

St. Peter's Church



5th Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2022

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 Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789
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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm
 Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Mosley – joseph.mosley81@gmail.com
 Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
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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, 4:15-4:45pm 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 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

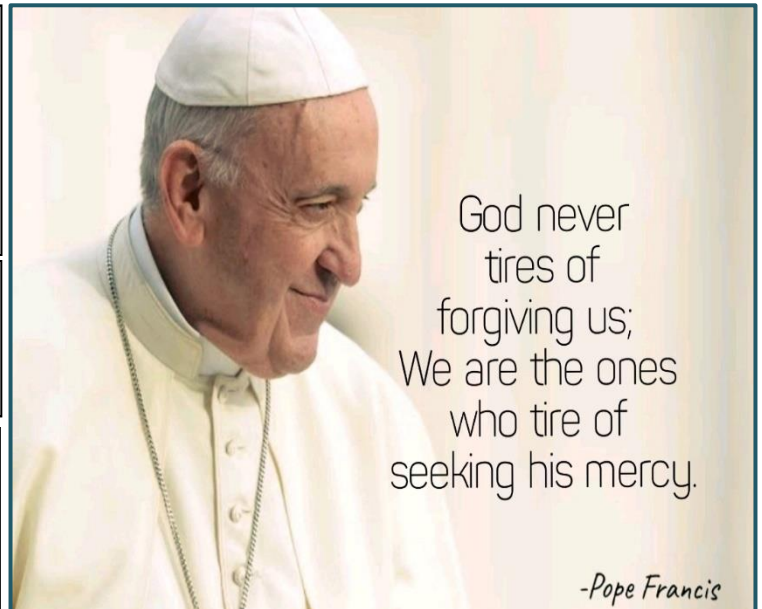
Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 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 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 _____



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 5/16	12:10pm 5:00pm (Confirmation)	Living & Deceased Members of the Ostapowicz Family (Ostapowicz Family) Confirmation Students & Families
Tuesday 5/17	7:30am	In Memory of Jim & Holly Josten (Josten Family)
Wednesday 5/18	12:10pm	Living & Deceased Members of Leo Prechtl Family (Jean Dragovich)
Thursday 5/19	No Mass	
Friday 5/20	12:10pm	In Memory of Joan Sampson (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Saturday 5/21	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Paul Mays (Jackson Family)
Sunday 5/22	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of Ukrainian Family of Anna Alessi (Marie Egli)

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 May 8, 2022: \$6,832.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$ 732.00
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$ 192.25
We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tuesday, May 17th – Women's Bible Study, 9:00am
 Worship Committee Meeting, 6:15pm
Wednesday, May 18th – Italian Dinner Wrap Up Mtg, 10:00am
Saturday, May 21st – Women's Brunch, 11:00am

ITALIAN DINNER FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:
 Dinner, Basket, & Bake Sale \$1,583.00
 Donations 38.00
 Total Income \$1,621.00
Expense:
 Food Supplies \$ 656.81
 Total Expense \$ 656.81
 Net Income \$ 946.18
 \$946.18 was earned to support the parish ministries and activities.

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note, there will be no Mass on Friday, May 27th, as Fr. Mosley will be away that day.

The Social Concerns Committee thanks all who very generously donated items for the Mother's Day collection.

Heart of Tioga Pregnancy Center and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital will use the baby items for mothers and babies who may need items as they welcome their newborn!



Liturgical Reflection ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

Today's First Reading tells of Paul and Barnabas as they worked to spread the word of God, while enduring hardships along the way. Paul and Barnabas remained undeterred by the hostility that they have faced, and continue to preach the message of Christ throughout the region and were able to secure many followers for Christ. They have visited Lystra before and Paul left it barely alive: his healing of a cripple was used by enemies to persuade the people to stone him (Acts 14:8-20). Now he's back; not for revenge but to ensure his recent converts are growing and thriving. Very few of us will ever be arrested for being Christians, but we will all have a price to pay if we truly give witness to our faith in word and deed. Paul and Barnabas attribute all the credit to the Grace of God as he was the one who "had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." God has opened that door for us, as well.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145

*I will praise
Your Name forever
my King and my God!*

The Responsorial Psalm is a hymn of praise and speaks to God's kingdom. God's kingdom is not a particular place or time, but exists wherever God's law is obeyed and his love revealed. God does not reign through terror and rage, but by conquering our hearts with his love. He is the king of our hearts. This is a message that all should hear until the very end of time, for God's dominion endures through all generations.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5

