

St. Peter's Church



4th Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2022

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm
Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

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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

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 – 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!

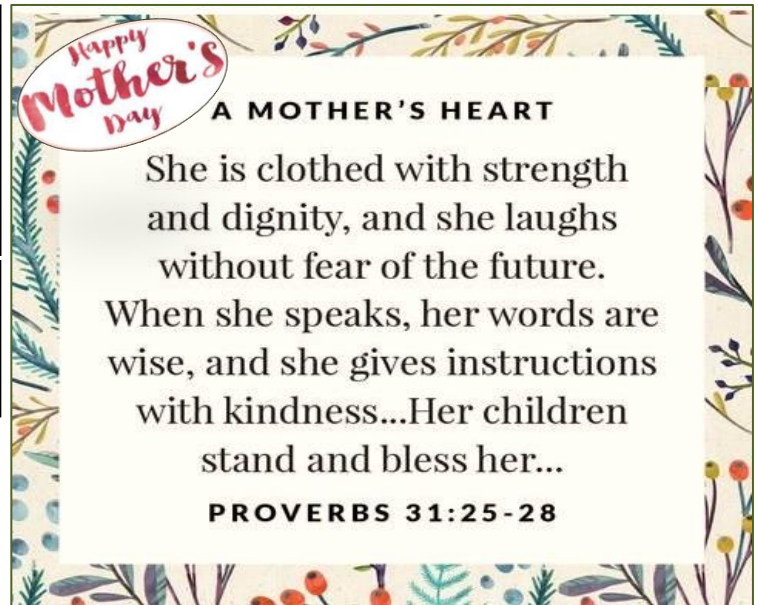
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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
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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
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ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 5/9	12:10pm	All Living & Deceased Member of the Antoniow Family (Ostapowicz Family)
Tuesday 5/10	7:30am	In Memory of Anna Beuter (Family)
Wednesday 5/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Gerald Matthews (Grab Family)
Thursday 5/12	No Mass	
Friday 5/13	12:10pm	In Memory of Jean Reese (Charles & Mary Fagg)
Saturday 5/14	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of George & Betty Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Sunday 5/15	8:30am	In Memory of Henry Topf (Caroly Tester)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of Jason Kefover (Marie Egli)

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.

Stewardship
 Sunday Collection for May 1, 2022: \$8,326.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$2,226.00
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$ 539.75)
We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK
Tuesday, May 10th – Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am
Wednesday, May 11th – Staff Meeting, 9:00am
Thursday, May 12th – Confirmation Interviews, 6:00pm
 Confirmation Practice 6:30pm

ITALIAN DINNER
 Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, from donations to volunteering to attending, to make the Italian dinner a great success! Special thanks to Michelle Sepiol for chairing the event. A financial report will be included in next weekend’s bulletin.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP THANK YOU!



A huge thank you goes out to those who volunteered recently to beatify our cemeteries. Over the past two weekends, both the Antrim Cemetery and the Pearl Street Cemetery were spruced up from winter.

A special thank you goes out to the Patt Family for the work they do to maintain the Antrim Cemetery year round, and to Howard Rutledge who works tirelessly overseeing St. Peter’s Cemetery on Pearl Street.

The Antrim Clean Up Crew – Marion Patt, Doug Patt, Russ Patt, Frank Patt, Francis Kennedy, Mary Ellen Patt, John Patt, Paul Patt, Leah Patt, Diane Young, and Scott Young.

The Pearl Street Clean Up Crew – Howard Rutledge, Mickey Romania, Bob Tobaygo, Jurgen Plato, Mark Sepiol, Sue Sticklin, and Arnie Sticklin.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Today's reading finds Paul and Barnabas in the synagogue in the region of Antioch. The readings suggests that their work to reveal the risen Christ to the people was highly effective, as almost the whole city came together to hear their preaching. The Jews, however, distanced themselves more from the ways of Jesus. For those who are willing to listen and come to faith, the gift of great joy and ongoing spread of the Word is granted, but for those who choose to reject the teaching of the apostles, fear and jealousy will prevent them from accepting the gift of salvation. Paul discerned a call to take the Gospel to anyone and everyone who would hear it.

