

St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm
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Parish Staff

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Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:30-4:45pm or by appointment



First Sunday of Lent ~ March 6, 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 – 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 _____

THE QUESTION FOR THE
BEGINNING OF LENT:

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when I arrive at the

RENEWAL of my

BAPTISMAL PROMISES at
EASTER?

Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184
Knights of Columbus – George Gamble 570-724-5216
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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 3/7	12:10pm	In Memory of Paul Urner (Anna Bogaczyk)
Tuesday 3/8	7:30am	In Memory of David & Jerome Singer (Sister)
Wednesday 3/9	7:30am Note Change to Mass Time	In Memory of Walter & Marie Tobaygo (Robert Tobaygo, Jr.)
Thursday 3/10	No Mass	
Friday 3/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Chua Pue Tin (Dy Family)
Saturday 3/12	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 3/13	8:30am	In Memory of Natori Zaums (Norb & Nona Josten)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of Luiz Ang (Pat Gorda)

Parish News and Activities

UPDATED 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.

POLISH DINNER REPORT

Income: Dinner Sales	\$2,496.00
Donations	<u>165.25</u>
Total Income:	\$2,661.25
Total Expenses:	<u>\$1,888.71</u>
Profit:	<u>\$ 772.54</u>

The money raised will be used to support the activities of the parish. Thank you to all who contributed to this successful fundraising dinner!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Mar. 6th– Religious Education Classes, 9:30am
 Confirmation Class, 6:00pm

Monday, Mar. 7th – The Light is On for You, 5:00-6:30pm

Tuesday, Mar. 8th – Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am
 Staff Meeting, 9:00am

Sunday, Mar. 13th– Religious Education Classes, 9:30am

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 27, 2022: \$5,621.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference:(\$ 479.00)
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$ 127.59)


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

2022 Mass Intentions Notice

At this time we have filled all of our available Mass intentions for 2022 and are no longer able to accept any new requests. Sanctuary candles are still available for many dates. Please call the rectory to reserve a candle. We are able to send Mass intentions to Villa Saint Joseph in Dunmore. The retired priests of the Diocese of Scranton will then celebrate the Mass for the intention. Please call the office for more information on this option.

St. Peter’s Music Ministry News

You may have noticed a new face playing the piano or organ at Mass in the past couple of months. Gary Citro is a retired music teacher who recently moved to Wellsboro with his family. We welcome Gary to St. Peter’s and the music ministry.



“Let us ask ourselves what type of words we use. Words that express care, respect, understanding, closeness, compassion, or do we pollute the world by spreading venom: criticizing, complaining, feeding widespread aggression?”
 Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ First Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Today's First Reading is taken from the part of the Book of Deuteronomy known as the Deuteronomy Law Code. The code covers a wide range of topics from food regulations, tithing, rules for kings, priests, and prophets, to penalties for infractions against others and rules for marriage, divorce, and adultery. This section focuses on the on the firstfruits offered to the Lord that were given in gratitude for the good that God poured into their lives daily. After handing the basket of firstfruits to the priest in charge, the Law Code prescribed that the people make a declaration in God's presence of their journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom. Moses speaks to the people and tells them of the deep memory they are to retain. The wandering in the desert does not erase memory; it burns it into each heart the truth that God hears our cry and responds with abundance. Our job is to return those gifts generously. The firstfruits are evidence that they have indeed arrived and now dwell in the promise land.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 91

The Responsorial Psalm contains the saying that Satan would quote when he was tempting Jesus in the desert: "For to his angels he has given you a command about you, that they guard you in all of your ways. Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone." The irony of Satan quoting this saying is that it is contained in a psalm that professes a radical trust in God. The psalmist speaks of God being his refuge and his fortress. Satan uses the saying to try and tempt Jesus away from trusting God; to get Jesus to create a situation where he forces God to rescue him. This would not be an act of trust, but a form of manipulation, which one does not do if one truly trusts and loves another.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8-13

