

St. Peter's Church



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

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 – 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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

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 _____

A BLESSING

—Numbers 6:24-26—

*“May THE LORD BLESS you
and PROTECT you.*

*May THE LORD smile on you
and BE GRACIOUS to you.*

*May THE LORD show you
HIS FAVOR and
give you HIS PEACE.”*

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 11/20	No Mass	
Tuesday 11/21	12:10pm	In Memory of Jack and Margaret Collins (Sue Singer)
Wednesday 11/22	12:10pm	In Memory of Paul Patt (Marion Patt)
Thursday 11/23	10:00am	In Memory of Minor, Mareetta, and Joseph Martino (Rita Orr)
Friday 11/24	No Mass	
Saturday 11/25	5:00pm *Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 11/26	8:30am	In Memory of Deceased Members of Camp Irwin (Camp Irwin)

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 19th

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

Tuesday, November 21st

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church
Worship Committee Mtg. – 6:15pm; Adult Ed. Room

Thursday, November 23rd

Happy Thanksgiving!
Both Parish Offices Closed

Sunday, November 26th

No Religious Education Classes
Holy Hour – St. Thomas Parish; following the 11:30am Mass

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for November 12, 2023: \$4,403.80
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
Difference: -\$1,696.20
Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$578.96

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

This is the final Sunday before Christ the King. Throughout the Book of Proverbs there are instruction for young men on how to live a good and pleasing life. Today's reading is one of the few where the instructions are applied to woman. The woman's fear of the Lord is an example to us. Her works demonstrate how to respond faithfully to the Lord's call. Her reward for a life well lived is entrance in the heavenly Jerusalem. The poem speaks of outer beauty being fleeting, but the beauty of the soul is eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 128

The first step of living wisdom is fear of God. It does not mean that we are afraid that God will punish us, but that we recognize God's greatness and are willing to obey him wherever he may lead us. God is the only true guide for our lives. Those who fear the Lord are blessed. The verses used today begin and end with a general statement extending the Lord's blessing to all those who fear him.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The early Church believed that Jesus would return in glory within a short time. When that didn't happen, they began to speak of it occurring unannounced, like a thief in the night. They would not know when, but they should always be ready. The timing of the Lord's coming will be unexpected. The Thessalonians are children of the light, not of the dark, so that even though they do not know when, they will not be left behind, as children of the light stay awake and live in the ways of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30



The Gospel continues the wisdom theme with the well-known parable of the talents. It speaks of the fact that we have all received gifts from God and these gifts should be nurtured and used in the service of others. They have been given to us as gifts and should be shared as gifts. The parable is not about us earning our salvation, but rather about how responsible we are with all our generous gifts God gives us. We have to remember that all talents come from God. We could not succeed at anything if it were not for God's goodness. We must use our gifts to build up the Kingdom of God.



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.

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.

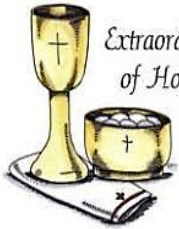


Parish Family Advent Celebration and Brunch

Sunday, November 19th 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, and cookie decorating for kids. The celebration will conclude with brunch. Come and share in this time of fellowship with members of our parish family!

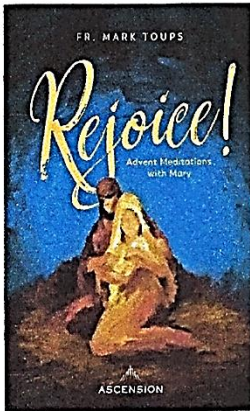
Advent candles will be available for \$5.00 a set (3 purple candles and 1 pink candle)



*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

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.



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 no later than **Monday, November 20th**. For more information, call or text Linda Sampson (570-404-2180)



SUPER

ALL PAPER



PAYOUTS	
100 OR LESS PLAYERS	\$2,000
120 OR LESS PLAYERS	\$2,500
121 PLUS PLAYERS	\$3,000

Sunday

November 19, 2023

Knoxville Community Center
Main Street, Knoxville, PA

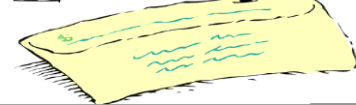
\$30.00

Purchase at the Door

Doors will open at 10:30 am
Bingo starts at 12 pm (Noon)
Kitchen will be Open

MYSTERY NUMBER TOTAL \$ 0.00

Offering Envelopes



If you are not signed up to receive monthly collection envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please contact Melissa in the Parish Office at 570/724-3371.

Benefit: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Westfield/Ekland



THANKSGIVING MASS

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



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 3rd**.

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 Opportunity for Grades 7 - High School

Dickens of A Christmas – Parking Fundraiser

Saturday, December 2nd

We will be directing traffic for those parking in the church parking lots.

Please arrive at the main lot at 8:15am and plan for about 2 hours, or until the lots are full.

Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit St. Peter's Youth Group.



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.



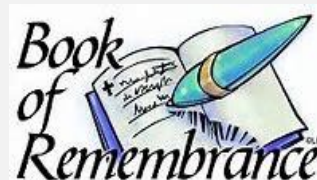
Scan to donate or visit annualappeal.org



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



HOSTED BY THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
VOCATIONS OFFICE



THE BODY OF CHRIST

Encountering the Real Presence
to be Sent on Real Mission

REV. MICHAEL BORIS

YOUNG ADULT
DISCERNMENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 8-9, 2023

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

“Every human being, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that a sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart.” - Pope Francis

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 11th. 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

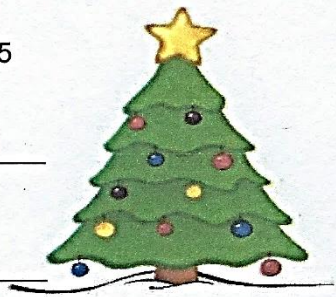
_____ Blue \$25 _____ Red \$10 _____ Flocked Pine Cone \$5

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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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, 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.