

St. Peter's Church

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Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789

Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

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

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

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Business Manager: Patti Mitchell – stpadm@ptd.net

Religious Education.: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net

Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

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



*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 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!

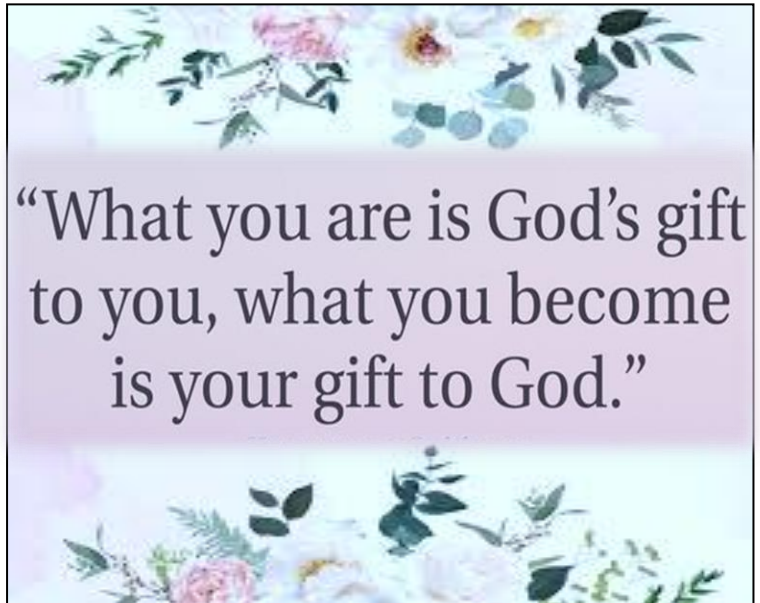
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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 7/25 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Beverly Grab (Grab Family) |
| Tuesday 7/26 | 7:30am | deGuzman Children and Grandchildren (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman) |
| Wednesday 7/27 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Fairl Singer (Singer Family) |
| Thursday 7/28 | No Mass | |
| Friday 7/29 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Chuck Hudson (Charles & Mary Fagg) |
| Saturday 7/30 | 5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed) | In Memory of Sue Evert (Ostapowicz Family) |
| Sunday 7/31 | 8:30am | All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish |

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Christina Cimino (Tony & Julie Cimino)

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 17, 2022: \$5,356.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: (\$ 744.00)
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$1,000.00
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 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

God's determination to punish Sodom and Gomorra for their sinfulness has Abraham pleading with God not to sweep away the innocent with the guilty. Secure in his covenant relationship with God, the crux of Abraham's prayer is summarized in a rhetorical question asked of God: "Should not the judge of all the world, act with justice?" Through prayer, Abraham is able to come to know and understand God's way of doing things, and in asking God for justice, he is able to attune his will to God's will. Prayer is not a matter of changing God's mind to our way of thinking, but rather an attunement to God's ways of acting and thinking, as we strive to align ourselves with God's will.

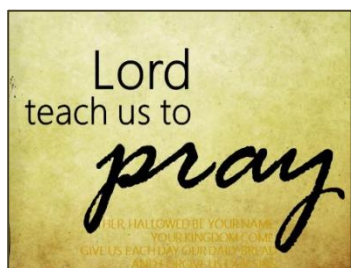
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 138

The theme of prayer is continued in today's Psalm and the verses chosen speak about God's faithful response to our prayer and need. God answers our prayers with kindness and truth. God reaches out to those who most need him and fills them with his blessings.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14

Paul reminds the Colossians that before they were baptized, they lived like most people. In Baptism we are buried with Christ and through God's power we are raised with him. This same divine power is always at work within us. God raises us up with Christ even while we are slaves to sin and legally bonded to evil powers. In Christ, God brings us to life, forgiving all our transgressions and eliminating any legal bonds against us from evil powers by nailing all to the cross. Colossians asserts that we have been justified and made righteous before God through Christ's Cross, symbolic of that total gift of self-emptying love. As disciples, we are called to model ourselves on Christ, and manifest that same love towards one another, even when not deserved or accepted.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13



One of Jesus' disciples asks him to teach them how to pray. Jesus responds with what we now call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. We are taught to call upon God as we would a loving parent, bless, and praise God for life's may blessings, and ask God for those things that we need in life to be faithful partners in a covenant love relationship. A parable follows the prayer reminding us that we should be bold and persistent in our prayers to God, not to get our own way, but to ask God for justice and right relationship

in all things so that we might live as God desires. Jesus' parable teaches, among other things, that God's responses to a disciple's needs are more suitable and reliable than human needs. Not a single request goes unanswered and every person who seeks, finds. The door will be opened to those who knock. The final sayings stress the reality that just as parents desire nothing but the best for their children, so too God desires nothing but the best for us and will provide what God deems best whenever we are bold enough to ask.

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.

Thank You

This weekend marks my final weekend as the pastor of St. Peter's parish. My last Mass will be on Monday, July 25. I would like to say thank you for your cooperation and dedication to this parish community throughout my short tenure as your pastor. I would also like to thank you for your kindness and concern since I made the announcement that I was leaving. Your words of encouragement have filled my heart with warmth and gratefulness.



As I have said before, there are some very good things happening here for the sake of the gospel, and I encourage you to continue your mission as disciples of the Lord. Priests come and go, but Jesus always remains. You also remain to continue the good work that you have begun. Remember, it is never really goodbye, but until we meet again. May God bless you all and keep you in His loving care!

CARPORT ENTRANCE TO CHURCH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The carport entrance to the church will be closed until further notice due to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Wednesday, July 13th. Significant damage occurred and we will not be able to use that entrance until repairs can be made.

For weekend Masses only, the temporary handicap entrance to the church will be through the parish center side door; located just beyond the carport, next to the three, handicap parking spaces. The church can then be accessed through the music room. These doors will be open until Mass begins. As usual, once Mass begins, the side doors will be locked and the church will have to be accessed through the front doors. At the conclusion of Mass, you will be able to exit the church through the music room to the parish center side door. Those attending weekday Masses will enter and exit through the front door or parking lot side door. Thank you for your assistance as we await the repairs to the carport.

RESCHEDULED: Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Victory Shrine for Monday, August 15th

The pilgrimage to Our Lady of Victory has been rescheduled for **Monday, August 15th** due to events on the Basilica calendar. Many weddings are scheduled throughout the summer months that would limit our access to the church on Saturdays. The group will leave St. Peter's parking lot at 8am. There will be a rest stop on the way. Participants are asked to bring a snack or bagged lunch. Mass is at Noon and a guided tour will follow. The rest of the afternoon is free time to walk the grounds and visit the gift shop. There will be no opportunity for Confessions that day. Participants will share the cost of gas. Donations for the Fr. Baker canonization fund will be accepted at the Basilica.

Text or call Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180 for reservations. The deadline is Monday, August 1st. As present we can accommodate six more individuals. For more information and a virtual tour of the shrine visit <https://www.olvbasilica.org>.

NEW BOILERS NEEDED

The two boilers used to heat the church, are in need of replacement at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Contributions to help offset this cost are greatly appreciative. If you are an envelope user, please include your contribution in your Building Fund envelope that is included in your monthly packet. If you are not an envelope user, please just note on your check or the envelope that your donation is for the boilers. Please give as you are able.

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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.

Beverly Williams

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.