

St. Peter's Church



Pentecost Sunday May 28, 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 _____

**Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart.
Come and teach me to pray,
teach me to look to the Father,
to look to the Son.
Teach me the path of faith.
Teach me how to love, and, above all,
teach me to have an attitude of hope.**

- Pope Francis



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 5/29	10:00am	In Memory of Ruth A. Carson (Christina Fleury)
Tuesday 5/30	No Mass	
Wednesday 5/31	No Mass	
Thursday 6/1	12:10pm	In Memory of William & Linda Demcher (Robert Tobaygo)
Friday 6/2	12:10pm	In Honor of the Children and Grandchildren of Tom & Linda Sampson
Saturday 6/3	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of John & Marion Cumiskey (Family)
Sunday 6/4	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Christine Plato (Family)

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

Monday, May 29th

Parish Office Closed

Blessing of Graves - 10:45am; St. Peter's Cemetery
 11:30am; Antrim Cemetery

Tuesday, May 30th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am

Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church

Saturday, June 3rd

Marian Consecration - 9:30am-11:00am; St. Mary's, Blossburg

Sunday, June 4th

Graduation Mass & Brunch - 8:30am; St. Peter's

Parish Office Hours

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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for May 21, 2023: \$6,513.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference: \$413.00

Year to Date Budget Variance \$4,104.91

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ Pentecost Sunday

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

Jesus had promised to send his Spirit, and that promise is fulfilled at Pentecost. The Spirit comes upon them like a great wind, and enables them to speak in tongues. When they go forth, they are able to address the people of all the world who have gathered for the festival in their own languages, underscoring the universality of the message they carry. The barrier between them and God's Word is removed. The Spirit now allows God's Word to penetrate deep into each human heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 104

As a response to the first reading, we place ourselves with the disciples on the day of Pentecost, praying for an outpouring of the same Spirit which was given to those gathered. Like them, we have been waiting, recalling God's mighty deeds from creation through salvation history, culminating in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. "Alleluia! Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!"



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Paul writes to the community about the disturbance that being caused by a disproportionate liturgical emphasis on speaking in tongues. The gifts are in everyone, but they are different. And these gifts have an intent; they are to be a source of service. God's Spirit takes possession of us, not for our own benefit, but for the benefit of all. The body has many parts, but must remain one. Each part of the Body of Christ is essential; all are drawn toward unity in Christ through the Spirit. This metaphor of Paul's is a powerful metaphor for the Church today.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

John's account of the appearance of Jesus has a strong point of emphasis; peace. Although they are fearful (and it appears doubting: he mentions that Jesus must show his hands and side) they are restored when they encounter him. The final verses of this passage are central to the theology of John. The gift of the Spirit is the source of the power to forgive sins. The image of the breath is evocative of the gift of the life given to humanity in Genesis 2:7. The Risen Lord has not only wished them peace, he has also shared the surest way to sustain it. The disciples are given the Holy Spirit and charged with continuation of Christ's life of mercy and forgiveness.

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

The Greek word for Pentecost (*pentekoste*) means "fiftieth", and in early Christianity it referred to the entire fifty days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (Shavu'ot), the fifty-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the



Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-11). During the celebration, the Spirit's sudden arrival surprised all who had gathered: the newly reconstituted "Twelve", that included Matthias (newly elected to replace Judas), and a group of disciples numbering over one hundred that included Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Ten days before, the Apostles bid a final farewell to Jesus and received their mandate to witness to him to "the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Now, his promise of "another advocate" (John 14:16) is fulfilled.

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 USSCB 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.

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



First Saturday Pilgrimages – St. Mary's Church, Blossburg

A carpool is available each First Saturday of the month for those who wish to attend these services. Mass begins at 9:30am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. The service concludes with Benediction at 11:00am. Those who wish to join the carpool meet at Whitneyville Fairgrounds at 9:00am. Contact Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180.

Women's Brunch Thank You

The Women's Brunch was a beautiful celebration of faith and friendship, with women from St. Peter's, St. Thomas', St. Catherine's, Holy Child, and St. Mary's parishes in attendance. A fabulous breakfast prepared by *Guys On Fire* and an inspiring presentation by Theresa Delmotte highlighted this special occasion. Guests enjoyed conversation, a "Women of the Bible" Trivia Game, door prizes, and making new friends.

Special thanks to *Guys on Fire*, (Norb Josten, Patrick Bialas, Mike Lauser,) and their helpers (Tom Sampson and Joe Coffee), the Marian Ministries team (Laurie Coffee, BJ Butler, Danette Kerestes, Caprice Evans, Theresa Delmotte, and Linda Sampson), Christina Simonis and Alexis Banik for the music and song, and all who participated in this memorable event.



33 Days to Merciful Love Consecration

The 33 Days to Merciful Love Consecration will take place next Saturday, June 3rd, at St. Mary's Church in Blossburg. Father Bryan will lead the group in the Consecration Prayer before the close of Benediction. (You do not need your books; I will have copies of the prayer for all participants.) A light social will follow in the parish hall. First Saturday Services (Mass, Confessions, Adoration) begin at 9:30am and conclude by 11:00am. The Consecration will take place just before 11:00am. All are welcome to share in this celebration of Divine Mercy.

Prayer of Consecration: Those who cannot attend the consecration should recite the Prayer(s) of Consecration on pages 134-136 of the book. It is recommended that this be done after attending Mass, if possible. Further instructions can be found on page 134.



Join us on the Fairway!