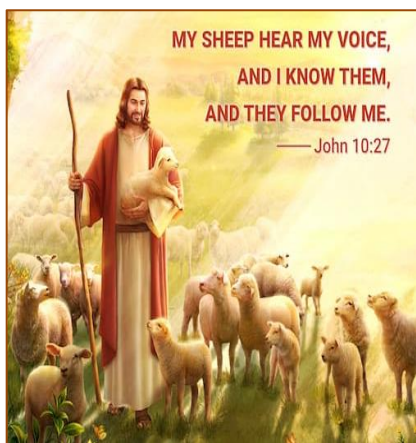
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 100

The Responsorial Psalm celebrates the fact that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and we are the sheep of his flock. This fact fills us with joy. We are not left to struggle through life by our own devices. We have a loving shepherd who will guide us with kindness and gentleness.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9, 14-17

The vision given to John is one of anticipated beauty. John sees the throne of God surrounded by a "great multitude." He hears of the promises of salvation. The elect of God stand in his presence and praise, with palm branches that represent victory. Representatives of all people are present. Human hearts long to hear words of comfort and assurance like those proclaimed at the end of this text. The promises of the freedom that comes in the presence of God, are inspiring. Jesus is the shepherd of everyone who follows his example of peace and forgiveness, which is the only path to life.

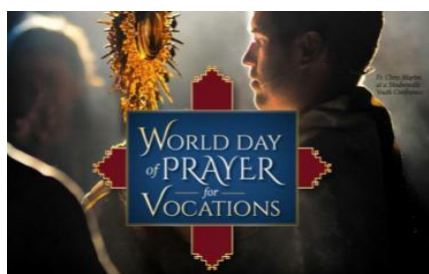
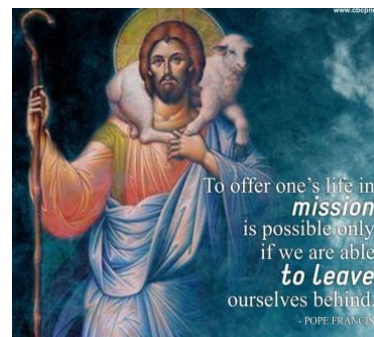
GOSPEL: John 10:27-30



Today's reading is the culmination of a long discourse in the Gospel of John which Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. The shepherd is a beautiful image of kindness and compassion, but also strong and courageous in protection of their flock. Here, Jesus makes promises to those who "hear his voice," whose hearts are open and recognize their dependence on God rather than on their observance of the Law, in contrast with those who have ears but do not hear. He is God's incarnate word, and therefore one with the Father. Jesus has an intimate knowledge of those he came to save and most importantly, the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep is based on the gift of eternal life. Jesus has handed his followers to the Father and no power is capable of removing them from his care. As easy as it might be to wander from the voice of the shepherd, it is far more difficult to be taken out of his grasp.

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

The 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. Hearing the Shepherd's voice, his followers recognize and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, those who hear his voice follow as faithful believers willing to go where God calls and sends them. When all the clamor of false voices and seductive distractions threaten to overwhelm us, we have only to listen carefully to be led to do the work of the Father.



Today is also **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes.

Social Concerns Mother's Day Layette Project

The Social Concerns Committee is again asking for your help in providing baby supplies to needy mothers in our area through our Mother's Day Layette project. We are working with the local hospital maternity ward and Heart of Tioga pregnancy center to collect newborn items. The Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the church with tags indicating items and sizes needed. Donations of new infant clothing, baby blankets, diapers size newborn and 3, hooded bath towels and bath supplies can be placed in the box or on the table near the Giving Tree. Knitters may also place handmade blankets and sweater sets in the donation box. No time to shop? Cash donations will be gratefully accepted. Just place donations in an envelope marked "Layette Project" and drop it in the collection basket. Please have all donations in the box or on the table by 3:00pm, May 11th. Questions? Call Ginny at 570-724-8496 or Mel at 570-724-4844.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM NORTHERN TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The following message was received from Dr. Diana Barnes, Superintendent of Northern Tioga School District after receiving the donations we collected as part of our Parish Lenten Service Project benefitting CV Closet.

Dear St. Peter's Congregation,

My heart was floored with gratitude the day I picked up your incredibly generous donations from Deb Rudy. Please know that I am extremely grateful for what you have done. When I delivered to the schools, they were amazed!

I pray God will bless you for this effort – it was so thoughtful. You have blessed us!

*Sincerely,
Dr. Diana Barnes
Superintendent – NTSD*

Thank you to all who participated and made a difference for the students!

