

St. Peter's Church



*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2022*

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm;
Thursday, 8:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Mosley – joseph.mosley81@gmail.com
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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

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 – 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 _____

A Prayer for the New Year

○ God of new beginnings and Wonderful surprises, thank You for the gift of a new year.

May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus.

May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully.

Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of this new year, that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings.

Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You. Amen

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 1/3	12:10pm	Deceased Members of the Hopkins Family (Mickey Romania)
Tuesday 1/4	7:30am	Living and Deceased Members of the Laverne Singer Family (Singer Family)
Wednesday 1/5	12:10pm	In Memory of Matthew & Florence Waclawik (Ron & Celeste Waclawik)
Thursday 1/6	No Mass	
Friday 1/7	No Mass	
Saturday 1/8	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Sunday 1/9	8:30am	In Memory of Paul Beuter, Jr. (Sister)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of Barbara Saladis (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)

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. 2nd – No Religious Education Classes
Tuesday, Jan. 4th – Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am
Sunday, Jan. 2nd – Religious Education Classes
 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th

RECTORY HOURS BEGINNING JAN. 3rd

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

FUNDRAISING DINNER COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 12th at 10:00am in the Parish Center for all those wanting to help with the upcoming Polish Dinner.

Stewardship

Due to an early printing of the bulletin, there is no financial report this week. Next week’s bulletin will include a financial report for the weekend of December 26th.

YEAR END DONATIONS

2021 financial statements will be prepared upon request. All donations must be received by December 31st to be included on your 2021 statement. If you would like a 2021 statement, please call the rectory, or write *send statement* on your weekly offering envelope.

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 CHANGES

There will be no Mass on January 7th or January 10th through January 14th. Fr. Mosley will be away during this time. Adoration on Tuesday, January 11th will begin at 8:00am and end at 5:00pm.

Liturgical Reflection ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is a celebration of the manifestation of divinity. Our first reading comes from the part of the book of Isaiah written after the return of Judean exiles from Babylon. There is reason for Israel to hope. The Lord shines upon the people. God is in their midst! A reversal of fortune is taking place. Jerusalem will no longer be insignificant among the nations. Now, other lands will depend upon Jerusalem for light. Jerusalem will see a variety of people streaming toward her: exiles returning home, as well as people from other lands, laden with rich gifts. God's promise is for us as well. May our hearts swell with joy at the realization of God's glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 72

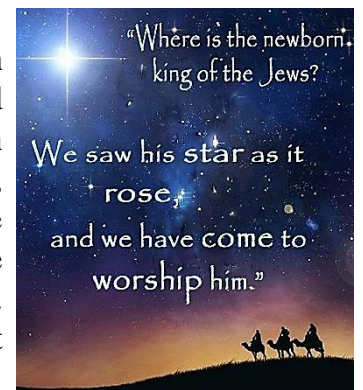
Psalm 72 gives a description of the perfect king of Israel. He would be someone who was filled with wisdom like Solomon, as well as a great warrior who could enlarge the boundaries of Israel from sea to sea, an accomplishment of David, and someone who guaranteed justice in the land, especially to the poor. As with the First Reading, we hear that even the Gentile kings would recognize the splendor of that king's reign and come to pay him homage.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he speaks of Christ as the one who gathers all to share it the same promise, the same inheritance, making them members of the same body. God's plan reaches completion on earth, in which Jews and Gentiles equally participate in the culmination of God's plan for human salvation.

