# St. Peter's Church



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 29, 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 – 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

#### **Rectory Office Hours**

Memorial Day to Labor Day – Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

#### **Parish Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Mosley – joseph.mosley81@gmail.com Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net Business Manager: Patti Mitchell– stpadm@ptd.net Religious Education.: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

#### **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



#### **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

# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 5/30	9:00am	In Memory of The Most Reverend John M. Dougherty
Tuesday 5/31	7:30am	In Honor of Steve & Jen Kamarek (Josten Family)
Wednesday 6/1	12:10pm	In Memory of Norman Bucheit (Singer Family)
Thursday 6/2	No Mass	
Friday 6/3	12:10pm	In Honor of the Children & Grandchildren of Tom & Linda Sampson
Saturday 6/4	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Sunday 6/5 8:30am Deceased Members of the Ru		Deceased Members of the Rudy Family (Tom & Deb Rudy & Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Christine Plato (Husband, Jurgen)

### 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.

#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, May 30th - Rectory Closed

Tuesday, May 31st – Women's Bible Study, 9:00am

**Sunday, June 5**th – Graduation Seniors Mass,8:30am, followed by Brunch, 9:30am

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection for May 22, 2022: \$4,246.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference:(\$1,854.00)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$3,295.75)

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

The Rectory is closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Memorial Day.

#### **RECTORY SUMMER HOURS**

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

#### DEANERY MASS CELEBRATED

The annual Deanery Mass held at the deGuzman residence, will be celebrated on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Bring a dish or snack to pass and a lawn chair. **All are welcome!** Questions? Call 570-376-5427. (Directions: 287 N, 249 N to Keeneyville, turn right to Osceola, 1 1/2 miles to Box 818.)



### Can You Spend One Hour?

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 we have the opportunity to visit Jesus during Eucharistic Adorations. In Eucharistic



Adoration, we are not just thinking about God, we are with God! Can you spend one hour? We are in need of Adorers, if we want to continue adoration every Tuesday as it is now. Please consider committing to spending one hour with God and signup on the adoration schedule found on the bulletin board in the church.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." Mother Teresa

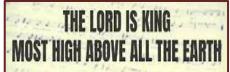
# **Liturgical Reflection** ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

The faithful Stephen, who rightfully claims the honor of being the Church's martyr, finds himself surrounded by the angry mob and is stoned. Even in this torture, he continues to look to God, and echoes the words of Jesus as he asks the Lord to receive his Spirit. Like Jesus, Stephen is falsely accused, and like him, Stephen asks for forgiveness for his executioners. The as yet unconverted Saul, whose name will soon change to Paul, is an onlooker to the horror. The death of the Church's first martyr could have brought the Church to a swift end. Instead, Stephen's death is intimately connected to the raising up of a sinner who will assume the role of an apostle.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 97**

The Responsorial Psalm is a hymn of praise to God, the king. God is not like the kings of the earth. He is truly a God of justice. He is filled with joy. God is exalted far above all.



#### **SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**

This reading from the Book of Revelation features a variety of verses from the Epilogue. The first part of this passage speaks of Jesus' return in glory. God, who is alpha and omega, beginning and end, speaks as does Jesus, who affirms that the angel who has accompanied John in his visions is in fact his. The words of summon at the end of the passage reflect the early liturgical life of the Church and echo the summons to the Eucharist at that time. "Yes, I am coming soon." These final words of the New Testament echo down the ages as a promise of light and hope, not of doom.

#### **GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

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Today's reading from the Gospel of John is a small part of what is called the priestly prayer of Jesus. Addressed entirely to God and in the presence of the disciples, Jesus prays fervently that they maintain their unity. He is one with the Father, and they must be one also. The prayer also reiterates the theme that commences the Gospel, which is that Jesus has existed before the foundation of the world – what the Church will eventually term begotten not made, one in being with the Father. This intercession is not only for the benefit of the disciples, but also for the sake of the whole world, "that the world may know that you sent me." Jesus has made the unseen and unknown God visible. We also share that task, making God visible in the love we manifest for one another. Those who follow Jesus should be one, one with him and the Father, and one with each other.

# Memorial Day Mass and Blessing of the Graves

Mass, Monday, May 30th 9:00am

Blessing St. Peter's Cemetery on Pearl Street, 9:30am Blessing Antrim Cemetery, 10:30am



"We need profound change, a conversion, that demilitarizes hearts, that would allow everyone to recognize the other as a brother or sister."

Pope Francis

#### 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



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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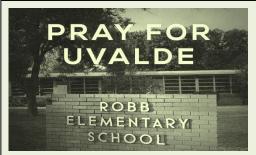
Quo Vadis Days 2022 will be held June 19-21 at Marywood University, Scranton. This camp is for young Catholic men in High School (who were in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2020/2021 school year) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests, seminarians, and young adults of the Diocese of Scranton. Online registration is now open at vocations.dioceseofscranton.org. For more information, call 570-207-1452.



