St. Peter's Church



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

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 Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center (570) 673-4476

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 $- 12^{th}$ 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 _

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 Wednesday, 8:00am–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 <u>Schedule of Weekend Masses</u> Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am <u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday, 4:30-4:45pm or by appointment

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THE MORE HE AMAZES YOU

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 – Mary Lasko 570-439-7706 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 - Rectory 570-724-3371 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 – Eileen Evert 570-439-4470 Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-916-9573 ChristLife - Norb Josten 570-724-9095 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jan Bernethy 307-267-0677

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date Monday 11/15

Tuesday 11/16

Prdinary TimeNovember 14, 2021TimeMass Intention12:10pmIn Memory of Merle Wilcox (Kathy Wilcox)7:30amAll Living & Deceased Members of the Dlugokinski Family (Ostapowicz Family)

Wednesday 11/1712:10pmIn Memory of Bob Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)Thursday 11/18No MassFriday 11/1912:10pmDeceased Members of St. Peter's Parish (Grab Family)Saturday 11/205:00pm
(Mass is livestreamed)In Memory of Thomas Briggs (Tom O'Neil)Sunday 11/218:30amIn Memory of Rose Marie Battaglia (Grab Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Paul Urner (Tom & Linda Sampson)

Parish News and Activities

CHURCH HOURS/ADORATION

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday 11:00am–5:00pm (to allow for thorough cleaning from the weekend), Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00am–5:00pm. If the front doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 8:00am-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer. The church will also open on Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:00am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy is offered at the 8:30am Mass. Children, along with an adult leader, are dismissed by Father before the First Reading and rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While gathered in the parish center, children celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. All children ages Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to attend. Preregistration is not necessary.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

The weekly bulletin is emailed to those for whom we have email addresses. If you are not currently receiving the weekly email and would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact the rectory. For those who are unable to attend Mass in person and do not have access to the internet, a bulletin can be mailed to your home. Please call the rectory to request a mailing.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS IN SACRISTY

Lectors, please stop in the Sacristy and pick up your copy of the Lector workbook for 2022 if you have not already done so, to be used beginning the weekend of November 28th.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for November 7, 2021:\$ 8,375.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses:\$ 6,100.00 Difference:\$ 2,275.00 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$ 572.94) We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

RECTORY HOURS

Until further notice, the Rectory will be open Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 8:00am – 1:00pm; Thursday by chance.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY RECTORY HOURS

The Rectory will be closed Wednesday, November 24th and will reopen on Tuesday, November 30th at 8:00am. In the event of an emergency, please refer to the Emergency Contact information on the front page of the bulletin. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 14th– Religious Education Classes 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th

- **Tuesday, Nov. 15th** Women's Bible Study, 9:00am Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm
- Sunday, Nov.21st –Religious Education Classes 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th

Liturgical Reflection ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The readings for the last week of Ordinary Time are always a bit apocalyptic in nature. They are preparing us for the end of the Church Year and also the end of the world. Daniel is warning the people to live uprightly, for there will come a day of severe reckoning. Wisdom and prudence tell us to live in a manner that acknowledges a day of judgment when our lives shall be evaluated and a sentence passed. Those who have died will rise from the grave, some to receive their eternal reward and others to be condemned and suffer their eternal punishment.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 16

In the words of Psalm 16, we affirm the Lord is our inheritance. The Lord shows us the path of life, a path opposite the road that leads to the netherworld – a path of joy. This Responsorial Psalm is a profession of faith. We can always trust that God will protect us from all that would seek to lead us astray. We are called to give witness to our faith, something that always requires trust and surrender.



SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Once again we hear the idea that Jesus was the perfect High Priest who offered the sacrifice of his life and love once and for all time. There was no need to repeat this sacrifice, for it was perfectly effective in obtaining the forgiveness of our sins. The priests offer sacrifice daily, but it failed to bring about its hoped-for results. Again, it is Christ whose sacrifice has accomplished the reconciliation that had never been done before. Christ's once-for-all and single sacrifice, has opened the way for our eternal salvation.



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

Today's Gospel appears near the end of a chapter often called "Mark's apocalypse" and speaks of the end of the world. Jesus speaks of the Son of Man descending upon a cloud. Jesus is saying he will rule over the heavens and the earth at the end of time. He tells his listeners to look for signs, but he also tells them that "no one knows," but the Father when it will occur. With all the upheaval that will take place, the one thing that will remain is God's Word: "my words will not pass away." Mark is encouraging the early Christians to hold fast to their faith, for in the end it brings them a share in the heavenly and eternal kingdom. Most importantly, they must remain firm and faithful. We must be vigilant each

day. Those who trust in that final coming must be always awake and watchful, listening to the Word that does not pass away.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Corrected date) The Wellsboro Ministerium Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be the state of the service will be the ser held on Sunday, Nov. 21st at 7:00pm at the United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.



