

St. Peter's Church



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21, 2021

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 – streled@ptd.net
 Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:30-4:45pm 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
 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 – 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 Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. Accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

—*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 11/22	12:10pm	In Memory of Jan & Tecla Gubala (Ann Marie Beuter)
Tuesday 11/23	7:30am	In Memory of Joyce Pagano (ChristLife Group)
Wednesday 11/24	5:00pm	In Memory of Cecil & Mary Rogers (Ann Marie Beuter)
Thursday 11/25	No Mass	
Friday 11/26	No Mass	
Saturday 11/27	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Carrie Niles Daugherty (Cindy Frost)
Sunday 11/28	8:30am	Deceased Members of Camp Irwin (Camp Irwin Members)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Paul Urner (Jurgen Plato)

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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for November 14, 2021: \$4,687.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: (\$1,413.00)
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$1,985.94)
We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

ADVENT MATERIAL

There is a wide selection of free Advent material on the handout table on the side of the church to enrich your Advent season. Please feel free to take a few for your family.

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.

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 21st – Religious Education Classes
 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th
Monday, Nov. 22nd – Social Concerns Meeting, 1:00pm
Tuesday, Nov. 23rd – Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am
Sunday, Nov. 8th – NO Religious Education Classes

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.

Liturgical Reflection ~ Christ the King

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14

Today's First Reading speaks of the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven to receive dominion over all. All nations shall serve him. His dominion shall never be taken away. Having accomplished his task as the anointed one, the Son of Man is raised to the throne of God who begins his final, definitive reign through the exalted messiah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 93

The Responsorial Psalm continues the themes of the royal dignity of Jesus. We sing of the majesty of the Lord, the King, and declare his everlasting reign. We proclaim him to be Lord of everything that is in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth. The Lord's decrees deserve our trust, the trust of his holy people.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is the first of those who will rise from the dead. He is the best of those who will rise, but Jesus is also the promise that we, too, will rise with him. Jesus is also the king of kings, which was an important statement to be made during a time of persecution when it seemed as if the pagan kings ruled; something we can also relate to today. In this one passage we meet prophecy and fulfillment as we are reminded of the words Jesus used to speak of himself -- I am the Alpha and Omega....

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

Today's Gospel reading speaks of the kingship of Christ and helps us understand what we mean by the title King, as applied to Jesus. The kingship of Jesus is not of this world. We all yearn for a ruler who will take responsibility for society, whose own goodness will influence the goodness of others, who

Jesus answered "...For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18: 37

Seek the Truth...

will contain evildoers and rescue the poor. Jesus Christ is the ideal ruler, and we have given to him the throne of our own hearts. Jesus has come from the Father to reveal God's truth, not to seize political power. For John, Jesus crucified and raised, presents the full truth of a self-giving God who now rules forever through him. Jesus came to set us free from our grater bondage, the bondage to sin and death. He does this by proclaiming in word and deed how much the Father loves us. Jesus is not a king who will reign upon a throne wearing a crown of gold. He will reign upon a cross and wear a crown of thorns. By doing this he has shown us what true authority

is. The power of Jesus' Kingdom is the strength of a love that is greater than the authority of the one who sends him to execution. This truth stands unrecognized in the flesh before Pilate but embraced by those who listen to Jesus' voice.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Corrected date)

The Wellsboro Ministerium Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 21st** at 7:00pm at the United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.



THANKSGIVING MASS



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.



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Christmas

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.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

#iGIVECATHOLIC

RISE to the Challenge!

#iGiveCatholic 2021!
NOVEMBER 15-30 ONLY!
<https://scranton.igivecatholic.org/>

Make a gift of at least \$20 on the Diocesan Annual Appeal Page and get a chance to win an array of outdoorsy prizes celebrating God's creation! Type our parish name in the Comments section of the donation form to help us win additional \$1,000 cash prizes for parish projects!

Already given? An additional \$20 gift doubles your chances to win!
 Questions? E-mail Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-591-5004.

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/IGIVECATHOLICDIOCESEOFSCRANTON](https://www.facebook.com/igivecatholicdioceseofscranton)
 Like/Follow this page to participate in two weeks' worth of pop-up challenges with more prizes!

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!

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.

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.

Advent Wreath Lighting

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.



POPE FRANCIS: ST JOSEPH, AN EXAMPLE AND A WITNESS FOR OUR TIMES

Pope Francis begins a new series of reflections on St Joseph as an example and a witness for our times, and stated that “today, as never before, in this time marked by a global crisis,” St Joseph can offer us “support, consolation, and guidance.” As the year of St Joseph draws to a close, the Pope said he hoped his reflections might “further help us to allow ourselves to be enlightened by his example and by his witness.”

