

St. Peter's Church



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023

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

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. Ignatius of Loyola
Feast Day – July 31st

**“He who carries
God in his heart
bears heaven
with him
wherever he
goes.”**



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 7/31	No Mass	
Tuesday 8/1	12:10pm	In Memory of Steve Singer (Mother)
Wednesday 8/2	No Mass	
Thursday 8/3	No Mass	
Friday 8/4	No Mass	
Saturday 8/5	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 8/6	8:30am	In Memory of Robbie Butler (BJ Butler and Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Ralph & Doris Sampson (Tom & Linda Sampson)

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 30th

Coffee Social - following the 8:30am Mass; Parish Center

Tuesday, August 1st

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church
Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm;
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 23, 2023: \$6,600.75

Upon review of the stewardship numbers for the new fiscal year beginning in July, a discrepancy in bookkeeping was discovered. A correction of the year to date variance will be available soon in an upcoming bulletin.

Going forward, stewardship numbers will be reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure accuracy.

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.

First Saturday Pilgrimages St. Mary's Church, Blossburg

A carpool is available each First Saturday of the month for those who wish to attend these services. Mass begins at 9:30am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. The service concludes with Benediction at 11:00am. Those who wish to join the carpool meet at Whitneyville Fairgrounds at 9:00am. Contact Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

When God offers to give Solomon whatever he might ask for, the young king does not hesitate: he asks for an understanding heart. We can sense how daunted he is by his task as he contrasts his own youthfulness and inexperience, and the overwhelming numbers and needs of the people over whom he has been placed. God grants his request and makes it clear that this is the best gift Solomon could have asked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119

Psalm 119 is a song of someone how – like Solomon – loves the Word of God more than anything else in life. This psalm challenges us to consider how we look at the commandments and the laws of the church. Are they esteemed as gifts from God? Are they seen as revelations or how to live the good life? Or are they considered to be imposed upon us from the powers beyond our control.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30

“All things work for good for those who love God” (Romans 8:28). Paul is not simply being optimistic or ignoring the challenges of life – he certainly experienced his share of those! Rather, he is expressing his profound faith that we are all in God’s hands, not only now, but from the beginning of time and to the end of time. God’s protection and his call are with us even before we are aware of them.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52



Jesus continues to speak about the Kingdom in parables. The Kingdom is incredibly precious – a treasure, a pearl – and if we wish to attain it, we must sacrifice a great deal – perhaps even sell all we have. The parable of the net thrown in to the sea, like the parable of the weeds and the wheat we heard last week, reminds us that the kingdom is a messy business. Only at the end of the age will the good and wicked be separated from each other; until then, everyone is mixed up together. We must resist the temptation to

sort ourselves out, to “throw away” some while retaining others. That task is reserved for the end of the age, the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. Hope for the Kingdom of Heaven directs the actions of all of us who would be Jesus’ disciples.

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.



Temporary Parking Restriction Notice

Due to delivery of landscaping materials, parking spots on the south side of the church next to the concrete wall will be temporarily closed on Thursday, August 10th and Friday, August 11th.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Join us for Coffee and Conversation!



There will be a Coffee Social after Mass on the following dates.
Please join us in the Parish Center.

All are welcome!

Sunday, July 30th – Hosted by the Worship Committee

Saturday, August 12th – Hosted by the Dinner Committee

Sunday, August 20th – Hosted by the Sunday Music Ministry

Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th – Hosted by ChristLife



Church Landscaping Project

Volunteers Needed

The Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council, will be conducting a work detail at St. Peter's Church on **Saturday, August 12th from 9:00am until 12:00pm.** Stone and mulch have been purchased to beautify the grounds of the church. We will be moving most of the material with a tractor bucket, but if you have a shovel, wheelbarrow, or rake please bring it along. A hot dog lunch and refreshments will be available. We will meet at the church, and this is open to all parish members who would like to contribute their time to help us with this parish project.

Please contact Mike Buono at 717/320-2305 or mbuono80@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for lending a hand with this task!



The **Social Concerns Committee** will once again sponsor the **Back to School Project.** In past years, our parish has provided backpacks, shoes, first day of school outfits, underwear, and socks to children in need.

