

# St. Peter's Church



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## Rectory Office Hours

Labor Day to Memorial Day - Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am-2:00pm;  
Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Memorial Day to Labor Day - Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

## Parish Staff

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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, 4:15-4:45pm or by appointment

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 10, 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 worshipping 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

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 - 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 7/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Edward Walter Gubala (Family)
Tuesday 7/12	7:30am	In Memory of Gavin Glimm (Joan Sattler)
Wednesday 7/13	12:10pm	Deceased Members of Robert Schmitt Family (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Thursday 7/14	No Mass	
Friday 7/15	12:10pm	In Memory of James Mays (Jackson Family)
Saturday 7/16	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Vilma Belonia (Beth Dy)
Sunday 7/17	8:30am	In Memory of Larry & Diane Button (Don & Lucy Whitney)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of George & Helen Pryslak (Family)

### Parish News and Activities

#### Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am–5:00pm. Generally, all three doors leading into the church will be unlocked. If for some reason the front and carport doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am–4:30pm using only the parking lot side door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm 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 8:00am–6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

#### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 3, 2022: \$8,153.00  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: \$2,053.00  
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$2,053.00

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

*July 1<sup>st</sup> began our new Fiscal Year and is reflected in the Year-to-Date Budget Variance above.*



### St. Peter's Church Vacation Bible School

Join Us this Summer for Bible Lessons, Crafts, Games, Snacks and Fun!

Open to all children in pre-k (age 3+) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Dates:** Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Location:** St. Peter's Church - Parish Center

Registration forms have been mailed to families and extra forms are located in the box outside the Religious Education Office.

#### Be a Blessing...Volunteer!

Adult volunteers and students in grades 6-12 are needed to make this year's VBS a fun and successful event. Please consider donating your time and talents. Contact Melissa Mann at [stpreled@ptd.net](mailto:stpreled@ptd.net) for more information.

To close out Vacation Bible School, a **Family Potluck Picnic** will be held at Woodland Park on the final night for all children, volunteers, and their families.

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

God established his covenant with Israel to be a mutual expression of fidelity and love. It appears that God's people have disregarded the Lord's ways and preferred their own. Moses instructs them to renew their covenant commitment by returning to the Lord "with all your heart and all your soul." Love of the Lord and fidelity to the commandments are the essential elements of covenant relationship. These are not "too mysterious and remote for you." They are very near to you, easily accessible in your life's experience as they are "already in your mouths and in your hearts." All that is required is for each one to carry them out. The challenge for any disciple centers not so much on knowing what is right but on having the courage and strength to do what is right.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69

In this psalm the psalmist calls out to God in a time of distress, for God is the only one who can help. The psalmist proclaims his trust in God, for he is absolutely sure that God will deliver him from all his difficulties.

### SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20

Today's Second Reading is a beautiful hymn of praise and exultation of Christ. The early Church struggled to develop concepts that would explain who Jesus was. Here it calls him an icon of the Father, and presents Jesus as the Wisdom of God. Jesus is also the head of the Church and the firstborn from the dead. He brought about our justification with God through his death and resurrection, and he has provided us a way to live in that justification by giving us the Church. There is a new fullness in the universe that has been made possible only by the demonstration of Christ's great sacrifice of love.

### GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

In the verses prior to today's reading, the seventy-two have been appointed for mission and have returned exhilarated from their work and are told by Jesus how fortunate they are to know all that they do about the coming of the kingdom. A scholar of the law "stood up to test" Jesus. Jesus turns the question on him and asks the scholar "what is written in the law?" Jesus affirms that the scholar has answered correctly, but the scholar presses Jesus for more answers and asks, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus proceeds to recount the parable of the Good Samaritan.

For Jesus, loving the neighbor as yourself is the criteria for assessing one's love of God. Jesus' parable brings his audience to a moment of insight and decision on "who is my neighbor?" The definition of neighbor as one who treats another with mercy, breaks down all artificial boundaries that divide us, and rests on the insight that we are to treat one another in the same fashion that God treats all creation. We are called to treat one another with mercy, no matter who the other is or what we think the other deserves. To love God is to treat one another with mercy, reconciliation, and love. What decision will you make?



