

St. Peter's Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023

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–1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Melissa Mann – 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

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 – 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!

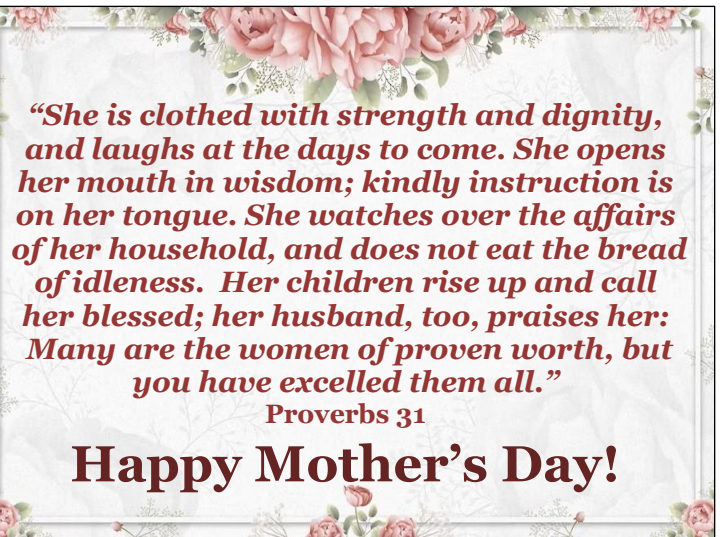
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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 5/15	No Mass	
Tuesday 5/16	12:10pm	In Honor of Richard Black (Kate Black)
Wednesday 5/17	12:10pm 6:00pm	In Memory of Clark Hewitt (Sue Singer) In Memory of Martha Hopkins (Mickey Romania)
Thursday 5/18	12:10pm	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Friday 5/19	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary Campbell (The Rizzo, Pirson, & Cannizzaro Families)
Saturday 5/20	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Special Intention (Dennis & Linda Stager)
Sunday 5/21	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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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

Happening This Week

Tuesday, May 16th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, May 17th

Staff Meeting - 10:00am; Rectory

Thursday, May 18th

Rectory Closed

Friday, May 19th

Confirmation Practice - 6:30pm; Church

Saturday, May 20th

Marian Ministry Woman's Brunch - 11:00am;
 Parish Center

Sunday, May 21st

Confirmation - 8:30am Mass
 Bingo - Knoxville Community Ctr; 12:00pm (Doors open at 10:30am)

Rectory Hours this Week

The rectory will be closed
 on Thursday, May 18th
 for the Ascension of the Lord.

Stewardship

Stewardship numbers for May 7th
 will be in next week's bulletin.

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to Samaria to preach the Gospel. We recall that Samaritans were met with disdain by the Jews as a mixed race of Israelite descendants and foreigners living in the region. The people received Philip's proclamation, saw the signs performed by God through him, accepted the Word of God and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. The subsequent visit by Peter and John results in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 66

The Samaritans who received the Good News through Philip did so with great joy. Our proclamation of this psalm echoes their praise, as we shout and sing this hymn of praise to God. We recall God's wondrous deeds in delivering his people out of slavery to new life in the promised land. With the psalmist we declare what has been done for us. Through Christ's Resurrection we pass through slavery to sin and death to new life.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

This passage offers a profound and succinct instruction for disciples. With our hearts set on Christ, we must be ready to witness to our hope in him, with gentleness and reverence. Disciples must be aware that we may be maligned for our belief and Christian actions. It is better to suffer for doing good rather than for doing evil. In doing so we imitate Christ, who though sinless, suffered in order to lead humanity to God.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

We are presented with two key, interrelated thoughts: disciples who love Jesus will keep his commandments. Observation of the teachings of Jesus is the sign of love for him, and those who love Christ will be loved by the Father. Christ will reveal himself to those who love him. Secondly, Jesus will remain with the disciples through the Advocate, the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot see, but who remains with and within the disciples.



Quo Vadis Days 2023

High school men are invited to join the Diocesan Vocations Office for our annual Quo Vadis Days, June 26th – 28th at Marywood University.

