

# 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](http://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](mailto:stpch@ptd.net)  
Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – [stpadm@ptd.net](mailto:stpadm@ptd.net)  
Religious Education: Melissa Mann – [stpreled@ptd.net](mailto: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

## *12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 25, 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup>) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

### **Welcome to St. Peter's Church!**

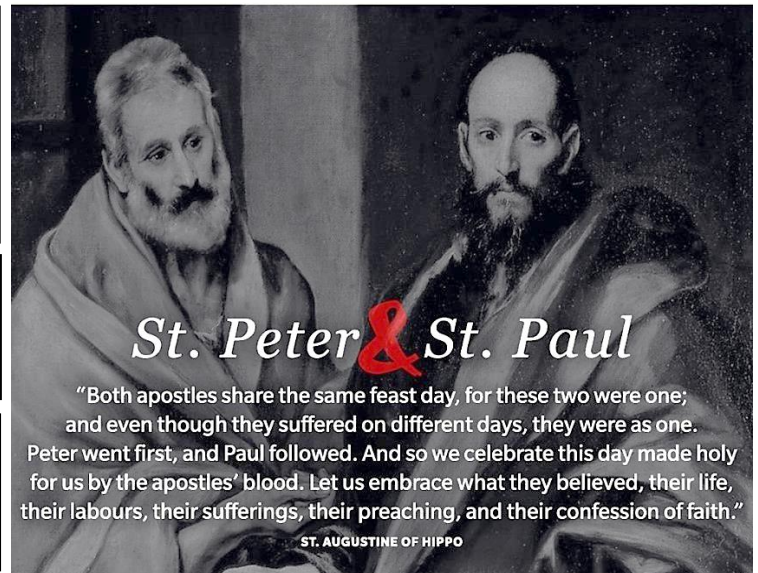
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

### **Request for Parishioner Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



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### **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 6/26	No Mass	
Tuesday 6/27	12:10pm	In Memory of James and Mary C. Handwerger (Sue Singer)
Wednesday 6/28	12:10pm	In Memory of David Grab (The Grab Family)
Thursday 6/29	12:10pm	In Memory of Ruth A. Carson (Christina Fleury)
Friday 6/30	12:10pm	In Memory of Jennifer Reinoehl (The Rider Family)
Saturday 7/1	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Joseph and Clara Patt (Family)
Sunday 7/2	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

## 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.

### 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

#### Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Mission Appeal - Father Shinu Vazhakkoottilil;  
 8:30am Mass

#### Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00pm;  
 Adult Ed. Room

#### Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

Deanery Mass - 6:00pm, Middlebury Center;  
 deGuzman Residence (See information below)

### Stewardship

Stewardship numbers  
 for June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 will be in next week's bulletin

*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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13

The prophet finds himself in a terrifying situation: he is surrounded by whispered threats and violence, and his friends have become his enemies. But he refuses to be afraid, and instead turns to God. Jeremiah's tormented prayer is his sixth lament to God for his suffering. Taken cumulatively, these prayers seem to depict Jeremiah on the edge of despair. But the prophet does not rely on himself for rescue: he trusts in God, who walks with him. Even cries of pain are an expression of belief that God does hear those who grieve. Praise of God before the rescues occurs is surely a hope-filled prayer of confidence, even in the midst of suffering.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69

Psalm 69 is the song of one whose obedience to God's will brings him only insult and danger. He prays to God for kindness, help, and mercy. The last verses call on all the "lowly ones" to do the same, trusting in God who hears their prayers.

### SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

Paul contrasts Adam and Christ – sin and grace. Since Adam and Eve, sin has been inextricable from the human condition. The Mosaic Law did not take away sin, but rather made its presence more clear by measuring or "accounting" it. But with the coming of Christ, this pattern is broken forever, as grace overflows, healing the sin of the world. The grace of God is far more powerful than sin.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus is continuing his instruction to his closest disciples, the Twelve, to prepare them for their mission. He has already told them he is sending them out as sheep among wolves. Jesus knows that his disciples will experience much of what Jeremiah experienced in today's First Reading: abandonment, persecution, fear. He reminds them to let nothing deter them from proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

### Tioga County Homeless Initiative

#### 5K Run/Walk - 7K Bike

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM (8:30 Registration Starts)

Darling Run, Pine Creek

Register at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com)

Entry fee: \$20 (\$25 after June 30<sup>th</sup>)

[Tiogahomeless.org](http://Tiogahomeless.org)



### 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](http://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 on **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** after the 8:30am Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited.

**This week's social is hosted by: Samaritan House Ministry**  
Strawberry shortcakes will be served.



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day

“To sow goodness is good for us. It brings a breath of gratuitousness into our lives and makes us more and more like God.”

- Pope Francis



## First Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

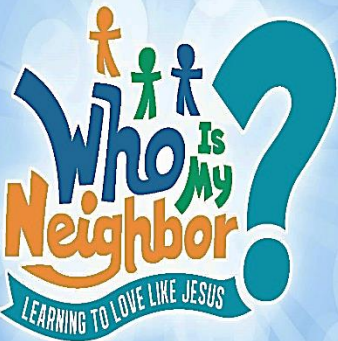
Come and find out more about St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry. We will meet in the Parish Center to discuss supplies, patterns, and the needs within our parish. For more information, text, or call Michelle Sepiol at 570/439-6206.



Recently completed prayer shawl projects that have been blessed.



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.



Join us July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 7:30pm for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is, “Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus” VBS will be held in the Parish Center and is open to all students in preschool (age 3+) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteer opportunities are available for students in grades 6-12. Watch for more information on how to register in next week's bulletin.



THANK YOU to all who helped in any way at this year's Strawberry Shortcake Booth at the Laurel Festival this past weekend. **A very special thank you to Sue Sticklin for chairing the event.** A financial report will be in next week's bulletin.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 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: Screwpine 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><b>Advertise with us!</b> <b>See your ad here</b></p>	<p><b>WALRATH &amp; COOLIDGE</b>          Probate &amp; Estate Administration          Real Estate          Personal Injury  <b>570-724-3801</b>          Wills • Corporate Adoptions          Family Law          R. Lowell Coolidge, Esq • Priscilla Walrath, Esq          Fax: 570-724-7239 126 Main St • Wellsboro, PA</p>	<p><b>Take advantage of a unique marketing opportunity and advertise in the church bulletin.</b></p>
<p><i>Akiko's Floral Arts</i>            31 East Avenue          Wellsboro          (570) 724-1509  <b>"If Akiko's Not Your Florist, She Should Be"</b>          Shop24/7 at <a href="http://www.akikos.com">www.akikos.com</a>          Akiko, Clark &amp; Joe Hewitt</p>	<p><b>OVER 125 YEARS OF SERVICE</b>  <b>TUSSEY-MOSHER</b>          FUNERAL HOME, LTD.          Calvin T. Mosher, Supervisor          139 Main St. Wellsboro, PA 16901          (570) 724-4637   <a href="http://TusseyMosher.com">TusseyMosher.com</a></p>	<p><b>Call the rectory at 570/ 724-3371 for information</b></p>
<p>          25 Main Street          Wellsboro, PA 16901          570-723-4263  <a href="http://www.popscultureshoppe.com">www.popscultureshoppe.com</a>  <b>Games * Imagination * Fun</b>          Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam          Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p>  <b>Hunting-Fishing-Trapping-Trekking</b>          1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159  <a href="http://www.Nessmuks.com">www.Nessmuks.com</a>          A Family Owned Small Business  <b>Zack &amp; Tracy Buck</b></p>	<p><b>A Gift in Your Will</b>          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  <a href="http://www.mitchellcarquest.com">www.mitchellcarquest.com</a>  </p>	<p>  <b>TOKARZ CUSTOM WOODWORK</b>          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.

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.