

St. Peter's Church



6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

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 available at St. Peter's for grades K - 12. Classes are held in the Parish Center immediately following Sunday Mass, from 9:30am until 10:40am, from September through May. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789. 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 _____

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-2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang - stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann - stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Jen Minnich - stpreld@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-12:10pm;
Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm; or by appointment



The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

May 9th

"With the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened; Jesus brought our humanity into heaven, that is, in God. That humanity that he had assumed on earth did not remain here. It ascended into God and there it will remain forever."

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 Grab - 607/857-3447
Youth Group - Steve Tokarz - 570/404-0693
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
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
Marian Ministries - Linda Sampson 570/404-2180
Fundraising Committee - Tim Gooch 570/971-5826
Knights of Columbus - Mike Buono 717/320-2305

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 5/6	No Mass	
Tuesday 5/7	12:10pm	Bialas & Crawford Families (Family)
Wednesday 5/8	6:00pm	In Honor of Mary Antoniw (Ostapowicz Family)
Thursday 5/9	12:10pm	Living and Deceased Members of Antoniw & Ostapowicz Families (Ostapowicz Family)
Friday 5/10	12:10pm	In Memory of Gerald T. Matthews (Grab Family)
Saturday 5/11	5:00pm Mass is livestreamed	Our Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday 5/12	8:30am	Our Mother's Day Intentions

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Henry Sulewski (Kathy Wilcox)

Church Hours / Adoration

Monday – Friday: The church doors will be open for private prayer from 8:00am – 5:00pm. If the main doors of the church are locked, please enter through the side parking lot door.

Saturday: The side parking lot door (only) will be open from 8:00am – 4:30pm for private prayer. All church doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm for Mass.

Sunday: All church doors will be unlocked at 8:00am for Mass and will remain open until 9:30am when religious education classes begin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 6:00pm, with Benediction.

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 is **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. The Church will remain open for private prayer, using the parking lot side entrance, and the parish office hours may be affected.

Happening This Week

Sunday, May 5th

May Crowning - during 8:30am Mass
 End of Religious Education Year Donut Social - following Mass; Parish Center
 Bingo – 12:00pm; Knoxville Community Center

Tuesday, May 7th

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

Wednesday, May 8th

Dinner Committee Mtg.– 10:00am; Parish Center
 Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Thursday, May 9th

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 11th

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted – after Mass from 6:00pm – 7:00pm; Parish Center

Sunday, May 12th

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted – after Mass from 9:30am- 12:30pm; Parish Center

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 21, 2024: \$4,416.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$1,684.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$11,254.72

Diocese Collection: Home Missions Appeal: \$235.00

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



Congratulations to our second-grade students who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 27th!

Through His Body and Blood, may they always feel His loving and holy presence.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or donated items to the Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Fundraiser on April 26th.

A very special thank you to Karen Novak for chairing the event, and to the Dinner Committee. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated!

A financial report for the fundraiser can be found in this bulletin.



Social Concerns Layette Project



St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee will be collecting items for donation to women who deliver at Soldiers and Sailors Hospital and are poorly prepared for their baby's arrival. Items for Hearts of Tioga Pregnancy Center will also be collected.

Please select a tag from our giving tree, located at the back of the church, and place the items, UNWRAPPED and with the tag attached, in the box by the tree. **All items are due by Monday, May 6th.** Thank you for supporting this annual collection.

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.

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SUPER BINGO!

Sunday, May 5th

Knoxville Community Center

Cost - \$30.00

Doors Open at 10:30am

Bingo starts at 12:00pm



The Ascension
of the Lord

Mass Times

Wednesday, May 8th – Vigil Mass

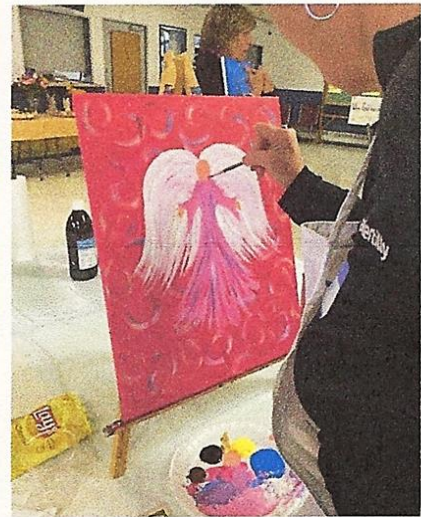
6:00pm at St. Peter's

Thursday, May 9th

12:10pm at St. Peter's

6:00pm at St. Thomas

Sponsored by Marian Ministries



Angels Everywhere! Sandi Spencer, a talented local artist, guided 18 women from St. Peter's and Holy Child parishes as they painted unique renditions of guardian angels. All enjoyed a delicious finger food lunch, lots of laughter, and newfound friends! Our first Paint & Pray - in the books!



Knights of Columbus Scholarship Award

The Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council #4493, is offering a **\$500 scholarship award** to seniors of St. Peter's Church, who will be attending a technical school, 2-year program or 4-year program after high school.

