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 23, 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!**

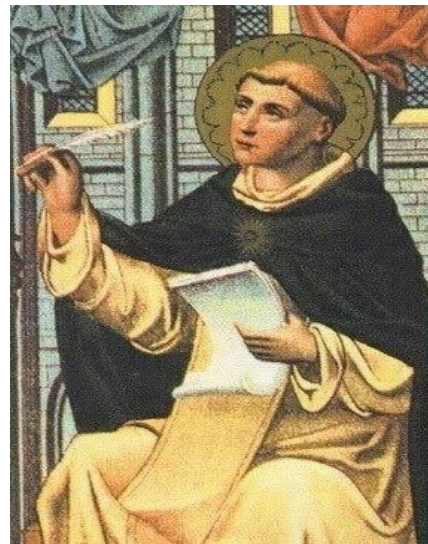
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



### **PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**

Grant me,  
O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance  
in waiting for you,  
and a hope of finally  
embracing you.  
Amen

Feast Day January 28<sup>th</sup>

### **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 1/24	12:10pm	In Memory of Wayne Singer (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Tuesday 1/25	7:30am	In Honor of Tony & Pat Straniere (ChristLife Friends)
Wednesday 1/26	12:10pm	In Memory of Ann Matthews (Grab Family)
Thursday 1/27	No Mass	
Friday 1/28	12:10pm	In Memory of Joseph A. Mellinia, Jr. (Family)
Saturday 1/29	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Paul Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Sunday 1/30	8:30am	In Memory of John & Ann Andrascik (Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Joyce Sykora (Eric & Tina Kreisler)

## 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 16, 2022: \$5,223.00  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: (\$ 877.00)  
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$2,751.94)

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

### 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.

### 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.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Sunday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</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  
**Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** – Religious Education Classes  
 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30am Parent Mtg. First Holy Communion

### 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.

**“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**

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

The context of this reading is the reestablishment of the city of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. Judeans who had been living in exile were given permission to return to Jerusalem by King Cyrus, but found the place was in ruins. When Nehemiah learned of this, he asked to go to Jerusalem and rebuild its city walls. He ended up staying there for 12 years to serve as governor of Judea. Ezra was a Jewish priest and scribe who was directed to lead a group of exiles back to Jerusalem and teach God's law to those who did not know it. The Jews who returned after the exile gathered in an assembly to hear Ezra read and explain the law. For the children of Israel, the law is not a constraint on their freedom, but a sign of God's loving care for them and the foundation of their nation. The people's desire for God's Word, the public proclamation, and their eager reception of its message have sanctified the day and made it an occasion of joy and celebration.

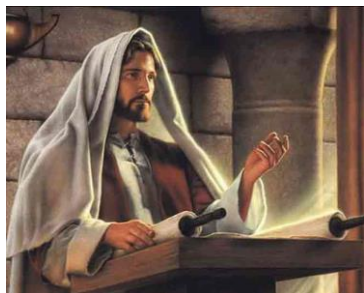
### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 19

The Responsorial Psalm begins with six symbols for the law of the Lord, praising God for the law's goodness. It is odd that there would only be six synonyms. Seven was the perfect number in the Bible. The last section clarifies why. The psalmist speaks the word of his mouth and the thoughts of his heart. This is the seventh reference. The law is only perfect when it is found interiorized (found in the thoughts of one's heart) and when one gives witness to it in the way one lives (the words of one's mouth).

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Today's reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is a continuation of last Sunday's reading, which focused on spiritual gifts. One of Paul's greatest contributions to the life and theology of the early Church was his understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ. By Baptism, each Christian is incorporated into this body. Baptism erased divisions between individual members. There was no need for jealousy and competition because each member placed his or her gifts at the service of the common good. Together we are Christ's Body; as individuals we are its "parts." God has given us all different roles, but equally important and all of them necessary.

### GOSEL: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Today's Gospel includes the prologue of Luke's Gospel and his account of Jesus' first public teaching. It is all about proclaiming God. He intends to reassure a lover of God, Theophilus, of the reliability of what he has heard about Jesus. This reassurance extends to people today. In the second part of the reading, we hear the declaration of God's purpose in Jesus. He is the Anointed One sent by God. In his first visit to his hometown after his baptism by John, Jesus sets the agenda for his ministry. His mission is to bring God's Kingdom – a kingdom where the poor, lonely, imprisoned, and oppressed will find freedom from want, fear, and need. We

see Jesus' respect for God's Word as he assumes the role of lector, reads the passage, and then carefully rolls up the scroll again before sitting and declaring its fulfillment. That is what Jesus came to do and to teach: that the poor will know the good news, the captives will be rescued, the blind will see, and the oppressed will be freed. The awe-inspiring aspect of this text is that what happened then happens yet today, as weekly the words of Scripture fall upon us and actualize the sacred realities of which they speak.

### 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, 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.

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on **Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. On this day we remember the entry of Christ, the light of the world, into the temple of Jerusalem. This day is also known as Candlemas Day. Traditionally, candles are blessed for use in the church and in one's home on this feast day. Bringing the candle into the home is a sign that Christ is with you in your everyday life.

Candles will be blessed at the beginning of the 12:10 p.m. Mass on this day, followed by a small procession with lighted candles. Individual boxes of candles for home use will be available for purchase at a cost of \$5 per box. May Christ, the true light of the world, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.