Diocese of Scranton Vocations Golf Classic - John Yourishen Memorial Tournament

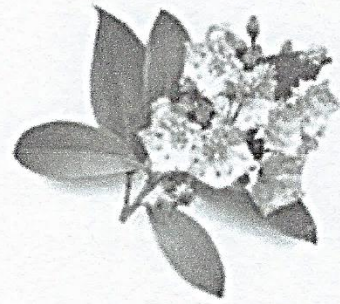
Monday, July 10, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top, PA.


Registration begins at 10:00am / Grill lunch at 11:00am / Shotgun start at noon.

Special "Beat the Seminarian Putting Challenge" at 11:00am

Join us for a day of great golf, great food, and fellowship in support of our Diocese of Scranton seminarians, the future shepherds of our Church.

2023 Pennsylvania State Laurel Festival



St. Peter's
Strawberry  **Shortcake**
Booth

Friday, June 16th
&
Saturday, June 17th

*We cannot do this fundraiser without enough
volunteers.*

*Please consider assisting with preparation or working a
2-hour shift in the booth. **No experience necessary.***

*We are also in need of some **donated items.** Monetary
donations to offset the cost of strawberries
are always appreciated.*

Volunteers Needed!

Sign up sheets can be found in the back of the church.

We are in need of a volunteer to co-chair this event!

If you are interested in volunteering as a co-chair to help make this event a success,
please see Sue Sticklin or contact the rectory at 570/724-3371.

Saint Peter's Prayer Shawl Project

The St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Project created 37 prayer shawls, lap robes and hospice bed throws last year. These projects are knit or crocheted by our own parishioners then donated to those in need. Father Jacek blessed the projects before they were donated to the local hospice program. These projects are a loving act that we can share Christ through our love, and prayers. Each of these projects has a prayer tag attached when they are completed and blessed for the new recipients so that they feel the love of our Savior wrapped around them as they go through difficult times.

If you have a project to donate, *or are in need of a project*, please call/text Michelle Sepiol at 570/439-6206.

Basic Prayer Shawl Directions:

Knitting: Use needles size 11 or 13, cast between 54-63 stitches, knit 3, purl 3 to end of row and repeat.

Crocheting: Using a P hook, chain 48 loose hooks, turn and double chain and repeat.

The shawl should measure approximately 50"x24". Optional fringe can be added. Variegated Lion Brand Yarn is wonderful to use. Yarn and needles can be provided.

We are currently in need of prayer shawl projects for both men and women.



2023 Confirmation Class

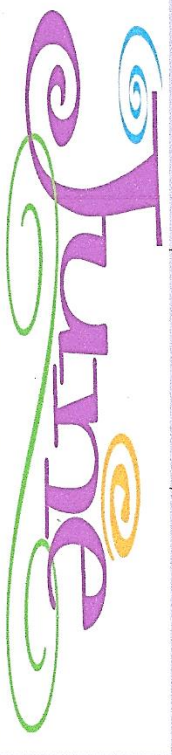
**Congratulations to the following students who received
the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 21st.**

Colin Fletcher, Anna Tellgren, Alivia Lisowski, Cameron Lane
Luke Sottolano, Ethan Pollaro, Jackson Sensenig, Daniel Clements

May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen you, making you a witness of Christ's love!

The Holy Spirit keeps faith ever young. He does not bind Himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings the relevance of Jesus, risen and living, into our world today. - Pope Francis

St. Peter's and St. Thomas Parishes Activity Calendar – June 2023




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 St. Justin, Martyr Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	2 SS Marcellinus and Peter Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	3 St. Charles Lwanga Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass - 7:00pm; St. Catherine's Marian Consecration – 9:30am-11:00am; St. Mary's, Blossburg
4 The Most Holy Trinity Mass – 8:30am Graduating Seniors Mass & Brunch Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas	5 St. Boniface, Bishop No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	6 St. Norbert, Bishop No Mass Adoration – 1:00pm -6:00pm; St. Peter's AA –6:00pm/Al-Anon – 7:00pm	7 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	8 No Mass	9 St. Ephrem, Deacon No Mass St. Peter's Office Closed	10 Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine's
<----- Father Jacek Away at Retreat ----->						
11 Corpus Christi Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas	12 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	13 St. Anthony of Padua Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm - 6:00pm; St. Peter's	14 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed	15 Mass - 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Strawberry Shortcake Prep – 9:00am-12:00pm; Parish Center	16 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed Strawberry Shortcake Booth on the Green	17 Immaculate Heart Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine's Strawberry Shortcake Booth on the Green
18 11th Sunday Ordinary Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas	19 St. Romuald, Abbot No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	20 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; St. Peter's Parish Council Mtg – 6:30pm; St. Peter's Al-Anon-7:00pm/AA-8:00pm	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed	22 St. Paulinus of Nola Mass - 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	23 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	24 Nativity St. John the Baptist Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine's Mission Appeal
25 12th Sunday Ordinary Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 10:30am; St. Thomas	26 No Mass St. Thomas Office Closed	27 St. Cyril of Alexandria Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm; St. Peter's	28 St. Irenaeus Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Thomas Office Closed	29 SS. Peter and Paul Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Deanery Mass – 6:00pm; DeGuzman Residence	30 First Martyrs of the Church Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Office Closed	
Mission Appeal	Knights of Columbus Mtg – 7:00pm; St. Peter's, Parish Center	Al-Anon-7:00pm/AA – 8:00pm				

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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.

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.