

# St. Peter's Church



**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 12, 2023**

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901  
Parish Office: 570-724-3371 ~ Fax: 570-724-6322  
Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789  
Website: [www.stpeterswellsboro.com](http://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](mailto:stpch@ptd.net)  
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann – [stpadm@ptd.net](mailto:stpadm@ptd.net)  
Religious Education: Jen Minnich – [stpreled@ptd.net](mailto: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-12:10pm;  
Saturday, 4:30-5:00pm; 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 – 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 \_\_\_\_\_

"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."

### **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 – Jen Minnich 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  
Knights of Columbus – Mike Buono 717/320-2305  
Welcoming Committee – Melissa Mann 570/724-9789

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 11/13	No Mass	No Daily Mass Father Jacek is away this week
Tuesday 11/14	No Mass	
Wednesday 11/15	No Mass	
Thursday 11/16	No Mass	
Friday 11/17	No Mass	
Saturday 11/18	5:00pm *Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 11/19	8:30am	In Memory of Elaine Myslinski (Tom & Linda Sampson)

### 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.

### Parish Prayer List

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 an immediate family member. This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.

### Happening This Week

#### Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Religious Education Classes –  
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

#### Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Discovering Christ – 6:00pm-9:00pm; Parish Ctr.

#### Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Social Concerns Committee Meeting – 6:00pm;  
 Adult Ed. Room

#### Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Family Advent Celebration & Brunch – Following the 8:30am Mass; Parish Center  
 Bingo – 12:00pm (doors open at 10:30am);  
 Knoxville Community Center

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for November 5, 2023: \$9,518.85  
 All Saints Collection: \$553.48  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: \$3,972.33  
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$1,117.24

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



The table that was placed in the church to remember the people of Ukraine has been replaced with the statue of an angel. This statue was originally from Sacred Heart Church in Morris, PA, and will serve as a visual reminder to pray for peace and for all the innocent victims of war and conflict taking place around the world. Please remember them in your prayers.

### **Bible Available for Confessions**

It was recently suggested to the Parish Office that there should be a Bible available in the church for those who may wish to use one after receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Therefore, there will be a Bible in the confessional for this purpose. All are welcome to use it, however we ask that you please return it to the confessional when finished.

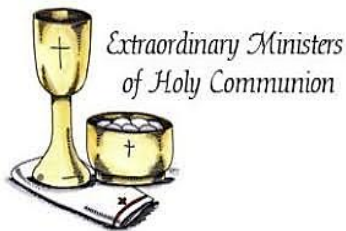


## **Parish Family Advent Celebration and Brunch**

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Parish Family Advent Celebration**

This celebration is for all members of our parish. Please join us at 9:30am for music, Family Advent wreaths, cookie decorating for kids, brunch and more! Come and share in this time of fellowship with members of our parish family.

Advent candles will be available for \$5.00 a set (3 purple candles and 1 pink candle)



### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training**

If you are a Confirmed Catholic and interested in attending a training session to learn the functions of the Extraordinary Minister of Communion and how to properly prepare and carry out this important ministry, please contact Melissa in the Parish Office at 570/724-3371.

### **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](http://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.



## Altar Server Training

Over the past several weeks, the religious education classes attended altar server training with Father Jacek. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about the responsibilities of being an altar server.

If your child is interested in becoming an altar server and is in third grade or above and has received First Holy Communion, please complete and return this notice to his/her religious education teacher **by December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. There will be additional training scheduled after the New Year.

My child(ren) is/are interested in becoming an altar server:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## Service Opportunities for Grades 7 – High School

### **Family Advent Celebration Preparation**

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 – 5:00pm.

We will set up the parish center for the Family Advent Celebration. Snacks will be provided.



### **Family Advent Celebration**

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following 8:30am Mass, we will help with family crafts, the raffle, selling Advent candles and preparing for brunch.

### **Dickens of A Christmas**

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

We will be directing traffic for those parking in our lots. Please arrive at the main lot at 8:15am and plan for about 2 hours or until the lots are full.



## **St. Peter's Bread Pudding Fundraiser**

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Main Street, Wellsboro

9:00am – 4:00pm

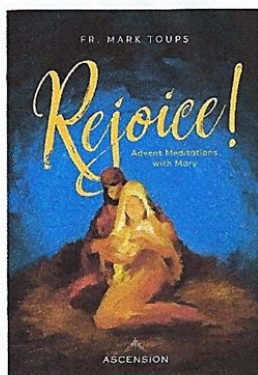
Volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Please consider working a 2-hour shift at the booth. Donations of supplies are needed and cash donations are also being accepted to offset the costs.

**Sign-up and donation sheets can be found on the table at the back of the church.**

## Living Rosary Celebration



A lovely celebration of the Living Rosary took place last Saturday at St. Mary's in Blossburg. The morning included Mass, Adoration & Benediction, Confessions, and a social in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to join our growing First Saturday family!



