

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

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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

*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 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 - 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 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 _____

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who have kept
the word with a
generous heart
and yield a
harvest through
perseverance.”**

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 7/18	No Mass	No daily Mass this week. Fr. Mosely is away. Adoration Tuesday will be held from 8:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday 7/19	No Mass	
Wednesday 7/20	No Mass	
Thursday 7/21	No Mass	
Friday 7/22	No Mass	
Saturday 7/23	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Purification Gabriel (Dy Family)
Sunday 7/24	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of Shirley Sable (5th Floor Friends of Pinnacle Towers)

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 10, 2022: \$5,791.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: (\$ 309.00)
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$1,744.00

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

July 1st 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 5th grade

Dates: Monday, August 1st through Thursday, August 4th

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 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 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham and Sarah entered into covenant relationship with God who had promised that they would be the ancestors of a great nation. Being old and having no children, they continued to trust that God would be faithful to those covenant promises. After many years of trusting in God's covenant word, God visits Abraham and Sarah in the guise of three strangers. In the biblical world, it is a sacred duty to welcome strangers who simply show up in one's life, like the visitors in this reading. Abraham's hospitality drives him to invite them in and prepare a rich meal for them. The three strangers representing the Lord announce to them the good news of a promised child. God is faithful and does not go back on promises, establishing right relationship with all those who trust in the Lord and who respond to God in mutual covenant love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 15

The First Reading spoke of hospitality and welcoming God into one's home. The Gospel speaks on the same thing, as it presents the story of Martha and Mary and their hospitality to Jesus. Today's Responsorial Psalm asks who can be a host to the Lord. The answer given is standard wisdom teaching: The one who lives a moral, righteous life.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28

The author speaks of filling up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ. One might ask what that could be. There is only one thing: to make Christ's suffering present and alive again in us. By trusting when we suffer, we become Sacraments of the Passion of Christ. We also hear about the mystery hidden from ages past. We as humans cannot even begin to know the fullness of God's will; it is so far beyond us. Yet, this is what has been revealed in Christ. In his death and resurrection, we have learned how much God loves us and the glory that he had prepared for us.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42



As Jesus enters a village, Martha invites him to her home and busies herself with providing a lavish welcome. On the other hand, Mary sits at Jesus' feet 'listening to him speak.' For Martha, hospitality is best expressed by attentiveness to details while for Mary, hospitality is best expressed by attentiveness to the person. Martha even asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus responds with the confusing statement that Mary has chosen the better part. The story has generated many different interpretations. However, what is clear from both the Abraham and Sarah and the Martha and Mary narratives is that hospitality demands attentiveness to the person first, from which the details of service will flow. Martha and Mary

are two sides of the same coin of ministry and discipleship. Let us learn to minister well by being attentive to the needs of each person we encounter.

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. 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

CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE – Beginning August 1st 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.

THEMES FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

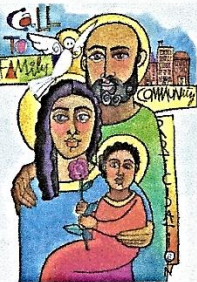
The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON



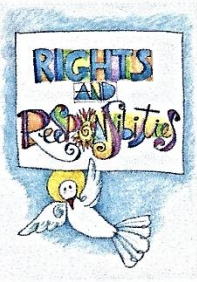
The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

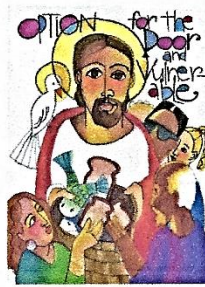


The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

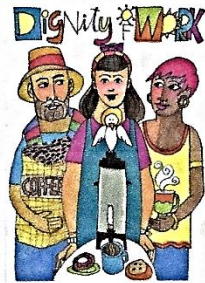


The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.



OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



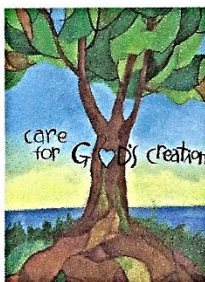
THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.



SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice."¹ The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION


We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



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¹Paul VI, *For the Celebration of the Day of Peace* (Rome: January 1, 1972).

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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.

Susan Miller

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.