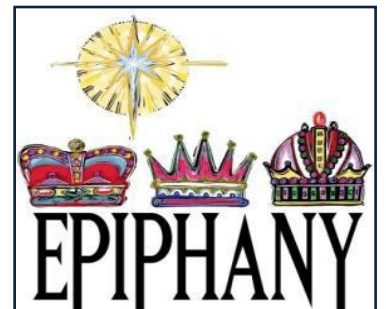
GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew tells of the magi who observed a star that was believed to signal the birth of a king "at its rising," and they came to worship him. This manifestation of God by the star touches true seekers everywhere – even those on the fringes. When they entered Jerusalem asking for information about the newborn king of the Jews, their inquiry reached the ears of Herod who asked his own advisors about where this king was to be born, to which they replied Bethlehem. The visit of the Wise Men is tinged with foreboding danger, pointing to Jesus' Death and Resurrection. This feast with its star and arrival of the Magi, reminds us that God has a plan that is worked out in time, whether Biblical time or the time of our own lives.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate that the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation of God. Christ is revealed in many ways: as Lord, as King, as the one in whom God is present and acts. All of these manifestations are lights that shine on Christ, revealing a deeper understanding of who he is. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord has several themes. First, we have the wise men being guided through darkness by the light of the star. Second, we have the star as a sign that leads the wise men to Jesus. Third, we have the manifestation of God to Gentiles, not just Jews, pointing to the reality that Jesus came for all people. Fourth, we have the mystery that God does reveal his very self in human flesh.



"Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us."

Pope Francis

Thank you to the following parishioners who
volunteered to ring the bell for the
Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign:

Emily Benjamin & Liz Benjamin
Madeleine Mann & Melissa Mann
Anna Tellgren & Kirsten Tellgren
Chris Whitsell & Kiernen Whitsell



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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: \$38,731.00.

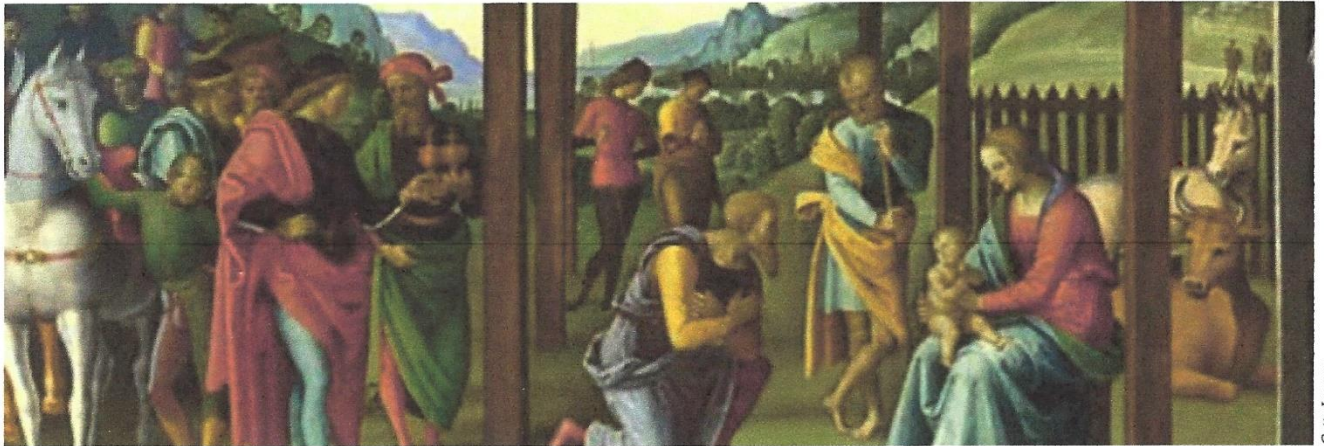
We appreciate any support that you might be able to give to the Appeal to help continue the spread of the gospel in our local Church. Blank pledge envelopes can be found near the doors of the church. Thank you, and may God bless you!

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.

"Let us look into the eyes of the discarded people we meet, let us be provoked by the faces of children, the children of desperate migrants. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by their suffering in order to react to our indifference."

Pope Francis #MigrantsDay

The Epiphany of the Lord



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THIS WEEK, WE ASK YOU TO OFFER UP PRAYERS FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT THE U.S. BORDER.

A Prayer for Immigrant Children

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Loving Father,

in your infinite compassion,

we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid.

Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction,

who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution.

Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need.

Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord.

Reunite them with their families and loved ones.

Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety.

Amen




“Epiphany: this word indicates the manifestation of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading (cf. Eph 3:6), makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language and people is welcomed and loved by him. It is symbolized by the light, which penetrates and illumines all things.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2019)

National Migration Week

During the first full week in January, the U.S. bishops recognize National Migration Week. To help answer any questions you may have about Catholic teaching and migration, please visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

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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.