

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18, 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 _____



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 6/19	No Mass	
Tuesday 6/20	12:10pm	In Memory of Kenneth Anderson (Charles and Mary Fagg)
Wednesday 6/21	12:10pm	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Thursday 6/22	12:10pm	In Memory of Ora Franco (Mickey Romania)
Friday 6/23	12:10pm	Living and Deceased Members of the Precht Family (Jean Dragovich)
Saturday 6/24	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 6/25	8:30am	In Memory of Katie Brennan (Tom and Linda Sampson)

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.

"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tb 4:7). Whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus.
 - Pope Francis

Happening This Week

Sunday, June 18

Lector Training - 9:30am; Church

Tuesday, June 20

Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church
 Parish Council Meeting - 6:30pm; Adult Ed Room

Saturday, June 24th

Mission Appeal - Father Shinu Vazhakkootahil;
 5:00pm Mass

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for June 11, 2023: \$5,892.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: - \$208.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$3,200.91

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 ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 100

SECOND READING: Romans 5:6-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36-10:8

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing; the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PARISH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of finalizing the parish directory. A list of parishioners with their current contact information (name, address, and phone number) will be included, and members of the Parish Council have been calling parishioners over the past few weeks to compile this list. However, we have been unable to contact many of our registered church members due to outdated information and home phone numbers that are no longer in service.

We need your consent to publish your contact information. If you have not received a phone call and would like to be included in the parish directory, please contact the Parish Office at 570/724-3371 **by Tuesday, June 20th**. If we do not hear from you by the 20th your information will not be included in the parish directory.

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.

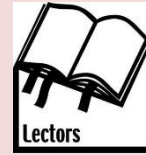
It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 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 Donuts!

The next Coffee and Donut Social is scheduled for **Sunday, June 25th** after the 8:30am Mass in the Parish Center.

**Hosted by:
Samaritan House Ministry**



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.



MARIAN MINISTRIES ~ UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 5th** Pilgrimage to St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, PA
- September 23rd** Day of Reflection at Mt. Saviour Monastery, Pine City, NY
- October 8th** Parish Retreat, St. Peter's Church

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 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 Book Store or the Steamtown Mall, both within walking distance of the cathedral. The pilgrimage will conclude with evening Mass at 4:00pm in the cathedral.



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.** (*Note this new date; the pilgrimage was formerly scheduled for August 19th.)



Fall Fest



Saturday, September 9, 2023

Knoxville Firemen's Field from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Chicken BBQ * Food * Games * Chinese Basket Raffle * and More!

To benefit St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Westfield/Elkland

VENDORS WANTED for this Event

- \$20 Set Up Fee -

Bring your own chairs, tables, and canopy

For more vendor information and to reserve your spot, call St. Thomas' Parish Office at 814/258-5121

Visiting Priest

Father Shinu Vazhakkoottil is the Assistant Pastor at Epiphany Parish in Sayre, PA. Father Shinu represents the Diocese of Kottapuram in India, and he will be visiting St. Peter's Church the weekend of June 24th & 25th to celebrate Mass and to ask for our prayers and support of his mission.

He would like to share the following information with our parishioners:

We really appreciate your kindness in supporting our Diocese of Kottapuram, which is established in 1987 and comprises of 25000 families which means 100,000 catholic faithful. We would like to request your prayers and support in three areas.

- **Formation of Our Seminarians.** Our diocese is blessed with good vocations. Currently, we have 106 priests in our diocese who are working in and around the world. We have 23 major seminarians who are studying philosophy and theology and 34 minor seminarians. Our major expenses are for the formation of the seminarians which come almost \$1200 for each seminarian per year and these huge expenses are met with the generous help which is rendered by people like you.
- **Housing Projects.** Our diocese is made up of small islands and we have monsoon rains from June to November every year. But the last three years our monsoon season was fierce and life threatening, it rained for weeks together and there is a massive flood and land sliding that resulted in the death of thousands of people, the houses are destroyed and many of our dear ones are lost and it is a difficult situation. The government helps of course, but its very slow so that our diocese have the responsibility to look after our people. We do not have insurances and other supportive system in our place, so people have lost everything literally. The fund that we raise here is mainly to help our people.
- **Social Service Department.** Our mission is mainly carried out through our Social Service Department since our geographical area is largely coastal where people work in areas like fishing and other unorganized sectors like masonry, carpentry etc. They find it very much difficult to meet their livelihood and education of their children.
- The major thrust area of our Social Service Department is the empowerment of women, children, Differently Abled and Elderly.
 - ✓ Women are empowered through training and income generation activities such as such as: Screw pine craft, Water Hyacinth Craft, Cage Fish Culture, Paper Bag Making Units, Star Making Units, Organic Farming etc.
 - ✓ There are many projects directed toward the development of children and youth such as:
 1. "Poomottukal" (meaning "Flower Bud") which are the Self-Help Groups for children and youth where they perform mutual support and sharing to grow to become able citizens
 2. Vacation camps with Personality Development and Talent Search Programs
 3. Communicative English, Soft Skill, Yoga and computer literacy classes
 4. Participatory health and hygiene campaigns
 5. Regular sponsorship for studious children from the poor families
 6. Sponsorship of education of children of cancer patients and those children affected with cancer
 7. Free entrance coaching classes to get in to medical and engineering fields
 - ✓ We have also started a project called SNEHAMRITHAM which means a gentle touch to cancer patients since Cancer has become one of the leading causes of death at our place.
 - ✓ We have Elderly groups which we call SAYAM PRABHA and found it to be very effective to improve their mental health.
 - ✓ Right now, we are giving training and employment to many Differently Abled people especially woman and found that their self-esteem became very high when they were engaged in work.


The burden of running all of these institutions falls on the shoulder of the diocese. I request your prayerful support and financial assistance to continue all the good works we do.

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 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> MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950 kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 T 570.662.2277 F 570.662.1078 Kenneth Mitchell Owner</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.

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

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.