

# St. Peter's Church



## Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

### 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<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>) 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](http://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](mailto:stpch@ptd.net)  
Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – [stpadm@ptd.net](mailto:stpadm@ptd.net)  
Religious Education: Melissa Mann – [stpreled@ptd.net](mailto: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

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming near its end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Holy Spirit

### 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 5/22	No Mass	
Tuesday 5/23	12:10pm	In Memory of Dorothy Ellison (B.J. Butler & Family)
Wednesday 5/24	12:10pm	Living & Deceased Members of Stan Dragovich Family (Jean Dragovich)
Thursday 5/25	12:10pm	Special Intention (Dennis & Linda Stager)
Friday 5/26	12:10pm	In Memory of Fairl & Laverne Singer (Sue Singer)
Saturday 5/27	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Descendants of the Joseph & Clara Patt Family (Family)
Sunday 5/28	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Floyd Snyder (Kent & Nancy Walker)

### 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

##### Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

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

##### Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

#### Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

#### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for May 7, 2023: \$5,350.00  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: -\$750.00  
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$3,038.91

Sunday Collection for May 14, 2023: \$6,753.00  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: \$653.00  
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$3,691.91

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

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-14

Following Jesus' Ascension, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem. They waited in prayer for the promised Advocate with others. The names of the eleven are important, and correspond to the list of the Apostles named by Luke in his account of the Gospel (minus Judas). The eleven are not alone in the upper room. The only one named beyond the eleven is Mary, the mother of Jesus. As she prepared for the birth of her son at the opening of Luke's Gospel, now she prayerfully prepares for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate as the birth of the Church.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27

As the apostles and others gathered in community to pray and anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit, so we are called to gather in community to praise and thank God. In the Lord's house, the physical dwelling of the Church and the spiritual dwelling of the Temple of God who we are, we gaze on the loveliness of the Lord, crying out, seeking the Lord in the land of the living.

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:13-16

The opening of this letter of St. Peter juxtaposes two words that seem to be opposite: rejoicing and suffering. Sharing in the suffering of Christ as a result of Christian living and action is to be a cause for joy. In doing so we can rely on the Spirit, who rests upon those who are blessed through such suffering. To be blessed is to be the recipient of God's freely-given kindness, even in the midst of suffering, insults, mourning, or persecution. This is not true of those who suffer because of evil and inappropriate actions. The consequences of these are just. We are not to be ashamed of suffering that results from Christianity, but rather glorify God because of the name of Christ.

### GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The final prayer of Jesus before his Passion focuses on his union with the Father, the disciples' union with the Father through him, and the true meaning of eternal life: knowing the only true God and the one whom he sent, Jesus Christ. He prays for all who belong to him – those who keep his words, accept them, understand their origin with the Father, and believe that Christ has been sent by those who are his own, who remain his beyond his Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The profound intimacy of Jesus with his Father radiates out to embrace all those the Father has given to him, including ourselves. His gift to us is eternal life, already begun here and now. This prayer is usually referred to as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, perhaps best understood as his priestly intercession before the Father for all of us.

Jesus' High  
Priestly Prayer

### 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](http://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 Holy Spirit is demanding, because He is a true, faithful friend, who hides nothing and suggests what we need to change and where we need to grow. But when He corrects us, He never instills distrust. Rather, He assures us that we can always succeed with God." - Pope Francis



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**  
to support our College Scholarship Fund  
Holy Child Hall, Mansfield

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
**9:00am – 11:30am**

Adults & Teens - \$7.00  
Youth ages 5-12 - \$5.50  
Children under 5 – Free

Join us for eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice and desserts!

**Quo Vadis Days 2023**

High school men are invited to join the Diocesan Vocations Office for our annual Quo Vadis Days, June 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570/207-1452.



**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 all parish events and activities will be located.



*With the Holy Spirit*

Catholic Women's Conference  
Marywood University  
Saturday, June 10, 2023



*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](http://dioceseofscranton.org).



***Jesus is Waiting for You!***

We, as Catholics, are truly blessed. We have with us the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. He is with us in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What makes us even more blessed is that we have the opportunity to visit Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration. In Eucharistic Adoration, we are not just thinking about God, we are with God!

Adoration takes place at St. Peter's Church each Tuesday from 1:00pm – 6:00pm with Benediction.

**Come Spend Time in the Presence of Jesus.**

**Memorial Day Mass and Blessing of Graves**  
**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

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



May is the month where we honor Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. Spend time with her in prayer.

*"Mary's life shows that God accomplishes great deeds through those who are the most humble." Pope Francis*

# Summer Youth Retreat Opportunities

The Diocese of Scranton is pleased to announce the following youth retreats available this summer:

**International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI)** - Registration for the summer ISLI Retreat is now open! ISLI will be held June 20-23 at Marywood University in Scranton and is open to current 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. During the weekend, students participate in activities that help them learn about positive communication, develop self-motivational skills, learn problem solving and decision making skills, practice leadership behavior and examine different leadership styles. The students also celebrate Mass together and participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

**Up and Over Middle School Retreat** – This retreat is a great opportunity for students in grades 6, 7 & 8 to meet new friends and grow in faith! It will be held June 2-3 at Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. This 24 hour retreat is centered around how students can use their God given talents in order to work together with others and overcome obstacles in their lives. The weekend involves fun group activities, Mass, free time, a movie, and an outdoor obstacle course! The registration fee is \$120 and includes all meals, lodging, a t-shirt, and other retreat materials.

