

St. Peter's Church



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord March 31, 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 available at St. Peter's for grades K – 12. Classes are held in the Parish Center immediately following Sunday Mass, from 9:30am until 10:40am, from September through May. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789. 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–2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Jen Minnich – stpred@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-12:10pm;
Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm; or by appointment

Easter Sunday Blessing

May the celebration of resurrected life
bring new hope to your being.

May the victory over earthly death turn
your eyes to the promises of heaven.

May the empty tomb help you leave your
sorrows at the foot of the cross.

So that God's hope, promises and
forgiveness reign in your life
forever. 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 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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 4/1	No Mass	No Daily Mass Father Jacek will be away
Tuesday 4/2	No Mass	
Wednesday 4/3	No Mass	
Thursday 4/4	No Mass	
Friday 4/5	12:10pm	In Memory of Harriet Josten (Family)
Saturday 4/6	5:00pm <small>Mass is livestreamed</small>	Living and Deceased Members of the Lipinski Family (Robert Tobaygo, Jr.)
Sunday 4/7	8:30am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

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

Sunday, March 31st

No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, April 2nd

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, April 3rd

Dinner Committee Meeting – 10:00am; Parish Center
 Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Sunday, April 7th

Religious Education Classes
 Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00pm-4:00pm; Church
 Super Bingo – 12:00pm; Knoxville Community Center
 Confirmation Class – 6:00pm; Parish Center

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for March 24, 2024: \$4,902.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$1,198.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$9,275.72

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. In 2000, St. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, to ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, he established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Through a plenary indulgence, all temporal punishment due to sin is removed.

To receive this indulgence, the following criteria must be met:

- The faithful must be in a state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.
- The faithful must have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.
- Make a sacramental Confession.
- Receive Holy Communion
- In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (such as, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")



On **Sunday, April 7th**, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday from 3:00pm-4:00pm in the church with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, confessions, and Benediction.

All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate in this special devotion.

Samaritan House Special Collection

There will be a special collection taken during both weekend Masses on **April 13 & 14** to benefit Samaritan House, which offers residence to people in the last stages of life. Care and comfort are provided by volunteers in cooperation with Hospice, and Samaritan House charges no fees. They are supported 100% by donations and fund-raising efforts.



**Knights of
Columbus**

Knights of Columbus Raffle Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are raffling off a **Pit Boss 1150 Gen.2 pellet grill/smoker valued at \$699!** We will be selling tickets for \$10 each outside of the church, starting April 6th & 7th after Mass. Drawing will be held on May 20th and set-up/delivery will be provided. Proceeds benefit spring landscaping at St. Peter's Church. Only 200 tickets will be sold so get yours early! You can also see one of the Knights for tickets.

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.

St. Peter's Sacramental Information

*“Let us keep the flame of faith alive through prayer and the sacraments:
let us make sure we do not forget God.” - Pope Francis*



Baptism

For infants/children: Parents requesting Baptism for their child should make an appointment with the Pastor to begin the process.

For adults: The parish welcomes new members to the Church through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Contact the parish office for more information.



Confirmation

Confirmation is administered each spring to 8th grade students in our Parish Religious Education program. Children waiting to receive Confirmation must be enrolled and participating in the CCD program for two consecutive years before they are eligible to receive the sacrament.



Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before weekday Mass at 11:45am and on Saturday at 4:30pm in the church. Confession can also be scheduled by appointment by calling the parish office.



Catholic Marriage

In order to complete the necessary paperwork, couples are asked to contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date to begin the process by setting up an appointment with the pastor. The marriage cannot be scheduled until all necessary paperwork is completed.



Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the parish office if you or a loved one has become sick or hospitalized to make arrangements for a visit. Please note; because of government regulations regarding privacy, hospitals cannot release information without a patient's consent.

Qualifications for Godparents of Baptism and Confirmation Sponsors

In order for a person to be a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, Canon Law (Church Law) identifies several qualifications for that person:

1. Must be registered with a Catholic parish, attend Mass weekly, and receive the sacraments. Please note the pastor is not allowed to provide a sponsor card for persons who are not registered with the parish. Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their own responsibility to attend church and to register as a member independent of their parents.
2. Cannot be the father or mother of the one being baptized or confirmed.
3. Must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
4. If married, the marriage must be recognized as valid by the Catholic Church; couples who are not married may not be living together.
5. Those Catholics who have joined another religion may not act as a Godparent or Christian witness.
6. For Baptism, two sponsors are suggested, one of each gender, however only one sponsor is required. For Confirmation, only one sponsor is needed.



Religious Education

April Calendar

- April 7 – Class
Confirmation Class 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- April 14 - Class
- April 20 - Retreat for 2nd year Confirmation students at 11:00am. Retreat will conclude with 5:00pm Mass
- April 21 - Class
No class for 2nd year Confirmation students
- April 25 - First Holy Communion Practice, Prayer Service and Penance at 6:30pm in the church
- April 27 - First Holy Communion celebrated at the 5:00pm Mass
- April 28 - Class

RCIC – Right of Christian Initiation for Children

Are you new to the Catholic Church and would like your children to receive the Sacraments? Or has your family been away from the Church, you would like to come back and your children have not received all of their sacraments? RCIC initiates children of catechetical age into the Catholic Church and prepares them to receive the sacraments. The program is intended for children beyond 2nd grade who were not baptized as infants, or who are baptized and have not received formal religious education. For more information, call the parish office at 570/724-3371.



SUPER BINGO!

Sunday, April 7th

Knoxville Community Center
\$30.00

Doors Open at 10:30am
Bingo starts at 12:00pm

* New Grave Site Rates * for St. Peter's Cemetery Effective May 1, 2024

On the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee at their meeting on March 13th, and due to inflation, Father Jacek approved the following price increase:

Full Size Grave

Current price – \$275

New price as of May 1st - \$500

This new rate remains competitive for our area. In comparison, the price for a full size grave at the Wellsboro Cemetery is \$1000.

The current rate of \$275 will be honored through April 30, 2024.



Spring Cemetery Clean-Up Day

Spring cleaning at St. Peter's Cemetery on Pearl Street will take place Saturday, April 13th at 9:00am. **We can use all the help we can get to beautify these sacred grounds.** A sign-up sheet is located on the table at the back of the church. Volunteers should meet at the cemetery and bring your rakes, shovels, and gloves.

Please note:

All winter decorations should be removed from the cemetery prior to clean-up day on the 13th. Please do not dispose of the decorations on cemetery grounds; we ask that you instead take them with you to discard elsewhere.



The Journey Continues!

Beginning April 3rd, the third installment in the *ChristLife* series, "Sharing Christ", begins at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Attendees are requested to arrive 5-10 minutes early, as we will start on time.


Please note that next fall, beginning October 2nd, we will begin the *ChristLife* series again with "Discovering Christ". Course alumni and all interested parties are encouraged to come and see and bring a friend. For further information, please contact Norb Josten at norb.josten@gmail.com.

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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 Antoniow, 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.

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 the individual themselves or an immediate family member.** This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.