"In this month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, let us learn from her that prayer is the best weapon of Christian life; without persistent prayer, no victory over evil is possible."

~~~~~ Pope Francis ~~~~~

**"Dear elderly brothers and sisters, please look at the young people. The young people are watching us and our consistency can open up a beautiful path of life for them. Hypocrisy, on the other hand, will do so much harm. Let us pray together for one another."**

## 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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org)). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or [jflores@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto: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](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)



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If you or someone you know would like to attend the conference but can't afford the price of the ticket, call Cecilia Carr at 570-430-2735 or E-mail [ccarr18414@yahoo.com](mailto:ccarr18414@yahoo.com) to reserve a **GOOD SAMARITAN TICKET.**

### CATHOLIC 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.



### JOIN US ON THE FAIRWAY!

**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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<https://bit.ly/vocationsgolf>

## MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION

*"One of the great consolations of being Catholic is knowing that the Mother of our Lord is our Mother, too. Mary's Mantle Consecration deepens one's personal life of virtue, unites people in prayer, and sanctifies daily life, thus making us more like her son and so bringing joy to her motherly heart." (Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone)*

All parishioners of St. Peter's and Holy Child churches are invited to participate in Mary's Mantle Consecration beginning on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and ending on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. This consecration is designed for busy people and can be done in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle. The heart of the program is the Rosary, along with a brief daily meditation and a weekly day of fasting. Participants will receive daily emails and are encouraged to share their thoughts and prayer requests with the group.

Mary's Mantle Consecration is a journey of 46 days, ending on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (June 27<sup>th</sup>.) The number 46 refers to the stars on Mary's cloak, or mantle, in the image of our Lady of Guadalupe. Those who partake will have several opportunities to meet and pray in person throughout the retreat. A special ceremony in June will commemorate the consecration.

Each participant needs a copy of *Mary's Mantle Consecration*, by Christine Watkins, which can be ordered from Amazon or your favorite bookstore. For more information or to join the group, send an email to Linda Sampson at [sampson4509@gmail.com](mailto:sampson4509@gmail.com), or use the sign-up sheet on the handout table in the church.



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

Beginning on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing every First Saturday, a carpool will be available for those who wish to attend First Saturday services at St. Mary's Church in Blossburg. Mass begins at 9:30am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. The service concludes at 11:00am. Participants meet at Whitneyville Fair Grounds at 9:00am. For more information or to join the carpool, contact Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180



*Please join us for a*

## Women's Brunch

*Enjoy faith, fellowship, and some fabulous food.*

*Saturday, May 21, 2022  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Parish Center*

*Please register by Friday, May 13, 2022,*

*Laurie Coffee 570-549-2210  
[laurie.coffee@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.coffee@gmail.com)*

*or register on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.*



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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*The Response is: Mary, pray for us.*

Mary, Mother of all Life,  
help us to respect human life from the  
moment of conception  
to the moment of natural death. R.

Mary, Mother of Compassion,  
You showed us how valuable a single life can  
be;  
Help us to guard and protect the lives of all  
people entrusted to our care. R.

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,  
with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.  
Guard and protect all families in this earthly  
life; R.

Mary, Mother Most Holy,  
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;  
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and  
help them to be holy. R.

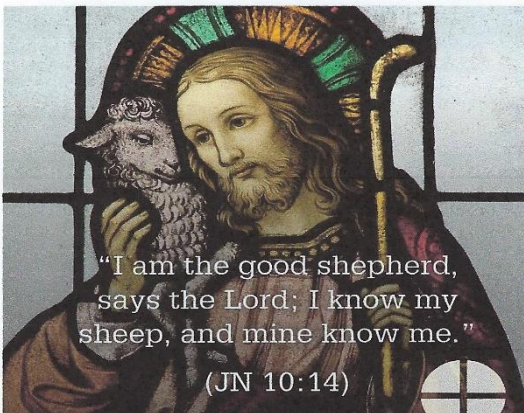
Mary, Mother of Sorrows,  
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of  
suffering would pierce your heart;  
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who  
suffer over their children. R.

Mary, Full of Grace,  
You had a choice in responding to God's call;  
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God  
in our lives,  
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. R.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,  
Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are  
in need of God's healing,  
Especially those involved in abortion;  
Help them to experience the love and mercy of  
Christ, your Son. R.

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,  
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the  
marginalized and vulnerable members of  
society;  
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place  
their trust in the God who gave them life. R.

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore  
in your womb him whom the heavens cannot  
contain;  
Help us to bear witness to Christ by the  
example of our lives  
And show the world the extravagant love of  
God. R.



All:  
Remember, o most gracious Virgin Mary, that  
never was it known that anyone who fled to  
your protection, implored your help, or sought  
your intercession was left unaided. Inspired  
with this confidence, we fly unto you, O  
Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come,  
before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O  
Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our  
petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer  
them. Amen.

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*"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."*



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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.