

St. Peter's Church



*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 20, 2022*

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
Business Manager: Patti Mitchell – 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, 4:20-4:50pm; 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 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 _____

"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 – Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206
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 – Steve Tokarz 570-404-0693
Worship Committee – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
Sunday Nursing Home Communion – Rectory 570-724-3371
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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 11/21	No Mass	
Tuesday 11/22	No Mass	
Wednesday 11/23	No Mass	
Thursday 11/24	10:00am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Friday 11/25	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary Campbell (Lidan Rizzo)
Saturday 11/25	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Raymond Beuter (Family)
Sunday 11/26	8:30am	Deceased Members of Camp Irwin (Camp Irwin)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of All Deceased Parishioners of St. Peter's Parish

Parish News 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.

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.



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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for November 13, 2022: \$6,067.17
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$ 32.83
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$3,372.68)

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 20th

Family Advent Celebration - 9:30am, Parish Center

Tuesday, November 15th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am, Parish Center
 Adoration - 1:00-6:00pm, Church

Wednesday, November 16th

Rectory Closed

Thursday, November 17th

Rectory Closed

Sunday, November 20th

No Religious Education classes

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.

Liturgical Reflection ~ Christ the King

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The tribes of Israel anoint David as their King, although it is the Lord who proclaims this role for David. The image of shepherd was associated with the Kings of Israel and David is to assume that same character. There is a tender relationship between the would-be king and the tribes of Israel that suggests the oneness between God and his people. Generations later Jesus, who will come from the house of David, will take on that same identity and refer to himself as the Good Shepherd.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122

Psalm 122 is in the form of a hymn of thanksgiving for the "name of the Lord." The Temple was seen as "the house of God" and this psalm might have been sung by those who made their way up to the house of the Lord rejoicing as they processed.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul invites the Colossians to give thanks to the Father for his beloved son Jesus Christ. Christ is presented as the eternal Word through whom God created the world. The text jumps from images of Jesus accomplishing the work of salvation by winning forgiveness of our sins to grand images of the eternal Christ. Paul lists several identities for Christ: firstborn of all creation, head of the body, the church, the beginning, and firstborn from the dead. These titles are intended to call the believers to a posture of praise and thanksgiving and to proclaim that God's redemption and forgiveness of sins is universal through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

The Crucifixion scene offers the irony of Christ being taunted but also being recognized as going to Paradise, the Kingdom of the Father. The jeers of the soldiers, If you are King of the Jews, echo the mocking of the tempter in the desert, If you are the Son of God. At the beginning of his earthly mission and at the end, Jesus' self-identity is challenged. But in both encounters he remains faithful to the will of the Father, completing the mission for which he was sent. Jesus' companions in death are two condemned strangers, one who echoes the jeers of the leaders and one who senses the mysterious grace that emanates from the man wearing a thorny crown. The angry thief demands that Jesus intervene and save his earthly life. But the other, recognizing his own guilt, focuses beyond and begs Jesus to remember him in his Kingdom. He recognized and confessed his sins and then repented and asked forgiveness. For this, he was canonized on the cross by the Lord himself. Despite his guilt, this thief called Jesus by name. We too, sinners all, can confidently approach our King, call him by name, and say "Jesus, remember me".



St. Peter's Bread Pudding Booth

Saturday, December 3rd

Main Street, Wellsboro

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 food 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 handout table.

Marian Ministries



Living Rosary Update

Participants from St. Peters and Holy Child parishes have offered two Living Rosaries to our Blessed Mother every day throughout October. What a gift of grace, given and received! We plan to continue this devotion through the end of December, when we will re-evaluate the participants desire to continue. Ideally, we hope to offer at least one Living Rosary indefinitely. Contact Linda Sampson if you are no longer able to pray your chosen decade or if you would like to join the Living Rosary family. (Email sampson4509@gmail.com; text or call 570-404-2180)

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter's Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Thursday, November 24th at 10:00am.

