

St. Peter's Church



47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
Parish Office: 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-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, 4:30-4:50pm; or by appointment

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 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 _____



St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day – July 22

*“If you have the
courage to imitate
Mary Magdalene in
her sins, have the
courage to imitate
her penance.”*

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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 D. Grab 607-857-3447
Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789
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
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
Welcoming Committee – Melissa Mann 570-724-9789

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 7/17	No Mass	
Tuesday 7/18	12:10pm	Special Intention (Dennis & Linda Stager)
Wednesday 7/19	12:10pm	In Memory of Lana Bennett (Don & Lucy Whitney)
Thursday 7/20	12:10pm	In Memory of James Mays (Jackson Family)
Friday 7/21	12:10pm	In Memory of Freda and Gladys Beuter (Family)
Saturday 7/22	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Joe & Lydia Milano (Sue Singer)
Sunday 7/23	8:30am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

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.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 18th

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, July 19th

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting – 10:00am;
Adult Ed. Room

Sunday, July 23rd

Knights of Columbus Meeting – 3:00pm;
Adult Ed. Room

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 July 9, 2023: \$4,725.80
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
Difference: -\$1,374.20
Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$1,167.20

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

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.

“Let us pray together that Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration, which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.”

Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

“Thus says the Lord” immediately announces to us that everything that follows will be words from God and is particularly important here since the message focuses on the power and purpose of God’s Word. This wonderful passage for Isaiah about the power of God’s Word is also heard at the Easter Vigil. When the rain and snow fall to the earth, they make something happen; plants and trees and all creatures live and grow. That is what God’s Word is like: it is effective, making things grow and change in us, achieving what God wills.

Thus saith
the LORD...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 65

Today’s Responsorial Psalm continues the imagery of water and the fruitfulness of the land that God provides. Although it doesn’t mention the Word of God, all that it says about God enriching the earth and crowning the year with bounty applies equally well to the fruitfulness and bounty of God’s Word. The joy and singing of the psalm are apt responses to the world of God proclaimed in our hearing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

God does not care only for human beings, but for all of his creation and all the creation has a share in the redemption of the world through Christ. Through our Baptism, we are already God’s children; set free from our slavery to sin, but we have received only “the firstfruits,” not the fulfillment of all God’s promises. All of creation is in the waiting mode, and we look to a time when not only ourselves, but the whole world, will be redeemed.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23



Today’s Gospel gives us the familiar parable of the sower followed by Jesus’ explanation of the parable to the disciples. When the disciples ask Jesus why he speaks in parables, he responds in words that are like another parable: “To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he had will be taken away.” The imagery and language of the parable is like a veil, which both conceals and reveals the shape beneath. It is not enough to hear the Word, the seed; we must also be receptive to it, welcoming God’s Word and seeking understanding. When we do this, God opens our minds and grants us wisdom – makes us rich.

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.

Vacation Bible School - Snack Donations Needed

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 24th – 27th and we are asking for donations of snack items. If you would like to donate, there is a sign-up sheet located on the table at the back of the church with a list of needed items. Please bring all donated snacks to the parish kitchen **by noon on Monday, July 24th**. Thank you, and please contact Melissa in the Religious Education Office with questions.

Join us for Coffee and Conversation!



There will be a Coffee Social this weekend in the Parish Center on **Saturday, July 15th** after the 5:00pm Mass and also on **Sunday, July 16th** after the 8:30am Mass.

All are welcome!

**This week's social is hosted by:
the Knights of Columbus**

Save The Date!



The **Polish Dinner** is scheduled for **Friday, September 29th** from 4:00pm – 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Additional details will be announced as we get closer to the date.

Mark your calendar and support this parish fundraiser!



First Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, July 19th at 10:00am

Come and find out more about St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry. We will meet in the Parish Center to discuss supplies, patterns, and the needs within our parish. For more information, text, or call Michelle Sepiol at 570/439-6206.

There is a need for prayer shawls for both men and women. If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, contact Michelle Sepiol at the number above.



Mass of Remembrance 2023

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 Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00pm in St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic or traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The Mass will be televised on CTV.

It is requested that the names of deceased loved ones are registered using the form available on the Diocese website at dioceseofscranton.org.

All forms must be received by July 19, 2023.



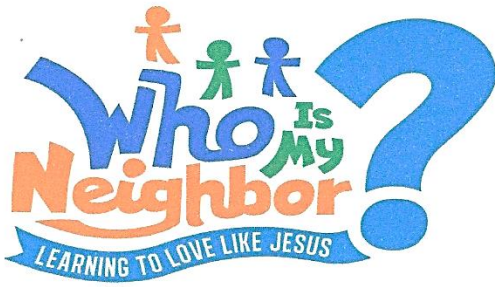
CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Children and teens, ages pre-school through grade 12, attend St. Peter's Religious Education Program to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith. We are in need of several catechists to join this important ministry. All necessary materials, teaching resources, and support will be provided. As a catechist, not only will you be nurturing the children of our parish, you will also grow in your faith and deepen your own relationship with Jesus.

Classes begin in September and are held on Sunday following the 8:30am Mass. If you are willing to commit a few hours a week sharing your time, talent, and faith, or if you would like more information, contact Melissa Mann in the Religious Education Office at stpreled@ptd.net. The Diocese of Scranton is committed to the safety of our students. *All those who work with children in any capacity must have current clearances on file prior to beginning service.*

*It is not enough to say we are Christians.
We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.*

- Pope Francis



St. Peter's Church Vacation Bible School

Open to all children in pre-k (age 3) through 5th grade

Join us this summer for Bible Lessons, Activities, Crafts, Games, Snacks and Fun!

Dates: Monday, July 24th through Thursday, July 27th

A family potluck picnic will be held on the final night to close out Vacation Bible School.

Location: St. Peter's Church - Parish Center

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

----- To register, complete bottom portion (one form per child) and return by July 17th -----

Child's name: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Entering grade in the fall: _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Cell/home phone: _____ Email: _____

Alternative emergency contact (if parent can not be reached):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Allergies and/or other medical conditions:



I authorize photographs of my child to be included in St. Peter's Church bulletin, the parish center bulletin board and/or the parish website. My child's name will not be published with their photo.

(Circle one): Yes No

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Mail registration to: St. Peter's Church, 47 Central Ave., Wellsboro PA. 16901.

Forms can also be placed in the box outside the Religious Education Office.


For more information contact Melissa Mann at stpreled@ptd.net

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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>"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."</i></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, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, 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, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, 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, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, B.J. Butler, Christopher Moore, Jasmine Gordon.

 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.