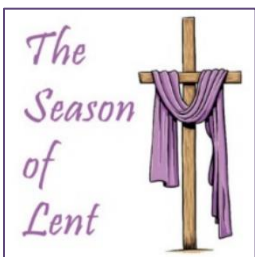
Today's Second Reading discusses the nature of righteousness that comes from faith. Following Jesus requires the same assent of heart and mind that was asked of Israel in the original covenant. Paul argues the need to both "believe" and "confess" in order to be saved. It is not enough to assent in our hearts to the mysteries of Christ; we must also be willing to proclaim those truths. And proclamation is not just a rote recitation of facts, it is a declaration that we have committed our lives to those truths, that we will live them with integrity, that we will not be satisfied with lip service and would even give our lives for them. Belief in Christ, Paul tells us, is transformative. It not only eliminates the distinctions between "Jew and Greek," but also changes us from mere speakers to committed doers of God's Word. When what we speak with our lips and believe in our hearts turns into concrete action on behalf of others for the sake of Christ, then our salvation is manifest.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The Gospel for today depicts Jesus having his own desert experience. The forty days in the wilderness is intended as a reminder of the forty-year sojourn of the Israelites in the Exodus. The temptations mark a moment when Jesus can purify the intentions for his public ministry. He is not going out into the world to gain fame or power. He is preaching and healing in order to obey the will of the Father. The story of the temptations of Jesus is a pointed reminder of the mystery of the Incarnation. Like us, Jesus was human. Like us, he could be tempted to indulge his appetites, find satisfaction in the material, act in grandiose ways, and abuse power. All of these Jesus resisted. He has nothing to prove. Jesus has placed himself entirely in God's hands. Luke presents a real man engaged in genuine struggle with a real adversary. His unwillingness to be seduced thwarts Satan. How might this example be translated into our own human lives?



ABOUT THIS SUNDAY



The First Sunday of Lent is always the account of the temptation of Jesus from one of the Gospel accounts. The forty days of Lent correspond to Jesus' own forty days spent in the desert. For him, it was a period of preparation for his coming mission. At the end of the forty days Jesus had three encounters with the Evil One where Jesus was tempted to compromise his mission during his public life. The world, the Kingdom that Jesus came to build, has a different set of values altogether, and it is those values we will be considering all during Lent. Many Christians are chasing the idols of wealth, status, and power, but in fact, these are non-Christian, even anti-Christian, ambitions. They are not the way of Jesus or the way of the Kingdom, and not the way to a fully human, fully satisfying life for anyone. Lent is a time of reflection reevaluation of the quality and direction of our lives. It's a time for reconsidering our priorities, to re-affirm our conviction of the equal dignity of every single human person. For us, too, the battle against evil never stops. The selfishness, the greed, the anger and hostility, the jealousy and resentment, above all the desire to have rather than to share, to control rather than to serve, will continually dog us. That is why we need this purifying period of Lent every year. Let it be a second spring in our lives. Let it mean something in our discipleship with Christ.

FR. JOE MOSLEY (AND SPECIAL GUEST DIANE MOSLEY!) ARE READY FOR THEIR KITCHEN RUMBLE!
YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER, HELP ST. PETER/ST. THOMAS PARISHES RAISE FUNDS,
AND HELP OUR 'PASTOR CHEF' WIN A TALL HAT- WITH AS LITTLE AS ONE VOTE!



Who likes pierogi?

In conjunction with the diocesan *Rectory, Set, Cook* Fundraiser, Fr. Mosley will be raffling off a batch of his homemade pierogi for any parishioner who votes on his cooking video. Voting is done online through the *Rectory, Set, Cook* Fundraising page. For every vote you purchase, your name will be entered into a drawing for Fr. Mosley to make you your own batch of potato pierogi. As long as you do not vote anonymously, your name will be given to Fr. Mosley to enter you into the pierogi sweepstakes. A name will be drawn at the conclusion of the *Rectory, Set, Cook* Fundraiser. All funds will be split between Catholic Social Services' anti-hunger efforts **and** our parish community.

The direct link to Fr. Mosley's personal page is [our campaign \(mobilecause.com\)](https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PASTORCHEF/team/SaintPeterParishWellsboro) or <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PASTORCHEF/team/SaintPeterParishWellsboro>.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have met our goal!

St. Peter's Annual Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 46,000 ~ Current Pledged Amount: \$ 46,941

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal. If you have not yet given your support, please: Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250, to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at www.DiocesefofScranton.org. *The dioceses is offering a new donor initiative which provides a refund to parishes for reaching new donor goals. An increase of 10% in new donors results in a \$2000 refund to the parish. An increase of 5% in new donors offers a \$1000 refund to the parish. St. Peter's needs 31 new donors to meet the 5% increase and 49 new donors to meet the 10% increase. Any donation amount qualifies.*

Heart of Tioga Fundraiser

Heart of Tioga, our local pregnancy and parenting support center, will be taking part in the Raise the Region non-profit fundraising campaign. This will be a 30 hour online fundraiser to help Heart of Tioga continue their ministry in pregnancy and parenting support. To donate, please visit raisetheregion.org from **6 p.m. on March 9th until 11:59 p.m. on March 10th**. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Heart of Tioga at heartoftioga@gmail.com or by calling **570-439-2514**.

