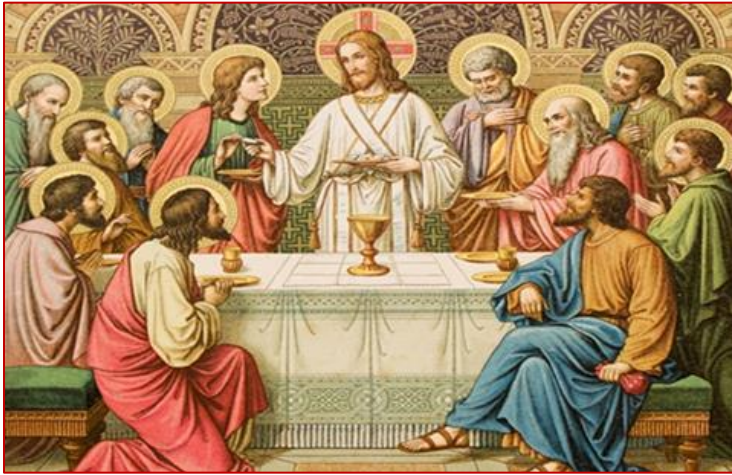


St. Peter's Church



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 11, 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 _____

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
Rectory Phone: 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



**O LORD JESUS CHRIST,
YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN US
YOUR PRECIOUS BODY
AND BLOOD TO BE OUR
MEAT AND DRINK,
GRANT THAT THROUGH
FREQUENT RECEPTION
OF YOU IN THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST, I MAY BE
STRENGTHENED IN MIND
AND BODY TO DO YOUR
HOLY WILL. AMEN.**

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 6/12	No Mass	
Tuesday 6/13	12:10pm	In Memory of Ann Donovan (The Grab Family)
Wednesday 6/14	12:10pm	In Memory of Helen Lacsamana (Family)
Thursday 6/15	12:10pm	In Memory of Walter and Edward Gubala (Family)
Friday 6/16	12:10pm	In Memory of Josephine Patt (Family)
Saturday 6/17	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Our Father's Day Intentions
Sunday 6/18	8:30am	Our Father's Day Intentions

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.

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.

"If we live like sons and daughters, brothers and sisters on earth, people will come to know that all of us have a Father in heaven."

Pope Francis

Happening This Week

Thursday, June 15

Strawberry Prep - 9:00am - 12:00pm;
Parish Center

Friday, June 16

Strawberry Shortcake Booth - 10:00am - 8:00pm;
Laurel Festival/The Green

Saturday, June 17

Strawberry Shortcake Booth - 9:00am - 7:00pm;
Laurel Festival/The Green

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for June 4, 2023: \$4,836.00
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
Difference: - \$1,264.00
Year to Date Budget Variance \$3,408.91

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

Deanery Mass

All are welcome!

The annual Deanery Mass held at the deGuzman residence will be celebrated on Thursday, June 29th at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish or snack to pass and a lawn chair. Questions? Call 570/376-5427.

Directions:

287 N to 249N to Keeneyville.
Turn right to Osceola.
Travel 1 1/2 miles to Box 818.
(GPS Address: 818 Locey Creek Rd, Middlebury Ctr.)



Liturgical Reflection ~ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

In this reading from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites of the manna which fell from heaven each night during their wanderings in the desert. This mysterious food was not simply sustenance for their bodies. It also sustained their faith, reminding them daily of God's protecting care and God's determination to bring them to their new homeland as he had promised.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 147

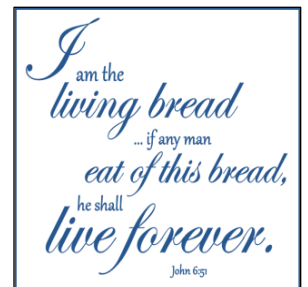
Psalm 147 is a song of praise to an all-provident God, who grants his people all they need – blessing and protection, food, and a law unlike that granted to any other nation. For Christians, this psalm has long been associated with the Eucharist, truly “the best of wheat.”

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

This passage from 1 Corinthians reminds us that the Body of Christ is not simply something we receive; it is something we become. The bread and wine we share are truly the Body and Blood of Christ, and we who receive them become one body – incorporated into Christ and into each other.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Jesus recalls the manna in the desert and invites the people to taste a new kind of food, which gives life not just from one day to the next, but life that lasts forever. Jesus' teaching about the Bread of Life marks a turning point in the Gospel according to John: many, including some of his disciples, cannot accept it and no longer follow him. Today's solemnity places before us the mystery of Christ's abiding presence in his Church. Are we prepared to receive this bread of everlasting life – and live what it demands of us?



