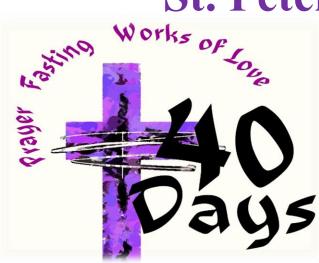
St. Peter's Church



3rd Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

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^{th} grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K- 12^{th} 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^{th}) 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–2:00pm Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann – stpadm@ptd.net Religious Education: Jen Minnich – stpreled@ptd.net Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich <u>Schedule of Weekend Masses</u> Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am <u>Reconciliation</u> Tuesday through Friday: 11:45am-12:10pm;

Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm; or by appointment

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PRAYER

It helps us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him. joining Him in his sacrifice in the Cross. ABSTINENCE Both are practiced on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence is

FASTING AND

ALMSGIVING Giving what we have helps us to understand Christ's generosity in the Cross.

Parish Contact Listing

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friday during Lent.

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 Grab – 607/857-3447 Youth Group – Steve Tokarz – 570/404-0693 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 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 Fundraising Committee – Tim Gooch 570/971-5826 Knights of Columbus – Mike Buono 717/320-2305

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 3/4	5:30pm	In Memory of Lloyd Ayres (Ostapowicz Family)
Tuesday 3/5	12:10pm	Laverne Singer Family (Sue Singer)
Wednesday 3/6	12:10pm	In Memory of David Thompson (Tony & Pat Straniere)
Thursday 3/7	No Mass	
Friday 3/8	6:00pm	Romania & Tobaygo Children & their Families (Mickey Romania)
Saturday 3/9	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 3/10	8:30am	In Memory of Doris Sykora; Mom (Don & Lucy Whitney)

Church Hours / Adoration

Monday – Friday: The church doors will be open for private prayer from 8:00am - 5:00pm. If the main doors of the church are locked, please enter through the side parking lot door.

Saturday: The side parking lot door (only) will be open from 8:00am - 4:30pm for private prayer. All church doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm for Mass.

Sunday: All church doors will be unlocked at 8:00am for Mass and will remain open until 9:30am when religious education classes begin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 6:00pm, with Benediction.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school is **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. The Church will remain open for private prayer, using the parking lot side entrance, and the parish office hours may be affected.

Happening This Week

March 3 2024

Sunday, March 3rd Religious Education Classes 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12 Bingo – Knoxville Community Center; 12:00pm

Monday, March 4th *The Light is On for You* – Confessions after Mass

Tuesday, March 5th Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed Room Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, March 6th

Parish Office Closes at 10:00am Lenten Service – 12:00pm; First Presbyterian Church Dinner Committee Mtg.– 10:00am; Parish Center

Friday, March 8th Children's Stations of the Cross – 3:00pm Stations of the Cross – Following 6:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 10th

Religious Education Classes 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12 Lenten Penance Service – 4:00pm; St. Peter's

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 25, 2024: \$4,095.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00 Difference: -\$2,005.00 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$10,016.67

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

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.

Lenten Reminders

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. You will notice a change in liturgy, decorations, and colors around the church. The priest will vest in violet, except on the 4th Sunday of Lent (*Laetare Sunday*) when he wears rose vestments. The sanctuary is bereft of flowers or any other decorations and the Gloria will not be prayed/sung on Sundays. Also, Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Eater Vigil.



Days of Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, which means no meat may be eaten. All Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence. Catholics, 18-59 years of age, are bound by Church law to fast, which means only one large meal and two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused. Catholics 14 years of age and older are required to abstain.

Easter Duty

All parishioners are reminded of their obligation to fulfill their Easter Duty. A person's Easter Duty consists of receiving Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday as well as going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess any mortal sins.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in the church every Friday during Lent, following the 6:00pm Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season.



Children's Stations of the Cross will also be held every Friday during Lent. Students are invited to the Parish Center after school at 3:00pm for a light snack before Stations begin in the church at 3:30pm. Please have children enter through the Parish Center doors. Students can be picked up at 4:00pm and parents are also welcome to attend.

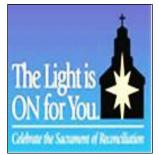
Pick Your Penance

After weekend Masses during Lent, parishioners will have an opportunity to "pick your penance", which is an extra act of kindness or a prayer that you can perform during Lent. A new penance may be picked each week. Penances will be available for both adults and children at the parish doors after Mass.

Would you like to help distribute the penances this Lent? We are looking for volunteers to hold the baskets of penances and offer them to parishioners. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Piller at kimp806@gmail.com



THERE WILL BE A LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10th at 4:00pm



As we begin this season of Lenten preparation, each of us is invited to reflect on those choices which will bring about the new life we celebrate in Easter. For this reason, the Church invites us to experience Lent as a time for deepened prayer, personal sacrifice, and self-giving – all so that we can be raised to new life in Christ! The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance.