## New Pastor Announcement



Bishop Bambera has appointed Reverend Jacek J. Bialkowski as the new pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Wellsboro and Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkland. Most recently, Father Jacek has served as Pastor of All Saints Parish in Plymouth. This new assignment will begin on July 26, 2022.

**We welcome Fr. Jacek to our parish community!**

# National Eucharistic Revival

As Roman Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This is to say that Jesus is truly and substantially present to us in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. At the Last Supper, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples; commanding them to “Do this in memory of me (Luke 22:19).”

The Church continues to follow this command whenever we gather to celebrate Mass. The priest, acting in the person of Christ during the Eucharistic prayer, invokes the power of the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the very body and blood of Jesus. Do we realize how blessed we are to be called to this supper of the Lamb?



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has voted to move forward with plans for a National Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The multi-year Eucharistic Revival begins today, Corpus Christi Sunday, and culminates with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.

We want to begin this Eucharistic Revival in our parish by highlighting **Eucharistic Adoration** that takes place at Saint Peter’s **every Tuesday from 8 am to 6 pm**. This is a time for us to silently come before the Lord, tell him exactly what is on our heart, and receive his tender care. If you have never been to adoration, I encourage you to come, spend some time with the Lord and rest awhile in his presence. We are always in need of more people to sign up to be adorers. If you are free during the day, please consider signing up for a time slot on the bulletin board in the back of the church. We want to ensure that this practice will be able to continue within our parish community.

Initial resources for the Eucharistic Revival, including the document issued by the USCCB concerning the Revival, *The Mystery of the Eucharistic in the Life of the Church*, can be found at <https://eucharisticrevival.org>. Additional Eucharistic Revival resources and events for the Diocese of Scranton are forthcoming and will be found on the diocesan website.

The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen gentium* 11). May we all take this opportunity over these next two years to grow closer to our Lord who remains with us in the Eucharistic until the end of time.

## **Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death**

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter’s Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton**. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton’s website, [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). All forms must be received by July 22, 2022.

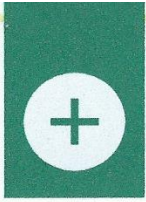


### **UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES**

AUGUST 19 - 21, 2022 AT THE TOWNEPLACE SUITES, MOOSIC

*Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage.* If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

**CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE** – Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> there will no longer be a Mass on Mondays at 12:10pm. However, there will be Mass on Thursdays at 12:10pm. All Mass intentions currently scheduled for Mondays will be moved to Thursdays.



# *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## *Litany of the Way: Prayer for the Journey*

As Jesus sought the  
quiet of the desert,  
teach us to pray.

As Jesus washed the  
feet of his disciples,  
teach us to love.

As Jesus promised paradise  
to the thief on the cross,  
teach us to hope.

As Jesus called Peter to walk  
to him across the water,  
teach us to believe.

As the child Jesus sat among  
the elders in the temple,  
teach us to seek answers.

As Jesus in the garden opened his  
mind and heart to God's will,  
teach us to listen.

As Jesus reflected on the  
Law and the prophets,  
teach us to learn.

As Jesus used parables to reveal  
the mysteries of the Kingdom,  
teach us to teach.



*“Without love, even the most  
important activities lose  
their value and give no joy.”*

—Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus,  
July 18, 2010

## *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

*Celebrated July 16*

Mount Carmel, which juts out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there in his contest with the prophets of Baal. The Carmel headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Carmelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century, and by the 12th century Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile. This Marian feast became an optional memorial in the Revised Roman Calendar of 1969.

*“Every day God passes by and sows a seed in the soil of our lives. Making that seed grow depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures so that it might become for us the Living Word of God.” Pope Francis*

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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.

**Philip Kniceley**

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.