

St. Peter's Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 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 _____

You are the God of peace
when all around is fear.
You are the God of joy
when all around is sadness.
You are the God of love
when all around is hatred.
You are the God of hope
when all around is despair.

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 Nowak 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 |
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| Monday 5/8 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 5/9 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Thelma May McClune (Dale & Rose Marie Aulhouse) |
| Wednesday 5/10 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Patrick Lannak (Charles & Mary Fagg) |
| Thursday 5/11 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Gerald T. Matthews (The Grab Family) |
| Friday 5/12 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Anna Beuter (Family) |
| Saturday 5/13 | 5:00pm Mass is livestreamed | Mother's Day Intentions |
| Sunday 5/14 | 8:30am | Mother's Day Intentions |

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

News Parish 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 7th

May Crowning - During 8:30am Mass
 Religious Education End-of-Year Social -
 Following 8:30am Mass; Parish Center

Monday, May 8th

Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; Parish Center

Tuesday, May 9th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church
 Parish Council Meeting - 6:30pm; Adult Ed. Room

Wednesday, May 10th

Staff Meeting - 10:00am; Rectory
 Sharing Christ - 6:30pm; Parish Center

Saturday, May 13th

Sharing Christ Retreat - 9:00am; Parish Center

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 30, 2023: \$6,060.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$40.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance \$3,788.91

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

As the community of believers grew, they developed a need for greater organization and shared ministry. The twelve recognize that their role is to teach, and commission seven men to serve the physical needs of all in the community. This insures that everyone, regardless of nationality, will be treated fairly, that all will be cared for, diminishing cause for division among them. With the administration of the community in hand, the word of God continued to spread.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33

As the growth of the community in the Acts of the Apostles results from the trusting prayer and faithful witness of the Apostles, we sing our praises, involving God's mercy. All of God's works are trustworthy, calling from us justice and right living. In this season of Easter, we sing of Christ's Resurrection, assured that in the sight of the Lord, we are delivered from death. Our praise is always fitting.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Jesus was rejected and yet "chosen and precious in the sight of God," and so are we, called to be built into a spiritual house which lives as God's holy people in the world. We who have faith are called to live as people of faith, offering a spiritual sacrifice through our lives. We have been called out of darkness into the light of Christ, as a people of God's own, announcing the praises of the Risen One.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

Today's Gospel reading begins the lengthy Last Supper discourses, presenting several teachings that are repeated throughout. Jesus attempts to prepare the disciples for his departure from his mortal life in the world, but assures them that he will return and take them to himself, promising "where I am you also may be." The disciples are confused; Jesus confronts their fear, and in doing so points to his union with the Father and promises that those who believe in him will do great works through him.



Quo Vadis Days 2023

High school men are invited to join the Diocesan Vocations Office for our annual Quo Vadis Days, June 26th – 28th 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 or call 570/207-1452.

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.

Samaritan House Volunteer Celebration



Last Saturday morning, St. Peter's Parish Center was full of happy people who enjoyed a light brunch, conversation, and a wonderful, interactive presentation with UPMC's Hospice team. Several new volunteer applications have been received, but more are needed as we move forward. We continue to encourage you, your family members, and friends to join our team. Contact Mary Grab at 607/857-3447 or email samaritan.house.3@gmail.com.



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.

Woman's Brunch

All women of St. Peter's, St. Thomas', St. Catherine's, and Holy Child parishes are invited to a **Woman's Brunch on Saturday, May 20th from 11am-1pm at St. Peter's Parish Center**. Our own Theresa Delmotte will speak About "*Loving God's Will in the Everyday*." There will be music, door prizes, and a fabulous brunch cooked and served by the men of our parishes, *Guy's on Fire*.



Several parish ministries will be represented; Samaritan House, Prison Ministry, Holy Child Health Ministry, and ChristLife. Come away for a while and enjoy a morning of refreshment to lift your spirits and renew your faith. Sign up using the registration sheets posted at your parishes or contact Laurie Coffee at 570/549-2210 or laurie.coffee@gamil.com.

St. Peter's Social Concerns Layette Project

St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee will be collecting and assembling layette sets for donation to women who deliver at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital and are poorly prepared for the baby's arrival. Donations of infant clothing size newborn to 3 months, sweaters, socks, new blankets, etc. are needed. Also, disposable diapers will be collected for donation to Seeds of Hope. Tags with items needed will be located on the giving tree at the back of the church. Please take a tag and return the gift item to the table at the back of the church **no later than Thursday, May 11th**. All donations will be delivered on Mother's Day.

Questions? Contact B.J. Butler at 570/724-2222. Thank you for your generosity!

"If in our hearts we are carrying some burden or suffering that seems to crush us, it is the moment to go out to meet Jesus, who is close, to open the tomb of our problems and look beyond the threshold toward his light." Pope Francis

Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes

Included in your monthly envelope 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.

Religious Education End-of-Year Social



The last day of Religious Education classes will be May 7th. Join us for a donut/coffee/juice social in the Parish Center following the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome!



Congratulations First Holy Communion Class! **April 29, 2023**

Sophia Rider
Carter Benjamin
Cadence Crilley
Louis Sevem

Payton Harsch
Charles Buck
Gabriella Daugherty
Henry Hamm

thank you

Today marks the final day of the 2022-23 religious education year. A special thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication and willingness to share their faith with the children of our parish:

Hayes Campbell, Anna Tokarz, Emily Benjamin, Jude Mann, Jaclyn Nelson, Jack Poirier, Molly Ingerick, Rose DeWitt, Cristy Sevem, Lisa Banik, David Gordon, Barbara Wojnicki, Tara Gordon, Morgan Simmons, Tracy Buck, Val Anthony, Marilyn DeGuzman, Jenn Sporer, Coleen Evert, Joe Benjamin, Priscilla Walrath, Jen Minnich, Steve Tokarz, Glenn Poirier, Terry Sadusky, Maureen Poirier, Patty Kramer and Terra Tokarz.

2023 Bishop's Youth Award Recipients

Congratulations to Molly Ingerick and Jack Poirier, this year's recipients of the Bishop's Youth Award. This award is presented to 8th and 12th grade students throughout the Diocese of Scranton who show exceptional service and leadership skills and who are an outstanding public example of a young Catholic, reflecting and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Sign up here!

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 parish events and activities will be located.

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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.