

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 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 _____



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 7/3	No Mass	
Tuesday 7/4	12:10pm	In Memory of Mark Spang (Spang Family)
Wednesday 7/5	12:10pm	In Memory of Floyd Snyder (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Thursday 7/6	12:10pm	In Memory of Arlyne Robinson (Marion Patt)
Friday 7/7	12:10pm	In Memory of Lois Ann O'Rourke (Garry & Mary Kay Clark)
Saturday 7/8	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 7/9	8:30am	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)

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

Sunday, July 2nd

Parish Council Meeting – 11:30am; St. Thomas

Tuesday, July 4th

Parish Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Wednesday, July 5th

Staff Meeting – 10:00am; Parish Office

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 June 18, 2023: \$5,427.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$673.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$2,527.91

Sunday Collection for June 25, 2023: \$4,154.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$1,946.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$581.91

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.

“God looks with joy upon all those who serve the needy. This is how goodness grows; in the simplicity of hands and hearts stretched out to others in the courage of the small steps that approach those who are most vulnerable in the name of Jesus.” – Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Prophets are more often running for their lives than receiving a warm welcome, but this reading from 2 Kings gives us an example of the latter situation. A widow in Shunem welcomes Elisha warmly and even provides him with his own room, so that he can feel at home whenever he visits. Her hospitality is rewarded: the prophet tells her that she will soon have the son she has long wished for. Typically in biblical annunciations of an extraordinary birth, it is the child to be born who is the focus of attention. Here, in contrast, the woman and the prophet Elisha are the center. The episode is part of the saga in which Elisha is depicted as a prophet powerful in work and deed, a worthy heir to Elijah. The Shunemite woman illustrates how one is to receive both prophet and the prophetic word: with openness and eager welcome.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 89

Psalm 89 is the song of people who know and rejoice in the faithfulness of God. The psalm, which speaks of God's praise echoing through the generations, is a joyful response to the good news at the end of the First Reading – the birth of a child.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

We continue our reading of St. Paul's letter to the Romans with a key passage about Baptism, which is also read at the great Easter Vigil. Baptism is nothing less than death and life. Through Baptism, we die with Christ, and share in the power of his Resurrection from the dead. We are not the same anymore: and we need to live like the new, redeemed people that we are. As Paul continues to exhort the community in the verses that follow today's reading, he provided specifics on how they are to live, having been brought from death to new life through the grace of Baptism.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus warns his Apostles of what to expect before he sends them out to proclaim the Gospel. This will be no easy task and it requires a commitment beyond anything else in their lives, a bond even stronger than that between parent and child. And yet, the rewards are beyond measure, not only for the Apostles, but for all who help them: "whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward," Jesus says, alluding to today's First Reading. The woman who welcomed Elisha out of love of God was rewarded beyond her imagining. When we welcome others in the name of Christ, we welcome Christ himself. Jesus' disciples, like Jesus himself, are numbered among the prophets and righteous persons. In addition, disciples are also included among the little ones. Those who welcome them will be rewarded.



Tioga County Homeless Initiative

5K Run/Walk - 7K Bike

Saturday, July 8th

9:00 AM (8:30 Registration Starts)

Darling Run, Pine Creek

Register at runsignup.com

Enty fee: \$20 (\$25 after June 30th)

Tiogahomeless.org

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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.

Join us for Coffee and Conversation!



There will be a Coffee Social this weekend, **Saturday, July 1st** after the 5:00pm Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited!

**This week's social is hosted by:
Saturday Music Ministry**

The next Coffee Social will be hosted by the Social Concerns Committee on Saturday, July 8th after the 5:00pm Mass.



Mission Appeal Report

A total of \$2,496.00 was collected last weekend during Father Shinu's Mission Appeal in support of the Diocese of Kottapuram in India.

Thank you for your generosity.



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.



Vacation Bible School

This year's theme is *"Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus."*

**Dates: Monday, July 24th – Thursday, July 27th.
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

Join us this summer for Bible lessons, games, crafts, snacks and fun!

Vacation Bible School will be held in the Parish Center and is open to all students in preschool (age 3+) through 5th grade. To close out VBS, a Family Potluck Picnic will be held on the final night for all registered children, volunteers, and their families.

Registration forms will be mailed to parish families next week and extra forms will be 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. You do not need to be available every night – any days during the week that you can help is appreciated. See the registration form to sign-up or contact Melissa Mann at stpreled@ptd.net for more information.



Save The Date!

St. Peter's Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for September 5th - 7th in the Parish Center.

Mark your calendar and save your stuff!

There will be a Rummage Sale Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday, August 9th at 10:00am in the Parish Center. Please consider volunteering for this important fundraiser.

Laurel Festival Strawberry Shortcake Booth June 20, 2023 Financial Report

Income:			
Booth Receipts	\$4,643.00		
Donations	\$80.00		
Total Revenue			<u>\$4,723.00</u>
Expenses:			
Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce	\$300.00		
Sue Sticklin - Reimbursement for Supplies	\$227.94		
Imler's	\$1,821.24		
Total Expenses		\$2,349.18	
Taxable amount (tax included in sale price)	\$4,380.19		
Sales Tax Liability (6%)	\$262.81		
Tax Discount (1%)	(\$2.63)		
Total Tax Liability		\$260.18	
Total Expenses & Liability			<u>\$2,609.36</u>
Profit			<u>\$2,113.64</u>

St. Peter's and St. Thomas Parishes Activity Calendar – July 2023


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2 13 th Sunday Ord. Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas Parish Council Mtg – 11:30am; St. Thomas	3 St. Thomas, Apostle No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	4 Independence Day Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Both Parish Offices Closed AA – 6:00pm/At-Anon-7:00pm	5 St. Elizabeth of Portugal Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed Staff Meeting – 10:00am	6 St. Maria Goretti Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	7 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	8 Mass – 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
9 14 th Sunday Ord. Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas	10 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	11 St. Benedict Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's At-Anon-7:00pm/AA-8:00pm	12 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Finance Council Mtg – 10:00am; St. Peter's Parish Office Dinner Committee Mtg – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room St. Thomas Office Closed	13 St. Henry Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	15 St. Bonaventure Mass – 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
16 15 th Sunday Ord. Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas	17 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	18 St. Camillus de Lellis Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Finance Committee Mtg – 6:30pm; St. Thomas At-Anon-7:00pm/AA-8:00pm	19 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg – 10:00am; Adult Ed Room St. Thomas Office Closed	20 St. Apollinaris Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	22 St. Mary Magdalene Mass – 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
23 16 th Sunday Ord. Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas K of C Mtg – 3:00pm; St. Peter's/Adult Ed. Room	24 St. Sharbel Makhluf No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed VBS – 6:00pm-7:30pm	25 St. James Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's	26 SS. Joachim and Anne Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed VBS – 6:00pm-7:30pm	27 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am VBS Potluck Picnic – 6:00pm-7:30pm	28 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	29 SS. Martha, Mary, Lazarus Mass – 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
30 17 th Sunday Ord. Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed					

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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, [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."</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.