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

#### CATHOLC MEN'S CONFERENCE SAVE THE DATE

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



Through the intercession of Our Lady of Sorrows, may God's infinite love and mercy grant strength to those who mourn, healing and consolation to the wounded, and peace to all who grieve. Amen

My heart aches for all of those impacted by today's senseless school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, especially the young, innocent victims, as well as their parents, families, and the entire community. The only way to describe what manifested itself today at Robb Elementary School is unspeakable evil. There are far too many families in our nation who have sent their children off to school in the morning yet they never return home in the afternoon. I ask all people in the Diocese of Scranton to join me in prayer as we mourn the victims of this terrible tragedy. I ask that we pray also for the wisdom and courage to discover ways to end such senseless violence that has enveloped our land. May the love of Jesus comfort all those who are suffering and in pain. Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton

There are no words to adequately convey the deep sadness and sorrow and overwhelming shock at the incomprehensible loss of life of 19 children and two adults at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde this afternoon at the hands of a young gunman. When will these insane acts of violence end; it is too great a burden to bear. The word tragedy doesn't begin to describe what occurred. These massacres cannot be considered "the new normal." The Catholic Church consistently calls for the protection of all life; and these mass shootings are a most pressing life issue on which all in society must act — elected leaders and citizens alike. We pray that God comfort and offer compassion to the families of these little ones whose pain is unbearable. They must know that we are with them and for them. May the Lord have mercy on us all. From the Book of Wisdom, "The souls of the just are in the hands of God. ... They are in peace." Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio

My heart is broken for the massacre at the elementary school in Texas. I am praying for the children and the adults killed and their families. It is time to say enough to the indiscriminate trafficking of weapons. Let us all work hard so that such tragedies can never happen again. Pope Francis

# **Prayers for Ukraine**

As you came into church this weekend, you may have noticed the addition of a table with a cross and candle on it that is located in the sanctuary near the papal flag. The purpose is to remind us that the people of Ukraine are still in need of our prayers as they are experiencing the cruelty of war. The table is draped in blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag. The three-bared cross was used because it is the predominant cross of many eastern Catholic and eastern Orthodox churches, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The candle represents our prayers.



We will conduct another Holy Hour for peace in Ukraine on **Tuesday**, **June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm** The holy hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm.

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraíne, for all those suffering or afraíd, 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 Ukraíne and for all the world. Amen.



Pennsylvania State 2022 Laurel Festival

St. Peter's



Friday, June 17th & Saturday, June 18th

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! Signup sheets can be found in the back of the church.



#### Women's Brunch

Last Saturday, over 50 women gathered in the Parish Center to share delicious food, friendships, and the bonds of faith. Several women spoke about important ministries within the church, including ChristLife, Samaritan House, and the Diocesan Lay Ministry program. Fresh lilacs, white linens, lovely decorations, and beautiful music made the day memorable and offered a welcome respite for many women.

Special thanks to Alanna Huck and her family for the fabulous food; Sarah and Kaylen Graber for homemade muffins; Besty Gordon and Carissa Adams for the decorations; Laurie Coffee, Danette Kerestes, BJ Butler, for their planning and hard work; Christina Simonis, Flori Prough and Teresa Delmotte for the music; and to Sarah Hazelton for sharing her journey in the Lay Ministry Program. BJ Butler gathered prayer intentions to take to the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem this week. Also, thanks to Sue Singer for her Prison Ministry display and handout tables, Nona Josten for representing ChristLife, and Fr. Joe for his help and support of the event.

A big shout out to Linda Sampson for spearheading this event for our faith community. Linda is currently in the Diocesan Lay Ministry Project with a focus on the Blessed Mother. Although this brunch was started as a culminating project for her work in the lay ministry program, it became much more than just an assignment. The event was a huge success and a wonderful testimony to our faith community.

# Holy Hour for Peace and Healing

# Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 5 pm to 6 pm

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

(Matthew 5:4)

In response to the recent tragedies in Buffalo and Uvalde, we will pray a special holy hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for peace and healing for all those affected by these senseless events.



Please join us as we turn to Jesus for comfort and strength.



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May 28, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

As I announced at Masses last weekend, since about October, I have been struggling with significant stress and anxiety especially in regards to the administrative responsibilities of serving as a pastor. Because I have been having a very difficult time juggling those administrative and pastoral responsibilities of serving two parish communities with a considerable geographical distance between them, I have asked the bishop for a transfer of assignments. I am hoping to move someplace closer to home and closer to my support system of family members and friends. I will be continuing as your pastor until the end of July, but the diocese will now begin the process of finding a replacement. Please note, this has nothing to do with the people of either St. Peters or St. Thomas parishes. You have been very helpful, supportive, and welcoming, but I simply need to focus on my own self care at this time. I ask for your prayers and for your understanding.

I am convinced that with God nothing is wasted, and there are no coincidences. I was brought to this assignment for a reason, and I just hope that you were able to experience Christ through my ministry at the altar. If you were able to do that in even the smallest way, then that was reason enough for me coming to Tioga county. I know I will take with me many blessings from this experience and opportunities for growth in the future.

I know this news may come as a shock, but please remember the words from last Sunday's gospel: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:28). Priests come and go, but Jesus always remains. He is here to fill you with His life, to guide you and to strengthen you. That is something we must all never forget. May God bless you and your families today and always.

Peace,

few. Joseph Mosley

Rev. Joseph Mosley

Pastor

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CHILDREN ST	TUESDAY			7	Mass – 7:30am Adoration – 8:00-6:00pm Parish Council Mtg. – 6:15pm AA & -Al-Anon–8:00pm	1.1	14	Mass – 7:30am Adoration – 8:00-6:00pm Holy Hour for Ukraine – 5-6:00pm Staff Meeting – 9:00am AA & -Al-Anon-8:00pm	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga	Mass – 7:30am Adoration – 8:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon–8:00pm	28 St. Irenaeus	Mass – 7:30am Adoration – 8:00-6:00pm AA & -Al-Anon–8:00pm
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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:

"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."

### **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, Jerry Pierce, Joann Black, Lori Lopaz, 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, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Edward Cruttenden, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Shannon Slaton, 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, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Claire Smith, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Dan Usavage, Philip Kniceley, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Mary Kay Clark, Luis Ang, Colleen Rose, and Kami Maloof.

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

Uvalde, Texas Victims

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.