

# St. Peter's Church



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## Rectory Office Hours

Labor Day to Memorial Day - Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am-2:00pm;  
Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

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## Parish Staff

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Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

## 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

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 26, 2022*

### **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 after hours, please leave call our emergency number 570-439-2219. If no answer, please leave a message and Fr. Mosely 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*Feast Day June 29<sup>th</sup>*

*St. Peter & St. Paul*

"Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one.

Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

### **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

Church Decorations - Sue Singer 570-948-2184

Buildings & Grounds - Rick Joachim 570-439-2591

Cemetery Committee - Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529

Fundraising Dinners - Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206

Music Ministry - Christina Simonis 570-724-2085

Samaritan House - Linda Sampson 570-404-2180

Youth Group - Melissa Mann 570-724-9789

Eucharistic Adoration - Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092

Finance Council - Priscilla Walrath 570-724-2056

Parish Council - Rectory 570-724-3371

Worship Committee - Rectory 570-724-3371

Sunday Nursing Home Communion - Rectory 570-724-3371

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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 6/27	12:10pm	In Memory of David Grab (Grab Family)
Tuesday 6/28	7:30am	In Memory of Paul Urner (Kathy Wilcox)
Wednesday 6/29	12:10pm	In Memory of Raymond Follaco (B.J. Butler & Family)
Thursday 6/30	No Mass	
Friday 7/1	12:10pm	In Memory of Sister Raphael DuPrey (B.J. Butler & Family)
Saturday 7/2	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Paul Patt (Marion Patt)
Sunday 7/3	8:30am	In Memory of Paul Urner (Germino Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Paul Urner (Niles 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 8:00am-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

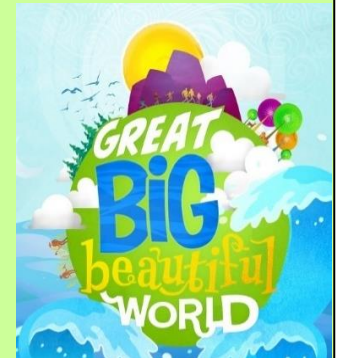
### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for June 19, 2022: \$4,71300  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: (\$1,387.00)  
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$3,705.25)

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

### SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be held August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm. This year's theme is "Great Big Beautiful World." More information will appear in the bulletin as we get closer to the date.



### Laurel Festival Strawberry Shortcake Booth June 20, 2022 Financial Report

<b>Income:</b>			
Booth Receipts	\$5,407.06		
Donations	\$154.00		
Total Revenue			<u>\$5,561.06</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce	\$300.00		
Sue Sticklin - Reimbursement for Supplies	\$140.00		
Imler's	\$1,420.77		
Total Expenses		\$1,860.77	
Sales Tax Liability (6%)	\$324.42		
Tax Discount (1%)	(\$3.24)		
Total Tax Liability			\$321.18
Total Expenses & Liability			<u>\$2,181.95</u>
<b>Profit</b>			<u>\$3,379.11</u>

Thank you to all who made this year's strawberry shortcake booth a great success! \$3,379 was earned to support the activities of the parish. A special thank you to Sue Sticklin and Lisa Bank for chairing the event.

### RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the hours the Rectory will be open are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am – 1:00pm.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Marian Consecration, 6:00pm  
**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Cemetery Committee Mtg, 6:00pm

“Let us always look at young people with a smile. They carry on what we have sown. An elderly person cannot be happy without looking at young people and young people cannot move ahead in life without looking at the elderly.” Pope Francis

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

The Lord chooses Elisha as a successor to Elijah's prophetic ministry. God commands Elijah to anoint Elisha as his successor. Elijah carries out the Lord's command by throwing his cloak over Elisha's shoulders, as a sign that he is handing over the mantle of prophecy to the younger man. Elijah's somewhat harsh response to Elisha's desire to say farewell to his family touches upon the tension existing between total commitment to the Lord's work and familial and social responsibilities. Elisha demonstrates his total commitment to God's call by sacrificing the oxen used for farming and feeding the people with it. Severing all ties and leaving all behind, Elisha manifests total commitment to God by becoming Elijah's attendant and future successor.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 16

This psalm is a psalm of trust in the God. Trust is essential, for both the First Reading and Gospel invited the disciples, and all of us, to leave everything we have to follow God. We all have things that we hold on to, but we cannot grasp them and embrace God. God promises to be our refuge and we will be filled with joy and surrounded by the delight of our God.

### SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Paul reminds us that in Christ we were set free from slavery to our own selfish ways and desires in order to "serve one another through love." Paul echoes Christ's words in summing up the whole law in the command to love your neighbor as yourself. This letter makes it clear that Christian freedom is freedom to love, not freedom to live according to worldly desires. Self-indulgence of this sort prevents one from following the dictate to live. Paul's distinction between Spirit and flesh deals with our decision either to accept the freedom to love given to us in Christ, or to reject it and live immersed in our slavish, selfish desires. How will you choose?

### GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62



Today's Gospel reading opens with a new section in Luke where Jesus suggests that his ministry in Galilee is complete that he is now prepared to make his final journey to Jerusalem where his mission and ministry will be accomplished. Being rejected by Samaritans along the way is an indication of the kind of reception that he will receive in Jerusalem. However, that does not stop Jesus from continuing his journey, nor does it prevent him from inviting others to follow him. Jesus' harsh words toward those desiring to follow him are not intended to be taken literally,

but are a way of expressing the importance of committing everything to the Lord, as did Elisha in the first reading. Jesus is saying that nothing must stand in the way of one's commitment to God's path. One needs to pay attention to family and social responsibilities, but they cannot become obstacles to or prevent one from committing oneself to building and establishing God's Kingdom. Each of us is called to follow Jesus. Salvation is to be received with complete devotion to God's reign.

## New Pastor Announcement



Bishop Bambera has appointed Reverend Jacek J. Bialkowski as the new pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Wellsboro and Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkland. Most recently, Father Jacek has served as Pastor of All Saints Parish in Plymouth. This new assignment will begin on July 26, 2022.

**We welcome Fr. Jacek to our parish community!**



# National Eucharistic Revival

As Roman Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This is to say that Jesus is truly and substantially present to us in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. At the Last Supper, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples; commanding them to “Do this in memory of me (Luke 22:19).” The Church continues to follow this command whenever we gather to celebrate Mass. The priest, acting in the person of Christ during the Eucharistic prayer, invokes the power of the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the very body and blood of Jesus. Do we realize how blessed we are to be called to this supper of the Lamb?



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has voted to move forward with plans for a National Eucharistic Revival to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The multi-year Eucharistic Revival begins today, Corpus Christi Sunday, and culminates with the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.

We want to begin this Eucharistic Revival in our parish by highlighting **Eucharistic Adoration** that takes place at Saint Peter’s **every Tuesday from 8 am to 6 pm**. This is a time for us to silently come before the Lord, tell him exactly what is on our heart, and receive his tender care. If you have never been to adoration, I encourage you to come, spend some time with the Lord and rest awhile in his presence. We are always in need of more people to sign up to be adorers. If you are free during the day, please consider signing up for a time slot on the bulletin board in the back of the church. We want to ensure that this practice will be able to continue within our parish community.

Initial resources for the Eucharistic Revival, including the document issued by the USCCB concerning the Revival, *The Mystery of the Eucharistic in the Life of the Church*, can be found at <https://eucharisticrevival.org>. Additional Eucharistic Revival resources and events for the Diocese of Scranton are forthcoming and will be found on the diocesan website.

The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen gentium* 11). May we all take this opportunity over these next two years to grow closer to our Lord who remains with us in the Eucharistic until the end of time.

## **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).



## **UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES**

**AUGUST 19 - 21, 2022 AT THE TOWNEPLACE SUITES, MOOSIC**

*Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage.* If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

## MARIAN MINISTRIES

I am Linda Sampson, a member of St. Peter's Parish for 40 years, and a participant in the Diocesan Lay Ministry Program since 2019. For my certification, I am expected to complete a 4-6 month practicum within my parish. My concentration was Marian studies; thus *Marian Ministries* was born at St. Peter's.



In the spirit of Mary's Magnificat, "*Love of God and Neighbor*," events such as consecrations, pilgrimages, and First Saturday devotions will be scheduled throughout the liturgical year, with special Marian devotions in the months of May and October. My prayer is that these efforts will renew and deepen our love for the Blessed Mother and foster faith and fellowship within our parish community.

## PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF VICTORY SHRINE

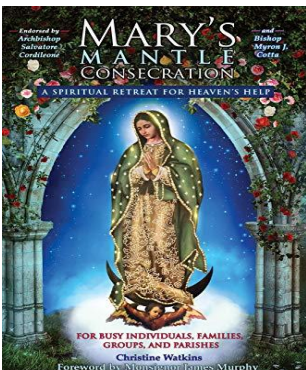
Plans are being made for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Victory Shrine in Lackawanna, New York. A carpool will leave St. Peter's Church at 7am on Saturday, July 23rd. The pilgrimage will include a tour of the Basilica, Confessions, and Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30pm before returning home. Text or call Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180 for reservations. The deadline is Friday, July 15th. For more information and a virtual tour of the shrine visit <https://www.olvbasilica.org/>.

About the shrine:

*One of Western New York's most exquisite landmarks, Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica attracts visitors worldwide. Rivaling the great churches of Europe, the Basilica was built in 1926 as a gift of thanks to the Blessed Mother from Venerable Nelson Baker, a current candidate for sainthood whose final resting place is located within the church. Prominent features of the shrine include breathtaking paintings and marble sculptures, as well as the Father Baker Museum and OLV Gift Shop located in the lower level.*



## MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION

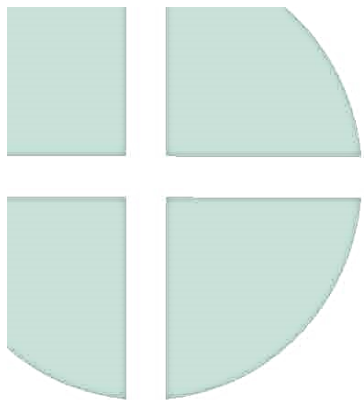


Consecration for Mary's Mantle will take place at St. Peter's Church on Monday, June 27th at 6pm in the church. Participants will pray the Rosary, Adore the Eucharist, and recite the Prayer of Consecration together. A light reception will follow in the Parish Center. Text or call Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) if you plan to participate. Those who are unable to attend are asked to pray the consecration at their convenience on that June 27th. Thanks to all participants for sharing your thoughts and prayers throughout the journey.



# St. Peter's Church - Activity Calendar - July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time Mass - 8:30am	4 Independence Day No Mass Rectory Closed	5 St. Elizabeth of Portugal Mass - 7:30am Adoration - 8:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-8:00pm	6 St. Maria Goretti Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Finance Council Mtg. - 8:00am	7 No Mass	8 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	9 St. Augustine Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
10 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time Mass - 8:30am	11 St. Benedict Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	12 Mass - 7:30am Adoration - 8:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-8:00pm	13 St. Henry Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha No Mass	15 St. Bonaventure Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
17 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time Mass - 8:30am	18 St. Camillus de Lellis No Mass	19 No Mass Adoration - 8:00-5:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-8:00pm	20 St. Apollinaris No Mass	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi No Mass	22 St. Mary Magdalene No Mass Rectory Closed	23 St. Bridget Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:15pm
24 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time Mass - 8:30am	25 St. James Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	26 SS. Joachim and Anne Mass - 7:30am Adoration - 8:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon-8:00pm	27 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am	28 No Mass	29 St. Martha Mass - 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Rectory Closed	30
31 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time Mass - 8:30am	<b>Fr. Mosley Away This Week</b>					



# The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



RELIGIOUS  
**FREEDOM**  
WEEK

## Religious Freedom Week ends June 29

All people desire to enjoy communion with God, and this desire gives rise to the search for religious truth and finds expression in the formation of religious culture. Even people who claim no religious affiliation cannot help but need ritual, belonging, and truth. Why? Because we all long to know and love the One in whose image we are made. "For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him."

The Church's promotion of religious freedom expresses her solidarity with all people who seek the good and hope for fulfillment in the truth. *As Pope Francis teaches:*

*Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love ... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile (Fratelli tutti, 55).*

Join us throughout the week as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

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## First Freedom Podcast

Looking for a new podcast? Check out the First Freedom Podcast, a series of conversations about a variety of issues related to religious liberty, including challenges to our first freedom, Catholic social teaching, and more! Available on Sound Cloud.





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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.