The Holy Father reflected on the biblical context of the life of St Joseph. He shared that the name “Joseph” – Hebrew for “may God increase, may God give growth” – is “a wish, a blessing based on trust in God’s providence and referring especially to fertility and raising children” and this “reveals an essential aspect of Joseph of Nazareth’s personality. He is a man full of faith in God, in His providence.”

Pope Francis stated that places associated with St. Joseph, especially Bethlehem and Nazareth, “assume an important role in our understanding” of the saint. While Jerusalem was “the city loved by the Lord, the ‘holy city,’” it was Bethlehem and Nazareth, both outlying villages, “far from the clamor of the news and the powers of the time” that are most associated with Saint Joseph. “The choice of Bethlehem and Nazareth tells us that the periphery and marginality are preferred by God,” Pope Francis said. “Failure to take this fact seriously is equivalent to not taking seriously the Gospel and the work of God.” Jesus goes out especially in search of those on the peripheries, not only sinners, but also “those who have done no evil but have suffered it: the sick, the hungry, the poor, the least...the Church knows that she is called to proclaim the good news from the periphery.” Pope Francis continued, “St. Joseph is truly a master of the essential: he reminds us that what truly matters does not attract our attention, but requires patient discernment to be discovered and appreciated.”

Pope Francis asked us to pray for Joseph’s intercession, “that the whole Church might recover this insight.” “Let us start again from Bethlehem, let us start again from Nazareth.” “May you find in Saint Joseph the witness and protector to whom you can look.”

Prayer to St Joseph

Saint Joseph, you who always trusted God and made your choices guided by His providence.

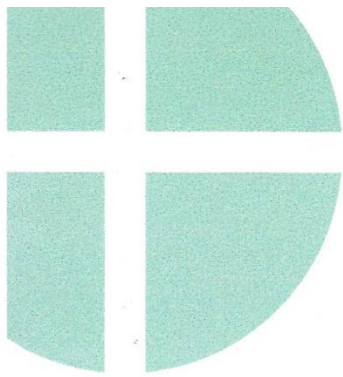
Teach us not to count so much on our own plans, but on His plan of love.

You who come from the peripheries help us to convert our gaze and to prefer what the world discards and marginalizes.

Comfort those who feel alone and support those who work silently to defend life and human dignity. Amen.

Virtual reality and genetic science may give us the illusion of power, but we are not gods. We are not our own, or anyone else's, creator. Nor, for our own safety, should we ever seek to be. Even parents, entrusted with a special guardianship over new life, do not "own" their children any more than one adult can own another. And therein lies our only security. No one but the Creator is the sovereign of basic human rights - beginning with the right to life" (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, 1998, n. 15).

Every Catholic is a missionary of the Good News of human dignity redeemed through the cross. While our personal vocation may determine the form and style of our witness, Jesus calls each of us to be a leaven in society, and we will be judged by our actions. No one, least of all someone who exercises leadership in society, can rightfully claim to share fully and practically the Catholic faith and yet act publicly in a way contrary to that faith" (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, 1998, n.7).



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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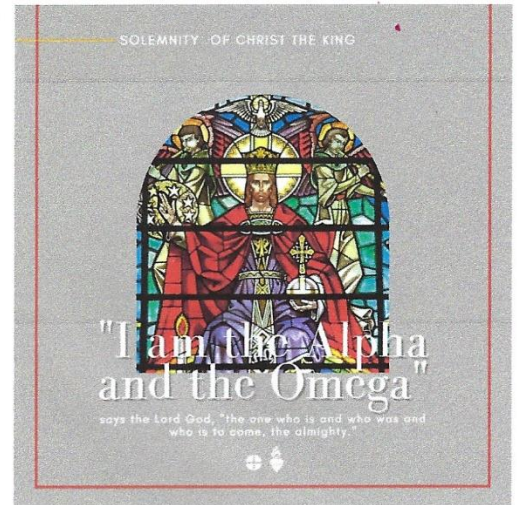
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.



CCHD: Working on the Margins for Over 50 Years

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has worked on the margins by supporting groups that defend worker rights, promote responsible environmental practices, advocate for people with disabilities and immigrants, and support employee-owned businesses. On November 20- 21, many dioceses across the United States will take up the collection to support CCHD. When you participate in this collection, you help fight poverty nationwide and in your community because 25 percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to help local antipoverty initiatives. To learn more about CCHD, please find collection resources and the most current annual report here: <https://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection>. #1church1mission #PowerOfCCHD