Registration information for both retreats can be found on the Diocese website, at [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org).



**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENT  
LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE**

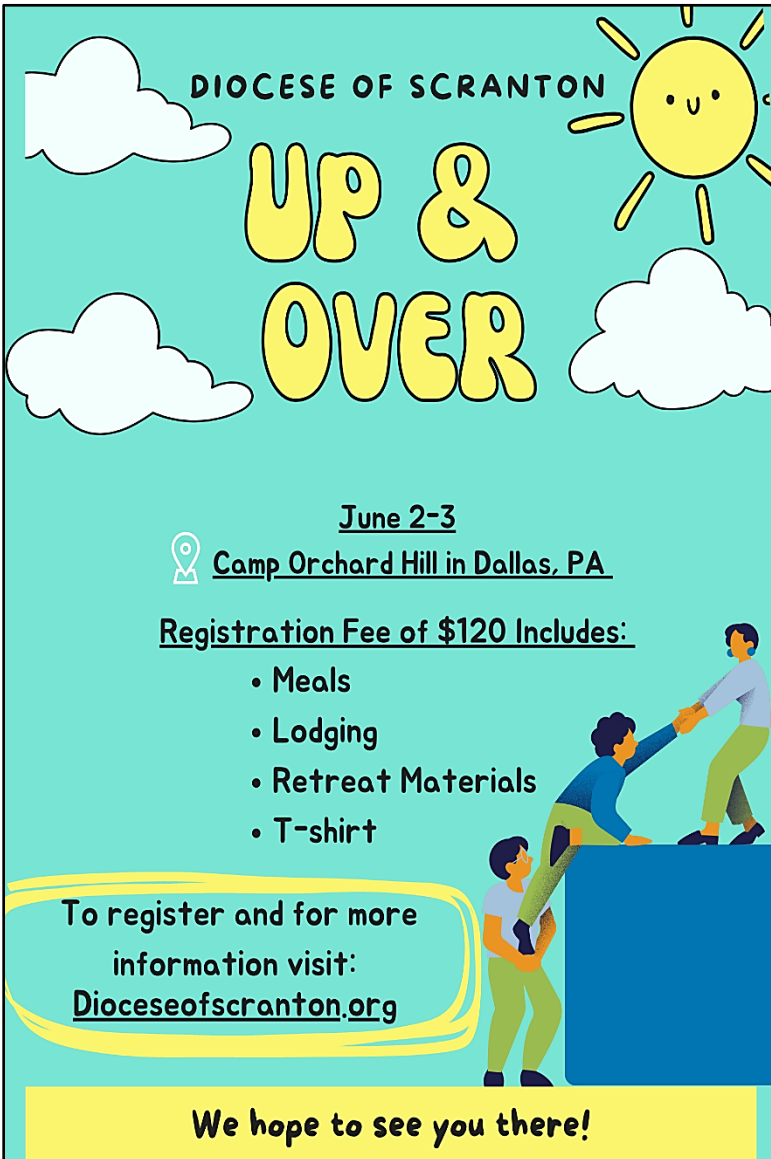
*A Peer-Facilitated Leadership Retreat for High School Students*

**JUNE 20-23, 2023**  
@ Marywood University, Scranton

For More Information:  
Further details and applications  
are available online at  
[Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org)

or call (570)207-2213  
x1155 for more info.

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**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON**

# UP & OVER

**June 2-3**  
**Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas, PA**

**Registration Fee of \$120 Includes:**

- Meals
- Lodging
- Retreat Materials
- T-shirt

To register and for more  
information visit:  
**[Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org)**

**We hope to see you there!**

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<p><i>Akiko's Floral Arts</i>            31 East Avenue          Wellsboro          (570) 724-1509  <b>"If Akiko's Not Your Florist, She Should Be"</b>          Shop24/7 at <a href="http://www.akikos.com">www.akikos.com</a>          Akiko, Clark &amp; Joe Hewitt</p>	<p><b>OVER 125 YEARS OF SERVICE</b>  <b>TUSSEY-MOSHER</b>          FUNERAL HOME, LTD.  <i>Calvin T. Mosher, Supervisor</i>          139 Main St. Wellsboro, PA 16901          (570) 724-4637   <a href="http://TusseyMosher.com">TusseyMosher.com</a></p>	<p><b>Call the rectory at 570/ 724-3371 for information</b></p>
<p>          25 Main Street          Wellsboro, PA 16901          570-723-4263  <a href="http://www.popscultureshoppe.com">www.popscultureshoppe.com</a>  <b>Games * Imagination * Fun</b>          Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam          Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p>  <b>Hunting~Fishing~Trapping~Trekking</b>          1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159  <a href="http://www.Nessmuks.com">www.Nessmuks.com</a>          A Family Owned Small Business  <b>Zack &amp; Tracy Buck</b></p>	<p><b>A Gift in Your Will</b>          We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:</p>
<p>          MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS          FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950          kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com          688 South Main Street          Mansfield, PA 16933          T 570.662.2277          F 570.662.1078          Kenneth Mitchell Owner</p>	<p>          Stephen F. Tokarz          • Artisan          • Craftsman          Specializing in Custom Wood Products          570-404-0693          Established in Tioga County, PA</p>	<p><i>"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."</i></p>

### 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.  
**Tom Patt**

*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.