

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 9, 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 _____



"If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything."

**St. Bonaventure
Feast Day
July 15th**

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 7/10	No Mass	
Tuesday 7/11	12:10pm	In Memory of William Dy (Dy Family)
Wednesday 7/12	12:10pm	In Memory of Stutz & Hebson Family (Family)
Thursday 7/13	12:10pm	In Memory of Alan Singer (Sue Singer)
Friday 7/14	12:10pm	In Memory of Gavin Glimm (Joan Sattler)
Saturday 7/15	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 7/16	8:30am	In Memory of Tom Patt (Marion Patt)

Flowers for Mary donated by Danette Kerestes

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.

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.

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.

Happening This Week

Tuesday, July 11th
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, July 12th
 Dinner Committee Meeting - 10:00am;
 Adult Ed. Room

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 2, 2023: \$6,307.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$207.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$207.00

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



Mission Appeal Update

Additional funds have come in for Father Shinu's Mission Appeal in support of the Diocese of Kottapuram in India.

The updated total collected is \$3,196.00

"This is Christian prophecy: responding to evil with good, to hatred with love, to division with reconciliation. Faith transforms reality from within."
 - Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

Zechariah proclaims the coming of the Messiah in striking imagery. The king will not come on a warhorse, with a display of military might, but meekly, on a beast of burden. And yet, his power is beyond question, as he sweeps away chariots, horses, and weapons of war, and proclaims peace to the whole earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145

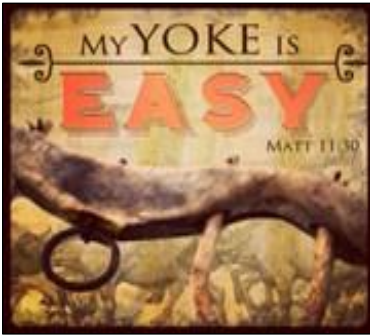
Psalm 145 praises God, the great king, who is full of kindness, compassion, and mercy towards all he has made. We praise God especially because he has not left us to suffer alone. He has reached out into our lives with profound compassion. God understands and feels our pain. Jesus bore this pain when he died upon the cross for us. We cannot succeed on our own efforts, and we must learn to hold on to God.

*I will praise
Your Name forever
my King and my God!*

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Those who have been baptized into Christ are no longer “in the flesh” but rather “in the spirit.” Through Baptism, we have become the dwelling places of the Holy Spirit, and everything we do must take this great reality into account. We no longer live for this life only; we look to the life yet to come, which has already begun for us through Baptism.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30



Jesus praises God who reveals his wisdom not to the usual suspects – the wise, learned, the important – but to those no one would expect: the little ones, the childlike. This passage ends with a wonderful invitation, as Jesus calls all who carry heavy burdens to come to him and find rest. Jesus is “meek and humble of heart,” the king of gentleness and power that Zachariah foretold. Using an image that would be familiar to his first-century audience, Jesus says that his yoke is easy, unlike the heavy burdens placed on people’s shoulders by the Pharisees, who according to Matthew’s Gospel, did nothing to ease the weighty burden. Jesus’ yoke is well fitted and matched to each person.

July – Month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. Catholic doctrine teaches the faithful that the blood of Jesus Christ is part of His Sacred Humanity and by its nature unite to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. And as such, it is worthy of an adoration and veneration which is rendered only to God. We adore the human nature of Christ because of its intimate and eternal union with the Person of the Divine Word. It is for this same reason that we honor the Most Sacred Heart or the Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our physical nature is united to God through the Person of Jesus Christ. When we venerate Christ’s Precious Blood or His Sacred Heart, we are worshiping the One True God who so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son to save us from everlasting death.

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 8th** after the 5:00pm Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited!

**This week's social is hosted by:
the Social Concerns Committee**

The next Coffee Social will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, July 15th after the 5:00pm Mass and also on Sunday, July 16th after the 8:30am Mass.



Save The Date!

Mark your calendar and save your stuff!

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

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.



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.

Cathedral Pilgrimage, August 5th

Plans are being made for a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton on Saturday, August 5th. The group will leave Wellsboro at 7:45am and arrive in Scranton at about 10:30am for an hour of prayer and confessions, followed by a guided tour of the cathedral. We will have lunch at Cooper's Seafood House and then enjoy free time at Heaven & Earth Bookstore or the Steamtown Mall, both within walking distance of the cathedral. *Please note this change in time. The group will return to Wellsboro at about 9:00pm.

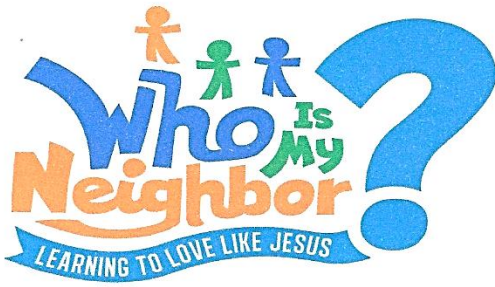
The Teen Center van is not available this year, so we will form a carpool for those who are interested. To participate, call or text Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180 or email marian-ministries@outlook.com. Also, please let Linda know if you are willing to drive. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 23rd.



CHURCH REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The Following Church Repairs Have Recently Been Addressed:

- The rubber roof (flat section) on the church has been repaired.
- The lights above the altar have been repaired, as well as lighting in the Parish Center.
- The water leak in the church, near the baptismal font, has been remedied.
- Several potholes in the church parking lot have been patched. Also, we are currently working with the hospital to have the church parking lot repaved. More information on this maintenance project will be provided when paving is set to begin.
- The fire alarm system has been updated.
- Landscaping has taken place around the church grounds and will continue throughout the summer.



St. Peter's Church Vacation Bible School

Open to all children in pre-k (age 3) through 5th grade

Join us this summer for Bible Lessons, Activities, Crafts, Games, Snacks and Fun!

Dates: Monday, July 24th through Thursday, July 27th

A family potluck picnic will be held on the final night to close out Vacation Bible School.

Location: St. Peter's Church - Parish Center

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

----- To register, complete bottom portion (**one form per child**) and return by July 17th -----

Child's name: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Entering grade in the fall: _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Cell/home phone: _____ Email: _____

Alternative emergency contact (if parent can not be reached):

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Allergies and/or other medical conditions:



I authorize photographs of my child to be included in St. Peter's Church bulletin, the parish center bulletin board and/or the parish website. My child's name will not be published with their photo.

(Circle one): **Yes** **No**

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Mail registration to: St. Peter's Church, 47 Central Ave., Wellsboro PA. 16901.

Forms can also be placed in the box outside the Religious Education Office.


For more information contact Melissa Mann at stpreled@ptd.net

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<p> U-Haul® Dealer Since 2011 uhaul.com Ken Mitchell Mitchell's Carquest Auto Parts 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 Business: (570) 662-2534 www.mitchellcarquest.com </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.