PARISH FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

This Sunday, November 20th is our annual parish Family Advent Celebration. This celebration is **for all members of our Parish** and includes Advent crafts to make with your children, Advent handouts, coffee, and donuts. Please come and share in this time of fellowship with member of our Parish family.



The youth group will host this event and will also have a **bake sale**, with proceeds supporting youth group activities. *Donations of baked goods* are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off before 9:30am.



3 purple candles
1 pink candle

We will also be selling **Advent Wreath candles**. The set includes 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle and costs \$5.00 per set.

PARISHIONERS WANTED TO LIGHT CANDLES

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. Jacek in the back of the church prior to the Mass and will then process in behind the Altar Servers and Lector, light the appropriate candle(s), and then proceed to their pew as the opening hymn continues.



“Goodness is hidden, silent; it requires slow and continuous excavation. Because God’s style is discreet. He does not impose himself. He is like the air we breathe - we don’t see it but it allows us to live, and we realize it only when it’s missing.” 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 you 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.

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 -- \$25
- Flocked Pine Cone -- \$5

To sponsor your ornament, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the rectory with your payment by December 11th. The booklet will be sent to the printer on that date. Please call the rectory 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

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

Person's Name (please print) _____

Requested By (please print) _____

Amount Enclosed _____



Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.

 <p>UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC. SOCIAL MINISTRY</p> <p>V.E. Boley, Ph.D. E.D. Clemens Executive Director Director of Operations</p> <p>Ph: (570) 944-0106 7534 Route 49 Fax: (570) 827-3063 P.O. Box 25 Email: unitedchristianministries.inc@gmail.com Eklund, PA 16920 Website: ucministries.org</p>	<p>WALRATH & COOLIDGE</p> <p>Probate & Estate Administration Real Estate Personal Injury</p>  <p>Wills • Corporate Adoptions Family Law</p> <p>570-724-3801 R. Lowell Coolidge, Esq • Priscilla Walrath, Esq Fax: 570-724-7239 126 Main St • Wellsboro, PA</p>	<p>Great relationships Great conversations Great futures</p> <p>Connect with us: bakertilly.com Two Wain Street Wellsboro, PA 16901 +1 (570) 724 5000</p>  <p>© 2020 Baker Tilly US, LLP.</p>
<p><i>Akiko's Floral Arts</i></p>  <p>31 East Avenue Wellsboro</p> <p>(570) 724-1509</p> <p>"If Akiko's Not Your Florist, She Should Be" Shop24/7 at www.akikos.com Akiko, Clark & Joe Hewitt</p>	<p>OVER 125 YEARS OF SERVICE</p> <p>TUSSEY-MOSHER FUNERAL HOME, LTD. <i>Calvin T. Mosher, Supervisor</i></p> <p>139 Main St. Wellsboro, PA 16901 (570) 724-4637 TusseyMosher.com</p>	<p>CARQUEST AUTO PARTS</p> <p>MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950</p> <p>kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 T 570.662.2277 F 570.662.1078</p>  <p>Kenneth Mitchell Owner</p>
 <p>25 Main Street Wellsboro, PA 16901 570-723-4263</p> <p>www.popscultureshoppe.com</p> <p>Games * Imagination * Fun Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p>NESSMUK'S SPORTING GOODS <i>Hunting-Fishing-Trapping-Trekking</i></p>  <p>1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159 www.Nessmuks.com</p> <p>A Family Owned Small Business Zack & Tracy Buck</p>	<p>A Gift in Your Will</p> <p>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><i>"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."</i></p>
 <p>U-Haul® Dealer Since 2011</p> <p>uhaul.com</p> <p>Ken Mitchell Mitchell's Carquest Auto Parts</p> <p>688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 Business: (570) 662-2534 www.mitchellcarquest.com</p> 	<p>TOKARZ CUSTOM WOODWORK</p> <p>Stephen F. Tokarz • Artisan • Craftsman</p> <p>Specializing in Custom Wood Products</p> <p>570-404-0693 Established in Tioga County, PA</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, Jerry Pierce, 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, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniwi, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, 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, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermevic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Jordan Dugan, Midge Bialas, and B.J. Butler.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Darren Kennedy

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.