

St. Peter's Church

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*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2022*

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. Jacek Bialkowski

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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

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!

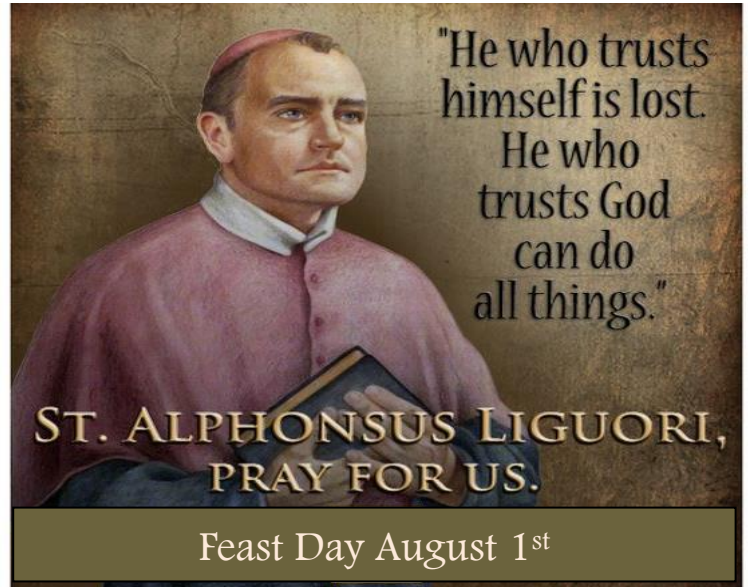
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory 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
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Youth Group - Melissa Mann 570-724-9789
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Sunday Nursing Home Communion - Rectory 570-724-3371
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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 8/1	No Mass	
Tuesday 8/2	12:10pm	In Honor of Norb & Nona Josten
Wednesday 8/3	12:10pm	In Memory of Philip Knicely (Kathy)
Thursday 8/4	12:10pm	In Memory of Stanley Myslinski (Tom & Linda Sampson)
Friday 8/5	12:10pm	In Memory of Victor deGuzman (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Saturday 8/6	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 8/7	8:30am	In Memory of Paul & Anna Beuter (Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Anna Beuter (Family)

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 1:00pm-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening

Stewardship
 Sunday Collection for July 24, 2022: \$ 505.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference:(\$5,595.00)
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$4,595.00)
We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.
 Due to priest illness, there were no weekend Masses and therefor very little collection for July 24, 2022.

CARPOT 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.

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. Also, Mass time on Tuesday has been moved from 7:30am to 12:10pm, with Adoration following until 6:00pm.

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.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Wisdom literature focuses on the meaning and significance of everyday life, especially in those things that matter in our relationship to God and one another. The key lesson of Ecclesiastes is that life is vanity of vanities, transitory like vapor or breath that quickly vanishes. Those who work hard at gaining possessions and wealth will soon die and leave the possessions to one who had not worked for them. Striving for material things brings with it worry, anxiety, and sleepless nights. Death makes such struggle futile and meaningless. Wisdom's lesson is to focus on and strive for things that truly matter in life. Only attunement to God's values and path, and not our limited and often distorted values, leads to the wisdom of heart necessary to face and work through life's transitory nature.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90

The verses from Psalm 90 heard today, emphasize the fragility of human life and the greatness of God. The psalm starts with the premise that we can do nothing on our own. The psalmist presents this truth and then tells God it is up to him. If he does not provide his gracious care, then we will not have a chance. He is the only one who can bring our works to completion.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Today's Second Reading urges the baptized to seek not "what is of the earth," but rather the things above, where Christ reigns. If in Baptism we have been raised with Christ, then it must manifest itself in our manner of living and relating to God and one another. Our life is now hidden with Christ in God such that we no longer act but Christ acts in and through us. We are challenged to put away all that is earthly, namely all that causes our hearts to harden and not be attuned to Christ's way of living and acting. In Paul's view, every evil practice hinders one's growth into an image of the creator. In Baptism we have put on Christ so we must live as Christ. Since Christ is all and in all, we are all bonded to each other, all divisions are eliminated, and nothing can ever separate us from God and one another.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Today's Gospel opens with a family quarrel about the division of inheritance. Jesus uses this to draw attention to the common mistaken notions that a person's life consists of what they possess, and that what they possess can ensure a good life. Luke's Jesus is always attuned to the obstacles that riches pose in our efforts to attune ourselves to God's voice and way of operating. The rich fool parable becomes a living example of one who had not learned that one's life does not consist of possessions. Ecclesiastes' wisdom of the vanity of life, the worries that come with possessions, and the uncertainty of inheritance upon death, are reiterated by Jesus as an important teaching lesson for all disciples. Jesus teaches us that we are all not in storing up treasures for ourselves. What kind of eternal life will your possessions provide you? Only by responding to God's covenant love offered to us in Christ, and striving to be in right relationship with all, will we ever achieve true wisdom of heart.

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.

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.orb>.

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Knights of Columbus

On Sunday, August 14th, at the 9:30 am Mass in St. Michael's Church, 107 N. Washington Street, Canton, PA 17724, the Knights of Columbus will offer the Mass intention for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. A Rosary and Litany of Blessed Father Michael McGivney will begin at 8:45 am led by the Knights of Columbus. Michael McGivney was born August 12, 1852. He was Ordained December 22, 1877. He founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He died August 14, 1890, at the age of 38 after serving in the Priesthood for 13 years. He was declared Venerable on March 15, 2008. A miracle was approved for his Beatification on May 27, 2020. Venerable Father Michael McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020. His Feast Day is established as August 13th.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Greetings Catholic Men - We are pleased to announce that our 7th annual Be A Catholic Man Conference is now open for registration. The Conference will be on October 8, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes Barre, PA. and will be favored with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Stan Fortuna, Dr. Ralph Martin, and Kevin Wells. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid" under the patronage of Saint Joseph. All of us are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy. Men are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. For reservations, write a check payable to "Be A Catholic Man" for \$40.00 (early bird price \$30.00 till September 9th) and mail to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, Pa. 18708; or Online at BeACatholicMan.com. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com

St. Peter's Church - Activity Calendar - August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 St. Alphonsus Liguori No Mass	2 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-6:00pm	3 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	4 St. John Vianney Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	5 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	6 Transfiguration of the Lord Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
Vacation Bible School 6:00-7:30pm						
7 19 th Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am	8 St. Dominic No Mass	9 St. Teresa Benedicta Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00-6:00pm Staff Meeting - 8:30am AA & -Al-Anon-6:00pm	10 St. Lawrence Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	11 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	12 St. Jane Frances Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	13 SS. Pontian & Hippolytus Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
14 20 th Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am	15 Assumption of Mary No Mass 	16 St. Stephen of Hungary Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-6:00pm	17 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Fundraising Dinner Committee Meeting - 10:00am	18 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	19 St. John Eudes Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	20 St. Bernard Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
21 21 st Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am	22 Queenship of Mary No Mass	23 St. Rose of Lima Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-6:00pm	24 St. Bartholomew Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	25 St. Louis Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	26 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	27 St. Monica Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
28 22 nd Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am	29 Passion of John the Baptist No Mass	30 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Adoration - 1:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-6:00pm	31 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am			

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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.

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.