Applications can be found on the sign-up table in the back of the church. Completed applications must be returned to the Religious Education Office by May 15th.

Living Rosary for May



The Living Rosary is a powerful devotion that allows people to pray the Rosary together even when they can't be in the same place.

Twenty participants each pray a different designated decade of the Rosary daily, so all together, the group prays an entire Rosary every day.

This devotion creates a sense of community even when people can't be physically together. Our collective intention for May is:

*"Peace in the world and
peace in the hearts of all people."*

To participate in the Living Rosary devotion, Call Laurie Coffee at (703) 470-2975 or (570) 549-2210.

Card Shower

There will be a "Card Shower" for the second year religious education students, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring.

If you would like to participate and send a card of celebration, offering words of prayer, joy, and encouragement, there will be a card collection box located in the back of the church.

The students being confirmed this year are:

Ariel	Wyatt
Brayden	Ella
Shaina	Luke
Sylvia	Stephen T.
Stephen P.	Liam
Rosa	Clarie
Abigail	

Cards can be placed in the collection box from April 27th through May 17th, and they will be shared with the students.

Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes

Included in your monthly packet is a Mother's Day Intention envelope to remember our living and deceased mothers and grandmothers. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner Financial Statement

Income:

Door Sales	\$2,200.00
Donations	\$104.00
After Mass Sales	\$143.00
50/50 Raffle	\$111.00
Total Income:	\$2,558.00

Expenses:

Food	\$550.25
Containers/Foil	\$110.81
Advertising	\$62.68
Total Expenses:	\$723.74

Profit: \$1,834.26

Spring Rummage Sale Schedule

St. Peter's Parish Center

Donation Drop-Off Dates:

Saturday, May 11th – Donations accepted after the 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 12th – Donations accepted from 9:30am until 12:30pm

Monday, May 13th – Donations accepted from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sale Dates:

Tuesday, May 14th – 9:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 15th – 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday, May 16th – 9:00am – 2:00pm



Volunteers needed:

Please see the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church to volunteer and help with the sale. We are also asking for help from men on Sunday, May 12th and Monday, May 13th to move tables and heavier items. Thank you!

“Walking With Mary”

Women's Brunch



Saturday, May 18th
St. Peter's Church
11:00am-1:30pm

Guest Speaker: Jessica Ryan
Catered Brunch
Suggested Donation: \$15

To Register contact Laurie Coffee
@ (703) 470-2975 or (570) 549-2210
or use the Sign-Up Sheet at your Parish.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, June 29th, 2024

Pickup locations:

5:00am - St. Peter's Church Wellsboro, PA
5:10am - CVS Plaza Mansfield PA
5:20am - Park & Ride - Blossburg PA
6:00am - Burger King; 50 Maynard St Williamsport, PA

Cost: \$50.00

Contact Terrie Thomas at (570)418-3881
to reserve your seat.

May Crowning

May Crowning, led by our First Holy Communion Class, will take place on **Sunday, May 5th at the 8:30am Mass**. All religious education students are invited to participate in the procession and should meet in the Parish Center at 8:15am. Flowers will be provided.

After the procession, students will return to the pews to sit with their family for Mass.



End of Year Donut Social

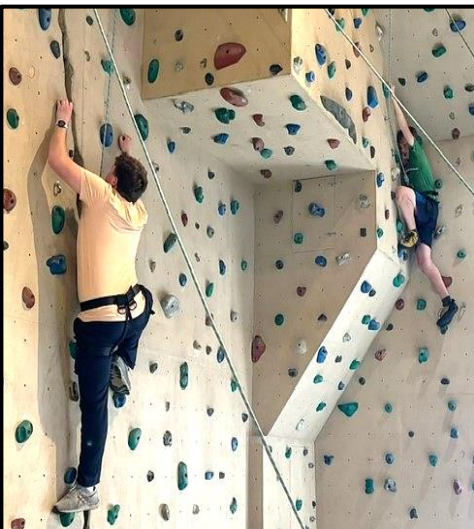
The last day of Religious Education classes will be May 5th. All students, parents, and parishioners are invited to join us for “A Festival of Donuts and Sweets” in the Parish Center following the 8:30am Mass.



Three Springs Youth Group Event

On Sunday, April 28th, six youth group students, accompanied by Steve and Terra Tokarz, attended the first youth group event of the year at Three Springs Ministries in Nauvoo, PA. Students had a wonderful afternoon participating in a team challenge course, horseback riding, and rock climbing.

St. Peter's Youth Group is open to students in 8th through 12th grade and several activities are planned throughout the year focusing on fun, service, and fundraising. Each event is prayerfully centered around Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Please support the youth of our parish through your prayers, encouragement, and fund-raising participation.



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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, Paul Beuter, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Everett Dean Brown, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniow, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, 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, Gloria Fermeric, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Moore, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa; SSJ, Bill Cizek, Carter Benjamin, Elexxa Germino



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

To add a name to the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at 570/724-3371. **For privacy reasons, the person making the request must be the individual themselves or an immediate family member.** This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.