### Rejoice! Advent Book Study

This book takes readers through the four weeks of Advent in the company of Mary. The reflections are simple but thought-provoking. As in the past, we'll form an online community for sharing and discussion. This year, Advent begins on **Sunday, December 3rd**.

Books will be provided. If you would like to join this prayer and study group, use the sign-up sheet at St. Peter's or email Marian Ministries at [marian-ministries@outlook.com](mailto:marian-ministries@outlook.com) no later than **Monday, November 20th**. For more information, call or text Linda Sampson (570-404-2180)

### Visits to the Homebound

Do you know someone who would enjoy a friendly visit, a partner to play cards or games with, a person who would read to them or simply keep them company? As an outreach of Marian Ministries, Mary Hohman has offered to visit local residents and nursing homes, to spend time with people who may feel isolated or alone.

If you know someone who would benefit from a visit, contact Mary at (717)203-9090.





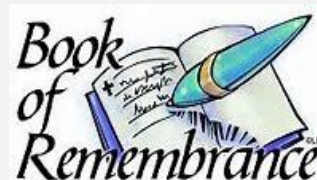
Scan to donate or visit [annualappeal.org](http://annualappeal.org)



## Book of The Names of the Dead

The Church has a long tradition of remembering those who have died to the love and mercy of God. We do this in a special way on the Feast of All Souls Day, and throughout the month of November.

During November, a Book of the Names of the Dead will be located near the front entrance of the church. All parishioners are welcome to write the names of those they wish to remember in this special book.



*Rejoyce always,*  
**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,  
GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

*Thank You*  
for your support of the 2023  
Diocesan Annual Appeal and  
helping our parish reach its goal!

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. CHRIS HAW, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON



Thursday,  
December 7th

7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church  
42 Redwood Drive - Laflin

**SPEAKER, RECONCILIATION,  
AND SOCIAL.**

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



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Encountering the Real Presence  
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DISCERNMENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 8-9, 2023

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER  
151 OLD NEWPORT ST., NANTICOKE, PA 18634



## THANKSGIVING MASS

St. Peter's Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on  
Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am.

# The Christmas Remembrance Tree at St. Peter's Parish



This is a beautiful way to remember a loved one, living or deceased, as we adorn the tree near the altar.

The ornament you sponsor will be displayed throughout Advent and the Christmas Season.

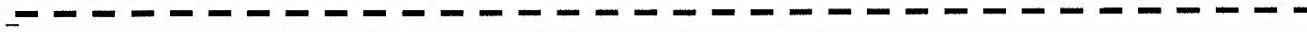
Each ornament will display a name tag with your name and the loved one you are remembering or honoring.

There will be a Mass offered for all those named on the tree during the season along with a commemorative booklet for a keepsake.

- Please select your sponsored ornament from the color/price as follows:
- Angel Tree Topper -- \$200
  - Gold -- \$100
  - Silver -- \$50
  - Blue -- \$25
  - Red -- \$10
  - Flocked Pine Cone -- \$5

To sponsor your ornament, complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the Parish Office with your payment by December 11<sup>th</sup>. The booklet will be sent to the printer on that date.

Please contact Melissa in the Parish Office (570/724-3371) with any questions.



**Return this form to the Rectory**  
 Make checks payable to *St. Peter's Parish*

\_\_\_\_\_ Angel Tree Topper \$200      \_\_\_\_\_ Gold \$100      \_\_\_\_\_ Silver \$50

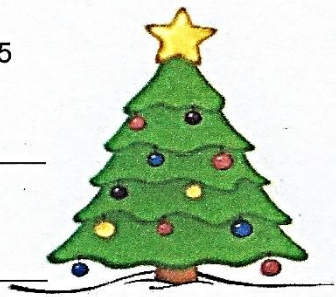
\_\_\_\_\_ Blue \$25      \_\_\_\_\_ Red \$10      \_\_\_\_\_ Flocked Pine Cone \$5

Person's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:    In Honor of (living)                      In Memory of (deceased)

Requested By (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_




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<p>          25 Main Street          Wellsboro, PA 16901          570-723-4263  <a href="http://www.popscultureshoppe.com">www.popscultureshoppe.com</a>  <b>Games * Imagination * Fun</b>          Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam          Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p>          1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159  <a href="http://www.Nessmuks.com">www.Nessmuks.com</a>          A Family Owned Small Business  <b>Zack &amp; Tracy Buck</b></p>	<p><b>A Gift in Your Will</b>          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:</p>
<p>          MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS          FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950          kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com          688 South Main Street          Mansfield, PA 16933          T 570.662.2277          F 570.662.1078            Kenneth Mitchell Owner</p>	<p>          Stephen F. Tokarz          • Artisan          • Craftsman          Specializing in Custom Wood Products          570-404-0693          Established in Tioga County, PA</p>	<p>"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."</p>

### 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, Everett Dean Brown, 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, 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, Christopher Moore, Jasmine Gordon, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa, SSJ, Bill Cizek, Carter Benjamin

 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.