

St. Peter's Church

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Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am-1:00pm

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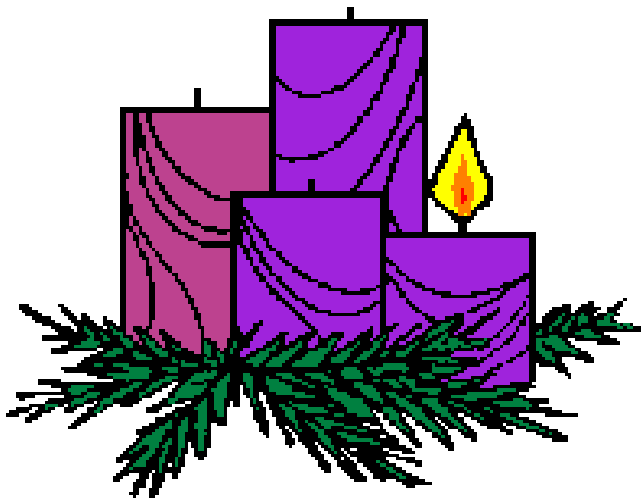
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Schedule of Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:30-4:45pm or by appointment



*First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 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 – 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 _____

Advent Prayer

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

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
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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 11/29	12:10pm	In Memory of Agnes Worden (Family)
Tuesday 11/30	7:30am	In Memory of John Pendergast (Glenn Poirier)
Wednesday 12/1	12:10pm	In Memory of John Bober (Wife, Janet)
Thursday 12/2	No Mass	
Friday 12/3	12:10pm	In Memory of Lewis 'Chuck' Getgen (Joan)
Saturday 12/4	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Paul Patt (Marion Patt & Family)
Sunday 12/5	8:30am	In Memory of Viola Stats (B.J. Butler)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Paul Urner (All Sale Workers)

Parish News and Activities

CHURCH HOURS/ADORATION

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday 11:30am–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 28, 2021:\$5,107.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses:\$6,100.00
 Difference:(\$ 993.00)
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$2,978.94)
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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic adoration takes place every Tuesday from 8:00am–6:00pm. We are in need of more adorers, especially from 8:00am–9:00am and 9:00am–10:00am. Please consider signing up for a spot. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the church.

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.

YEAR END DONATIONS

2021 financial statements will be prepared upon request. All donations must be received by December 31st to be included on your 2021 statement. If you would like a 2021 statement, please call the rectory, or write *send statement* on your weekly offering envelope.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov.28th– NO Religious Education Classes
Tuesday, Nov. 30th – Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am
Sunday, Dec. 5th – Religious Education Classes
 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the safety of our parishioners, if the local school are **closed**, there will be **no daily Mass or Adoration**. If the schools are **delayed** on a Tuesday, there will be no daily Mass or Adoration. If schools are delayed on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, there will be 12:10pm Mass. The Church will remain open for private prayer using the parking lot side entrance.

Liturgical Reflection ~ First Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In today's First Reading, the Jeremiah announce the emergence of a shoot from David's line. This sprout from David's line mirrors an essential characteristic of God, one of righteousness or justice. The prophet offers sure hope in the midst of hardship saying, "The days are coming...I will fulfill the promise." His focus is on a future when current woes will cease, promises will be fulfilled, and transformation will be achieved so completely that all who look upon Judah will recognize the saving hand of God. A new name was assigned to Jerusalem – "The Lord our justice." God's justice consists of judgement against Judah's sins, but also mercy, and the mercy of God is evident in this reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 25

We cannot hope to be pleasing to God unless we open our hearts to his instruction. On our own, we are bound to fall into sinful and selfish habits. We fool ourselves by believing that what we are doing is what God wants but is really what we wanted to do. On the other hand, if we humble our hearts, we will be able to hear what God is trying to tell us. He wants us to choose justice for that is the only real path to a life filled with peace and joy.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

In today's reading Paul is encouraging the community to not lose hope over the delay of the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. Paul and his Thessalonian converts expected the great and terrible day of Christ's return to be imminent. His advice during this between time is to continue turning their lives over to Christ, keep on loving one another as Paul instructed, remain pure and blameless in God's sight, so that we can one day reign with Christ forever.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear and that others will be frightened, Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall with their heads held high. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. We find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unflinching love for us in all circumstances. Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation in his words. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you knit or crochet? If so, please consider helping someone in need of your love by making them a simple prayer shawl. When they are alone or cold, when they need to feel the love of someone who cares, they can snuggle under a prayer shawl. A beautiful **testimony**: *A lady was in treatment for breast cancer and was*

gifted a prayer shawl, which brought her to tears. She would wrap up in it when she needed courage and strength, or to feel warm or love from the person who made it for her. She stated that it was a comfort and prayer every time she wrapped up in it. That was 15 years ago and she still has her shawl, and it has comforted many since, as when she was finished with treatment and working in her office, it would be folded in a chair and often people who came to her office, would reach for it and hold it and she would know God's love was still at work. You can do the same for someone now. Please call Jan Bernethy, 307-267-0677 for more information.

Directions are simple and easy. Knitting: use needles size 11 or 13, cast between 54-63 stitches, knit 3, purl 3 to end of row, repeat. Crocheting: use a size P hook, chaining 48 loosely hooks, turn and double chain and repeat. The shawl should measure approx. 50" x 24" and optional fringe can be added to each end. Variegated Lion Brand yarn is wonderful to use. Yarn and needles can be provided. **We are in need of shawls made from neutral or darker colors of yarn, but any color is greatly appreciated.**



A
Dickens
OF A
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.**

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NEEDED!**



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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: \$29,623.50.

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!

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.

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Like/Follow this page to participate in two weeks' worth of pop-up challenges with more prizes!

GIVING TREE

Share Christmas joy with a local child, family, or nursing home resident. Please select a tag from our Giving Tree and read the directions printed on the tag explaining how to deliver the gifts to a nursing home resident. The gifts for children or families must be placed, UNWRAPPED in a gift bag with the tag attached, under the Giving Tree by Friday, December 17th. Gifts for Seeds of Hope should be placed under the tree in a plastic bag. Questions? Please call Karen Plumley 570-439-0175.



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CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Each Christmas, the flowers in the church during the season, memorialize deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute to this year's Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope found in your monthly packet and place in the collection basket.

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS

Special Christmas Mass Intention envelopes can be found in your monthly packets to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses to remember your intentions. Please place your Christmas Mass intentions envelopes in the collection basket.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Christmas Day ~ 10:00am

"Advent is a continuous call to hope. It reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal and to its fullness, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the 'God-with-us', He walks beside us to support us." Pope Francis

ADVENT SEASON

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C).

The Advent Wreath

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Blessing Of The Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response: Who made heaven and earth.

*Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or
Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

From "*Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*"



Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 12th – 3:00pm, Holy Child

December 20th – 6:00pm, St. Peters

The First Sunday of Advent



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Advent Begins!

November 28 – December 24

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest will wear violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn (GIRM, no. 316). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

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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, 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, Carol Fasick, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Doris Coumbe, 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, 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, Tom Patt, and Staci Stager.



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.