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Young Adult Retreat

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are sponsoring a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) on Friday, March 25. This 24-hour retreat is titled "Signposts: How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life." The retreat will consist of interactive sessions led by Father Patrick Rogers, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Center at the University of Scranton, small group discussion, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, Mass, and time to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese. Registration fee is \$20.00. To register or for more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

Everyone is invited to take and share the Diocese of Scranton's online survey for the Synod on Synodality

By calling for the 2023 Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting the Church to gather and to listen to each and every Catholic to find the Church's path forward at this time in our history. This is a moment for the voice of God's people to be heard to give voice to the direction of the Church.

Pope Francis is providing the opportunity for this ancient and tested model to find relevance in light of today's challenges and opportunities. The Holy Father seeks to hear every voice.

Prayerfully consider participating either in your parish's in-person consultation session or through the Diocese of Scranton's online survey.

To participate in the survey, go to the Diocese's website <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality/>



Lent
PRAY. FAST. SERVE.

Lenten Reminders

Days of Fast and Abstinence – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. All 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, which means no meat may be eaten. **Note:** This year, the Feast of the Annunciation falls on Friday, March 25, 2022. Because it is considered a solemnity by the church, the law of abstinence from meat and meat products does not apply specifically on Friday, March 25th, this year (per Canon 1251.)

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.

LENTEN MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Lenten materials for your personal prayer and spiritual enrichment, have been placed on the handout table at the back of the church. Please feel free to take some for you and your family to use during this Lenten season.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU



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. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is helping to make this experience possible by arranging for a Lenten initiative called *The Light Is On for You*. **Every Monday evening during Lent**, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their lights on for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy and healing. **Due to Fr. Mosley's responsibility for St. Thomas Parish, the schedule for St. Peter's will be March 7th and 21st, and April 4th from 5:00-6:30pm.**

Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. **"The Light Is On for You!"**

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

The Wellsboro Ministerium will be offering Wednesday Lenten Services. All services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church from 12:00- 12:30pm, with a light lunch to follow. This year's theme is *People Who Witnessed the Cross*.

The schedule for the church who will host the luncheon and lead the prayer service is as follows: March 9th – St. Paul's Episcopal Church; March 16th – Vineyard/Living Word; March 23rd – First Baptist Church; March 30th – United Methodist Church; April 6th – St. Peter's Catholic Church.

All are welcome to attend!

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

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| . Fast from hurting words | ...and say kind words. |
| . Fast from sadness | ...and be filled with gratitude. |
| . Fast from anger | ...and be filled with patience. |
| . Fast from pessimism | ...and be filled with hope. |
| . Fast from worries | ...and have trust in God. |
| . Fast from complaints | ...and contemplate simplicity. |
| . Fast from pressures | ...and be prayerful. |
| . Fast from bitterness | ...and fill your hearts with joy. |
| . Fast from selfishness | ...and be compassionate to others. |
| . Fast from grudges | ...and be reconciled. |
| . Fast from words | ...and be silent so you can listen. |



VISION 2030

*Creating Parish Communities Rooted
in the Life of Jesus Christ*

There are numerous ways to invite participation in Parish Life including:

- ◆ Nurturing a more welcoming, hospitable environment
- ◆ Cultivating a sense of belonging throughout the parish family to encourage more active participation
- ◆ Clergy and lay leadership in the parish should make an intentional effort to be present not only in the parish itself but also the community itself. Meet potential parishioners where they are if they are not already attending Masses.
- ◆ Encourage everyone to give of their time, talent and treasure
- ◆ In a digital world, make sure your parish website is constantly updated and utilize new and emerging forms of social media to reach parishioners, evangelize, catechize and inform. If a parish places little or no emphasis on its digital footprint, they are not actively working to meet parishioners where they are and invite participation in parish life.

2. Supporting and Inviting Youth & Young Families to Make the Church their Second Home

The clergy and lay faithful should aspire to give special attention to our youth and young families, enabling them to meet the unique challenges of our modern world.

There are numerous ways to support and invite youth and young families including:

- ◆ Promoting and encouraging each young person to have a personal relationship with Jesus. This can be done in many ways through the guiding principles of Word, Worship, Community and Service. Some examples include: strengthening Eucharistic Adoration opportunities or other parish prayer opportunities geared to young adults at times that are convenient, holding faith formation opportunities for single young adults, performing parish service projects in conjunction with area non-profits and simply asking young men and women to take part in parish life activities.
- ◆ Promoting strong marriages and healthy families with the goal of making each household in the parish a vibrant domestic church
- ◆ Inviting young adults to have a voice in parish ministries, for example, personally inviting young married couples to share their witness to those couples who are newly engaged
- ◆ Simply taking the time to make youth and young families feel welcome. Take time to notice the single young adults when they attend Mass. At the end of Mass, include them in conversations and activities.

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

James Walker

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.