The vision of a "new heaven and a new earth" comprises the final scene of the Book of Revelation. John's visions culminate with a vision of the "new Jerusalem." From out of heaven he sees a new reality descending; it is the new and glorious Jerusalem, the eternal city of everlasting peace that looks like a bride perfumed and adorned for her groom. The "voice" announces the startling reality that God is not aloof and distant, but a neighbor who lives with us. God will not be capricious and turn from us like one might abandon another. God's love for us and our love for God will be perfected in the world to come. We will be one with God and one with each other. The voice from heaven cries out with words of assurance, "Behold, I make all things new again." The Lord promises to be with his people.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-33, 34-35

Today's Gospel reading precedes and introduces Jesus' final discourse with his disciples (John 14-17). Two main points are the focus of this reading: first, Jesus announces his departure ("I will be with you only a little while longer") and second, Jesus speaks of providing his disciples with a "new commandment." Jesus reminds his followers that they need not fear or despair. This is his path to glory. He knows his time with them is short and gives them a commandment that is old and yet he describes it as new; love one another. This commandment is transformed in Jesus, who demonstrates a new, expansive, unreasonable, and unending love that must be modeled. Jesus will instruct his disciples very soon in his final discourse that "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). We will follow the pattern Christ gave us and enable the world to recognize Christ in us. This Gospel reminds us of our ultimate destiny: to share in the glory of God in heaven.

SO NOW I AM GIVING YOU
A NEW COMMANDMENT:
LOVE EACH OTHER.
JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,
YOU SHOULD LOVE EACH OTHER.
YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER
WILL PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT
YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

2022 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 29, 2022. To register, please go to www.dioceseofscranton.org or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or jflores@dioceseofscranton.org).



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



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If you or someone you know would like to attend the conference but can't afford the price of the ticket, call Cecilia Carr at 570-430-2735 or E-mail ccarr18414@yahoo.com to reserve a GOOD SAMARITAN TICKET.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE SAVE THE DATE

The 7th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 8th at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre from 8:00am to 3:00pm. More information will be published as the date gets closer.



JOIN US ON THE FAIRWAY!

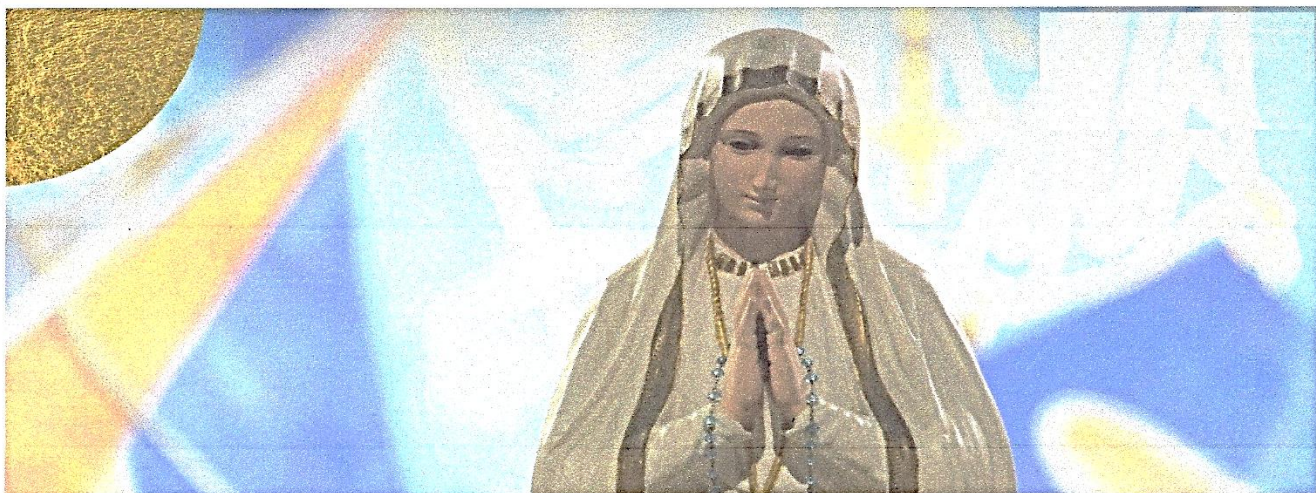
WHAT: Diocese of Scranton's 12th Vocations Golf Classic
WHEN: Monday June 27, 2022, with shotgun start at noon (Captain and Crew)

WHERE: Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, 260 Country Club Drive, Mountain Top, PA

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved: (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.



Saint of the Week | St. Bernadine of Siena • 1380-1444 • Feast Day—May 20

This renowned Italian preacher was canonized only six years after he died. He was born near Siena and studied at the university there. He was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1404. From 1417 until his death 27 years later, he crisscrossed northern and central Italy as an itinerant preacher who drew enormous crowds by focusing on honest and penitential living and on reverence for the holy name of Jesus which led to the spread of this devotion. He also preached against gambling and materialism and turned down three requests to become a bishop.



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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.