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

This Eucharistic day, observed with such solemnity throughout the world, began in a quiet Belgian convent in the 13th century, with the vision of a holy nun, St. Juliana. In her vision, she saw the moon, full and bright. It was glorious, except that one part of its disk was in shadow. The meaning of the vision was then revealed to her: the moon represented the liturgical year; the shadow, a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Juliana spoke to her confessor about what she had seen.

Amazingly, within thirty-five years, Pope Urban IV had established the Feast of Corpus Christi, in the Church's universal calendar. Hundreds of years later, in 1849, Pope Pius IX added the Feast of the Precious Blood celebrated July 1. Following the Second Vatican Council, the two liturgies become one solemnity in honor of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Of course, we already had a day honoring the Eucharist: the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which even includes a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. On Holy Thursday, we walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to keep watch with him on the night of his betrayal. On Corpus Christi, we walk in the afterglow of Easter Time, in company with the Risen Lord.

Corpus Christi is one of the most Catholic of days, an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. And yet, this celebration is also outward looking, carrying the liturgy out of the church and into the streets. We come together in all our diversity and we celebrate our unity.

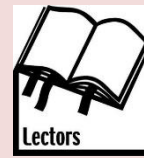
Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

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.

June – Month of the Sacred Heart

On the Friday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Because this Solemnity usually falls in June, this month is also known as the “Month of the Sacred Heart.” Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is all about pondering Christ’s love and meditation on Christ’s suffering.



Lector Training Session

All new lectors and anyone interested in joining this ministry are asked to attend a lector training session on Sunday, June 18th after the 8:30am Mass. For more information please call the Parish Office at 570/724-3371.



Join us for Coffee and Donuts this Summer!

Throughout the summer months, coffee and donuts will be available in the Parish Center after several weekend Masses. All parishioners and guests are invited to stop by for coffee and conversation. Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates and we hope to see you there!

The first Coffee and Donuts social is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th after the 8:30am Mass and will be hosted by St. Peter’s Parish Council.

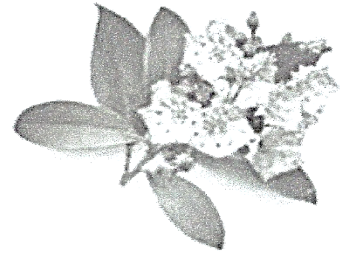
Divine Mercy Consecration Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 St. Mary’s Church, Blossburg




Father’s Day Envelopes

Special Father’s Day intention envelopes can be found in your packets to remember living and deceased fathers. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Father’s Day weekend Masses. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket.

2023 Pennsylvania State Laurel Festival



St. Peter's
Strawberry  **Shortcake**
Booth

Friday, June 16th
&
Saturday, June 17th

*We cannot do this fundraiser without enough
volunteers.*

*Please consider assisting with preparation or working a
2-hour shift in the booth. No experience necessary.*

*We are also in need of some donated items. Monetary
donations to offset the cost of strawberries
are always appreciated.*

Volunteers Needed!

Sign up sheets can be found in the back of the church.

We are in need of a volunteer to co-chair this event!

If you are interested in volunteering as co-chair to help make this event a success, please see Sue Sticklin or contact the rectory at 570/724-3371.



Strawberry Prep


Volunteers are needed to help prep the strawberries on
Thursday, June 15th in the Parish Center, from 9:00am – 12:00pm.
Come when you can, leave when you need to.
Bring your favorite strawberry cutting utensils.

Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.

<p>Advertise with us! See your ad here</p>	<p>WALRATH & COOLIDGE Probate & Estate Administration Real Estate Personal Injury 570-724-3801 Wills • Corporate Adoptions Family Law R. Lowell Coolidge, Esq • Priscilla Walrath, Esq Fax: 570-724-7239 126 Main St • Wellsboro, PA</p>	<p>Take advantage of a unique marketing opportunity and advertise in the church bulletin.</p>
<p><i>Akiko's Floral Arts</i>  31 East Avenue Wellsboro (570) 724-1509 "If Akiko's Not Your Florist, She Should Be" Shop24/7 at www.akikos.com Akiko, Clark & Joe Hewitt</p>	<p>OVER 125 YEARS OF SERVICE TUSSEY-MOSHER FUNERAL HOME, LTD. Calvin T. Mosher, Supervisor 139 Main St. Wellsboro, PA 16901 (570) 724-4637 TusseyMosher.com</p>	<p>Call the rectory at 570/ 724-3371 for information</p>
<p> 25 Main Street Wellsboro, PA 16901 570-723-4263 www.popscultureshoppe.com Games * Imagination * Fun Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p> Hunting-Fishing-Trapping-Trekking 1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159 www.Nessmuks.com A Family Owned Small Business Zack & Tracy Buck</p>	<p>A Gift in Your Will We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:</p>
<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, Helene Carpenter, 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.

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

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.