THANKSGIVING THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE



St. Peter's Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Wednesday, Nov.24th at 5:00pm. There will be no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 24th or Friday, Nov. 26th. All parishioners are invited to bring a donation to the food bank to the Thanksgiving Mass and present their donation as the gifts are brought forward.

When: Saturday, December 4th Where: Main Street, Wellsboro When: 9:00am - 4:00pm

This parish fundraiser helps support the operation of the church. In order for this parish fundraiser to be a success, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, working the booth, and as couriers. Donations of a few items are also needed and monetary donations are welcome to help offset the cost of food supplies.

Victorian style costumes are required for booth workers, but can be as simple as a long skirt, shawl, pants tucked into knee socks, or boots and a heavy sweater.

Sign-up sheets can be found on the table on the side of the church.

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NEEDED!



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 November.

During the month of 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.

The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.



Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, *"Rising Together in Christ,"* is already underway. The overall goal of this year's Appeal is \$4.5 million. The money that is raised will help to continue the mission of our Church in the Diocese of Scranton by providing programs and ministries to bring the love of Christ to our neighbors, our children, and those most in need.

Our parish goal this year remains at \$43,000. Total raised: \$22,943.50.

We appreciate any support that you might be able to give to the Appeal to help continue the spread of the gospel in our local Church. Blank pledge envelopes can be found near the front doors of the church. Thank you, and may God bless you!

PARISHIONERS WANTED TO LIGHT THE CANDLES DURING ADVENT

Would your family like to light the Advent Wreath candles at one of the Masses during the season of Advent? A sign-up sheet can be found on the handout table on the side of the church. Those lighting the candles should wait for Fr. Mosley in the back of the church prior to the Mass and will then process in behind the Altar Servers, light the appropriate candle(s), and then proceed to their pew as the opening hymn continues.



Prayer to Obtain Favors

"Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen"

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day, from the feast of St. Andrew on November 30th, until Christmas will obtain what is asked.

COVID POLICIES AND PROCEDURE REMINDERS

With the arrival of the colder months comes the height of cold and flu season. Since we will all be spending more time indoors, it is helpful to remind everyone about our ongoing COVID policies and procedures to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Here are some important reminders:

- The Diocese of Scranton continues to **strongly recommend** that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of their vaccination status. Mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread. Extra masks can be found at the entrances of the church.
- <u>Masks are required</u> for all students and teachers in our religious education program, regardless of vaccination status.
- Hand sanitizer can be found near all entrances to the church. It is encouraged that everyone sanitizes their hands upon entering the building.
- If you have been advised to quarantine or if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID (or any other seasonal illness), please do not come to Mass or religious education class. As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID or is feeling ill, should stay home. Please be assured you are not committing a sin. By longstanding Church law, the Sunday obligation does not apply to those who are:
 - o Sick
 - Have a serious health risk
 - In a household with those at risk
 - Primary caregivers to those at risk
 - o Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID
 - Unable to attend Mass in person
- Here is a helpful COVID symptom screening tool:

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Fever (100.4 or higher)	Sore throat
Cough (New or persistent)	Runny nose/congestion
Shortness of breath	Chills
Difficulty breathing	New lack of smell or taste
	Muscle pain
	Nausea or Vomiting
	Headache
	Diarrhea

Stay home from Mass or religious education class if you or the student:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A OR
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B OR
- Are taking fever reducing medication OR
- Are within a window for recommended quarantine

Sunday Mass is livestreamed on St. Peter's Facebook page, *St. Peter's Catholic Church Wellsboro PA*, which can be accessed from your personal Facebook page or through our website, http://www.stpeterswellsboro.com by clicking on the "St. Peter's Facebook Page" tab.

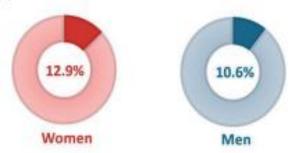
The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



World Day of the Poor

WHO LIVES IN POVERTY USA?

All those who make less than the Federal government's official poverty threshold... which for a family of four is about \$25,700. People working at minimum wage, even holding down multiple jobs. Seniors living on fixed incomes. Wage earners suddenly out of work. Millions of families everywhere from our cities to rural communities.



Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. For example, in 2018, 10.6% of men, and 12.9% of women lived in Poverty USA. Along the same lines, the poverty rate for married couples in 2018 was only 4.7% - but the poverty rate for single-parent families with no wife present was 12.7%, and for single-parent families with no husband present was 24.9%.

In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living with a disability—in poverty.

Learn more about how you can encounter, educate and act at PovertyUSA.org

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Parish Prayer List

Nan Bowser, Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Sue Evert, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighaus, Suzie Alexander, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Rita Grinnan, 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, Floyd Williammee, 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, 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, Jim Walker, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermenic, Stephanie Anthony, Victor Carlucci, Alice Kohut, Joyce Bowe, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, and Tom Patt.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and

erpetual 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.