On Mondays during Lent, beginning February 26th, there will be a 5:30pm Mass at St. Peter's followed by confessions.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is a Lenten program that raises funds for those who need support and services in communities throughout the U.S. and overseas. Seventy-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations supports their work around the world, and twenty-five percent of gifts stay in each diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Rice Bowls are located on the holy handout table at the back of the church, or visit crsricebowl.org for more information on the program and to donate.

Easter Flower Memorial



Each Easter, the flowers in the church during the Easter season memorialize deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute to this year's Easter

flowers in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope found in your monthly packet and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. A list of those we remember will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Easter Mass Intentions

There are special Easter Mass Intention envelopes in your monthly packet to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. Please place your Easter Mass Intention envelopes in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

These envelopes will be placed on the altar during the Easter Masses to remember the donor's intentions.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The money raised through the Diocesan Annual Appeal will help continue the mission of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton by providing programs and ministries that bring the love of Christ to our neighbors, our children, and those most in need in Northeastern and Northcentral PA.

Parish goal: \$43,000 Total raised to date: \$35,785

We appreciate any support that you might be able to give to the Appeal to help continue the spread of the gospel in our local Church. Blank pledge envelopes can be found near the front doors of the church. Thank you!



As Lent nears its halfway point, recommit yourself to prayer, fasting and almsgiving to purify your heart for the Paschal feast.

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-HourChild 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.

----- Important Notice Regarding 2023 Statements ------

2023 statements are being mailed this week. If you requested a statement and do not receive one by the end of the week, please contact the parish office at 570/724-3371. Once again, we apologize for the delay and we thank you for your patience while we work through our computer issues.

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 24th 8:30am – St. Peter's 11:30am – St. Thomas 1:00pm – St. Catherine's

Holy Thursday – March 28th 7:00pm – St. Peter's Adoration will follow Mass until 10:00pm in the Parish Center

> Good Friday – March 29th Liturgy of the Word 1:00pm – St. Peter's 3:00pm – St. Thomas

Holy Saturday – March 30th Blessing of Baskets – 12:00pm; St. Peter's Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00pm; St. Peter's

Easter Sunday – March 31st 8:30am – St. Peter's 11:30am – St. Thomas 1:00pm – St. Catherine's



"Lent is the perfect time to allow ourselves to contemplate the pain of those who suffer without anyone to help them."

- Pope Francis



Ecumenical Event Wednesday Lenten Services

The Wellsboro Ministerium is offering Wednesday Lenten Services to our community. All services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church (130 Main St, Wellsboro) at 12:00pm with a light lunch to follow. **Please join us - all are welcome!**

March 6th – St. Peter's Church March 13th – Vineyard Church March 20th – First Baptist Church



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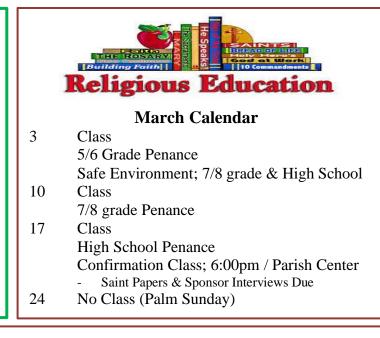


Month of St. Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of the Lord.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, of workers and of the universal Church.

St. Joseph, pray for us!



FOOT WASHERS NEEDED

According to the Gospel, Jesus performed a final act of service for his Disciples, following the Passover meal. Arising from the table, Jesus tied a towel about his waist, filled a basin with water, and one after another he washed the feet of each disciple. When he finished, he said to them, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do".

In the Church, the foot washing ceremony is an important call for all people that they too should be willing to serve others. Following the homily at the Holy Thursday Mass, members of the congregation sit and have their feet washed by the priest, who plays the role of Christ. One by one, the priest will wash the participant's feet with a basin and a towel. It is a reminder that we are of the Body of Christ and as such, and as his followers, we too are called to serve others in a spirit of humility. And we are to do so, even if we do not feel the desire to do so. As Christians, this is our duty.

Twelve volunteers are needed to have their foot washed at the Holy Thursday Mass. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church for those who would like to participate.





Join us in praying for our priests and seminarians Holy Thursday, March 28th!

1. Assemble a group to visit the Altar of Repose in as many churches as you can

2. Look for the "Add Yours" sticker on @Scrantonvoc stories Thursday night

3. Share photos using the sticker & tell us which priests and/or seminarians you're

Volunteer Opportunity – Collection Counters Needed

Each Sunday, volunteers count the offerings collected during the weekend Masses and prepare the funds for deposit. There are four teams of counters, and each team serves once every four weeks. We are looking for parishioners to join a counting team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office at 570/724-3371.



SUPER BINGO! Sunday, March 3rd

Knoxville Community Center \$30.00

Doors open at 10:30am Bingo starts at 12:00 noon

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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, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Shannon Slaton, 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, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Moore, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa; SSJ, Bill Cizek, Carter Benjamin, Stephen Farrell, Elexxa Germino



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.