## Blessing of Throats

The Church celebrates the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saint Blaise has traditionally been associated with the healing of throats, so it is the practice of the Church to have a blessing of throats around his feast day to seek his intercession. A blessing of throats will take place after **all weekend Masses on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**.



## **Congratulations to**

**Brynn Bourret,  
Charlotte Dewitt,  
Lorenzo Florio,  
Amelia Pollaro,  
Whitney Rice, and  
Ethan Wojnicki**

**who received the Sacrament of Penance for the very first time on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. They encountered God's love and mercy in this beautiful Sacrament!**

***"Tenderness is not a question of emotion or sentiment: it is the experience of feeling loved and welcomed even in our poverty and misery, and thus transformed by God's love."*** Pope Francis

## 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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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**

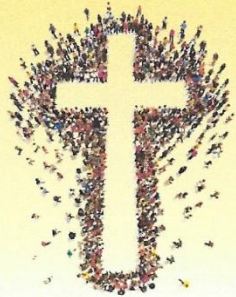
Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
at 12:10 p.m.

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.

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# VISION 2030

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

## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

We, the Catholic community of the Diocese of Scranton, are called through Baptism to imitate the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. In union with Our Holy Father, the Pope, we proclaim the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the sacraments joyfully, and boldly promote life, justice and peace in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.

### — GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR OUR MISSION —

#### **- WORD -**

This principle is about putting our relationship with Jesus first in our own lives and in the life of our Church. Focusing on Jesus' invitation to "Come and follow me," we desire to help all people meet Christ and build God's Kingdom - not our own.

#### **- WORSHIP -**

The principle is about the celebration of the Eucharist as the heart of parish life. The Mass is the source and summit of our lives as Christians. In the Eucharist, Jesus draws close to us and strengthens us. Participation at Mass and receiving the Eucharist brings us the Father's faithful love.

#### **- COMMUNITY -**

This principle is about forming parishes with people of faith devoted to prayer, committed to one another and enlivened by the living God in our midst. Faith is not a private affair acted upon in isolation; it is a call to holiness with a community of people.

#### **- SERVICE -**

This principle is about becoming the bearers of the Good News and the disciples of Jesus Christ. As baptized Catholics, it is the responsibility of each one of us to follow Jesus and use our gifts and talents to show His humanity to the world.

# Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

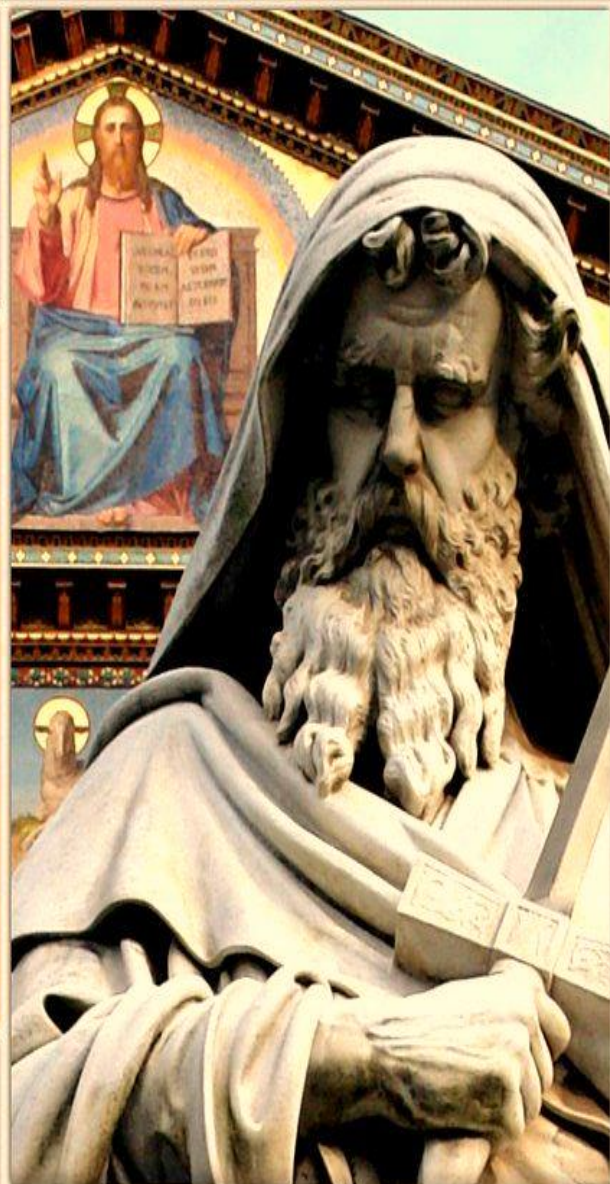
JANUARY 25

## WHO WAS PAUL?

**St. Paul** was formerly known as Saul, a violent persecutor of the Lord's disciples. On his way to arrest them in Damascus, the risen Christ appeared to him in a brilliant light and said: "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" Saul was blinded by the light that was Christ. He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" and he was replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Following his baptism Paul became a powerful witness to Christ and established many Christian communities. He was martyred in Rome in the 60s AD.

"I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence ... **The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.** But for that very reason I received **mercy**, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen." -St. Paul

(1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17)



**"CONVERSION** is not a question of a moment or a time of the year, it is an undertaking that lasts one's entire lifetime" and **"with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of His grace."** (POPE FRANCIS; CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1431)




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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.

**David Sweeney**

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.