To contribute, please select a tag from the giving tree at the back of the church. Purchase the items listed on the tag, then place the items in a plastic bag with the tag attached. Items should be returned by **Sunday, August 13th** and placed in the box provided next to the giving tree. If you have any questions, please contact BJ Butler at 570/724-2222.

Thank you for your generosity!

Marian Ministries Upcoming Events

St. Peter's Cathedral, Pilgrimage

Saturday, August 5th

Pilgrims will arrive in Scranton at approximately 10:15am, spend an hour in prayer at the Cathedral, and enjoy a guided tour with Msgr. Dale Rupert. Confessions will be available from 10:30am-11:30am. Lunch will be at Cooper's seafood restaurant, followed by free time in Scranton before the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm. The group will return to Wellsboro at about 9:00pm. We have room in our carpool for four or five more people. If interested in attending, contact Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180.

Mt. Saviour Monastery, Day of Reflection

Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00am-4:00pm


Mt. Saviour Monastery, located in Pine City, New York, is a lovely, peaceful place to connect with God – and it's close to home! All parishioners are invited to a Day of Reflection at Mt. Saviour, beginning with Mass at 9:00am. One of the monks will address the group after Mass, followed by a presentation by Theresa Delmotte on "Angels" and their role in our daily lives. The group will join in the Benedictine community for prayer and Noon (Sext) and again at 3:00pm for "None." Contact Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180 if interested and watch the bulletin for more details. For more information on Mt. Saviour, visit their website at www.msaviour.org.

Day of Reflection, St. Peter's Church

Sunday, October 8th, 2:00pm-6:00pm

Mark your calendars now for an inspiring afternoon of prayer and reflection at St. Peter's Church. This year we will welcome Mary Clare Hallman, Diocesan Secretary for Parish Life, as guest speaker. Mary served for eight years as the Director of Evangelization in the Diocese of Syracuse. She worked closely with clergy and lay leaders to form relationships and build trust in an effort to create vibrant parishes and form disciples of Jesus Christ. Mary is a passionate speaker and evangelist, as well as a veteran of the ChristLife program. The afternoon will include Mary's presentation, Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer, and a buffet dinner. More details coming soon!

St. Peter's and St. Thomas' Parish Activity Calendar - August 2023


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 St. Alphonsus Liguori Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm St. Thomas Office Closed Parish Council Meeting - 6:30pm; St. Peter's AA- 6:00pm/Al-Anon 7:00pm	2 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	3 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	4 St. John Vianney No Mass Both Offices Closed	5 Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
6 Transfiguration of the Lord Mass - 8:30am Mass - 10:30am; St. Thomas	 7 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	8 St. Dominic Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. - 6:00pm; St. Thomas Hall St. Thomas Office Closed Al-Anon - 7:00pm/AA-8:00pm	9 St. Teresa Benedicta Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed Rummage Sale Committee Meeting - 10:00am	10 St. Lawrence Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	11 St. Clare Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus Landscaping Project - 9am-12pm; St. Peter's	12 St. Jane Frances deChantal Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine's Knights of Columbus Landscaping Project - 9am-12pm; St. Peter's
13 19th Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am Mass - 10:30am; St. Thomas	14 St. Maximilian Kolbe Mass - 6:00pm St. Thomas Office Closed	15 Assumption of Mary Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Mass - 6:00pm; St. Thomas Al-Anon-7:00pm/AA-8:00pm	16 St. Stephen of Hungary Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed	17 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	18 No Mass St. Peter's Office Closed	19 St. John Eudes Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
20 20th Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am Mass - 10:30am, St. Thomas	21 St. Pius X No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	22 Queenship of Mary No Mass Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Al-Anon-7:00pm/AA-8:00pm	23 St. Rose of Lima No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	24 St. Bartholomew No Mass	25 St. Louis No Mass St. Peter's Office Closed	26 Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
27 21st Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am Mass - 10:30am; St. Thomas	28 St. Augustine No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	29 Passion of John the Baptist Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's Al-Anon-7:00pm/AA-8:00pm	30 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed Dinner Comm. Mtg. - 10:00am; St. Peter's	31		

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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, Kassie Nowak.

 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
Lucille Keck

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.