Quo Vadis is a 3-day summer camp for high school men that is designed to teach them about vocations and enrich their faith through prayer, fellowship, speakers, and activities. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with other faithful young men in the Diocese through games, sports, music, and small group discussion. The event also includes a visit from Bishop Bambera and the seminarians of the Diocese of Scranton. The cost is \$25.

Those interested need to have a letter from their pastor in order to participate. For more information, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570/207-1452.

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.



The month of May is dedicated to our Mother, Mary. Spend time with her in prayer.



Church Activities
Sign-Up Table

A table has been permanently placed at the back of the church, next to the confessionals, where sign-up sheets for parish events and activities will be located.



Bishop Neumann High School
Williamsport, PA

Class of 1973
50th Class Reunion

Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 2:00pm

Text current email address to:
Patti Eck Morone - 570.971.4294
or
Marilyn Engle Smith - 570.971.9546.

See you there!



Catholic Women's Conference – "With the Holy Spirit"
Saturday, June 10, 2023

This year, the Catholic Women's Conference will explore the mystery and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives and how, if we listen, we will hear and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and be transformed into who he meant us to be.

The cost to attend the conference is \$55. Student tickets are \$20, and women religious are welcome free of charge.

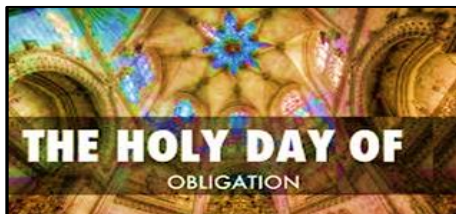
For more information and to register, visit the Diocese of Scranton website at dioceseofscranton.org.

Woman's Brunch

All women of St. Peter's, St. Thomas', St. Catherine's, and Holy Child parishes are invited to a **Woman's Brunch on Saturday, May 20th from 11am-1pm at St. Peter's Parish Center**. Our own Theresa Delmotte will speak About "Living God's Will in the Everyday." There will be music, door prizes, and a fabulous brunch cooked and served by the men of our parishes, *Guy's on Fire*.



Several parish ministries will be represented; Samaritan House, Prison Ministry, Holy Child Health Ministry, and ChristLife. Come away for a while and enjoy a morning of refreshment to lift your spirits and renew your faith. Sign up using the registration sheets posted on the sign up table at the back of the church or contact Laurie Coffee at 570/549-2210 or laurie.coffee@gamil.com.



The Ascension of the Lord - Mass Times

Wednesday, May 17th - 6:00pm (Vigil Mass) at St. Peter's
Thursday, May 18th - 12:10pm at St. Peter's
Thursday, May 18th - 6:00pm at St. Thomas

Memorial Day Mass and Blessing of Graves
Monday, May 29th

Mass: 10:00am at St. Peter's
Blessing at St. Peter's Cemetery (Pearl Street) – 10:45am
Blessing at Antrim Cemetery – 11:30am





Parish Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who participated by having their picture taken for the parish directory.

As a final step to completing this project and in an effort to make this directory as up to date as possible, a listing of all parishioners with their current contact information (name, address, and phone number) will be included in the directory.

We need your consent to publish your contact information. **Registered parishioners will receive a phone call from a member of the Parish Council to obtain permission to print your contact information in the directory.** Parishioners can also call the rectory at 570/724-3371 or contact Melissa at stpreled@ptd.net by *Friday, May 19th* to either confirm that you would like your contact information included or to request to opt out. If we are unable to reach you and do not receive consent your information will not be published in the directory.

For questions, contact Melissa at 570/724-9789.

Our Lady of Fatima

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13.



Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.



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"In this month of May, let us pray the Rosary, asking the Blessed Virgin for the gift of peace, especially for beleaguered Ukraine. May the leaders of nations listen to the desire of the suffering people who want peace!" - Pope Francis

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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, 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.
Floyd B. Snyder
Loretta Nonnenmacher

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.