

St. Peter's Church



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 6, 2022

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

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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 _____

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 6-12, 2022, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

"Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women.

May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."

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
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Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Dinner Committee – Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085
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Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092
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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 11/7	No Mass	
Tuesday 11/8	No Mass	
Wednesday 11/9	No Mass	
Thursday 11/10	No Mass	
Friday 11/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Jan & Tecla Gubala (Family)
Saturday 11/12	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Doug Robinson (Pat Robinson)
Sunday 11/13	8:30am	In Memory of Lucille Cornell (Lee Glass & Christine Cardinale)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Mary Campbell (Don & Lucy Whitney)

The Altar Flowers are 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.



Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 30, 2022: \$6,688.40*
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$ 588.40
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$3,998.35)
 *Includes \$504.00 All Saints Collection

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 6th

Religious Education Classes – 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th

Tuesday, November 8th

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

Wednesday, November 9th

ChistLife – 6:00pm

Sunday, November 13th

Religious Education Classes – 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th
 Confirmation Class – 6:00pm

"Today, the Lord reminds us that death comes to make truth of life. The Gospel explains how to live out the wait: we go to meet God by loving, because He is love." Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Today's readings challenge us to evaluate the sincerity of our personal belief that we will be raised up after death to a new kind of life. The graphic details surrounding the physical torture and death of the seven brothers help to emphasize their religious commitment to the law that forbids the eating of pork. The resolve of each of them to be faithful to their tradition is a teaching about the Resurrection. Their steadfast belief impressed the king and his attendants; but their faith is in another King who will raise them up to live forever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 17

Psalm 17 is a prayer of supplication that the Lord will hear the cry of the faithful servant. The one who prays confesses fidelity to the path of the Lord and regards himself as "the apple of your eye," a term of endearment. The image of God is that of a bird, perhaps the mother of the species who would provide protection "in the shadow" of their wings.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

This passage from Paul is in three parts. In the first Paul calls down a blessing upon "brothers and sisters" that they will be encouraged and strengthen in "every good deed and word." Then he asks them to pray for his mission among the unbelievers. Finally, he proclaims that the Lord is faithful and it is the Lord who will direct them in the way of love of God. We often speak of "God's work" because it is God who does the work, not us. That is why failure should never daunt us. Often what look like failure is just a step on the journey, led by God, toward the expansion of his Kingdom. That is why Paul reminds us that "the Lord is faithful." It is Christ we follow and Christ who will win the day. Our task is to show up and put our gifts and our lives at God's disposal. This text ends as it began, with a prayer. The prayer asks that hearts remain focused on God's love for them. It is that love that sustains us. When we forget it, we lose our way.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38



The Gospel presents a teaching on the Resurrection; there is an obvious connection here to the First Reading. Once again, a group of Jewish religious authorities tries to discredit Jesus' teachings. The Sadducees, who because they do not believe in resurrection from the dead, promote traditions that focus on earthly blessing like prosperity and posterity. They taught that there would be a generally resurrection of all people at the last judgement, but it is not clear if they expected this to be a spiritual or bodily resurrection. The context of today's reading is the rather ridiculous situation of seven brothers who married the same woman but all died without any offspring and the question of whose wife she will be at the resurrection. Jesus instructs the Sadducees that the identity and relationships of those who rise from the dead is very different from the ones they have on earth. Heavenly life will transcend our categories; there, death will be no more and we will be simply "children of God" enjoying an angelic existence. The declaration that the Lord is "not God of the dead, but of the living" is the truth Jesus came to proclaim both through his life and teaching, but most of all through his own Resurrection from the dead.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Marian Ministries



Living Rosary Update

Participants from St. Peter's 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 reevaluate 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)

Thank you! - Last Sunday, over fifty people gathered at St. Peter's Church in prayer and praise to our Blessed Mother. Guest speaker, Dave Nodar, founder and senior leader of ChristLife, challenged the assembly to pray the Rosary in a more reflective way by meditating on the mysteries that are embedded in scripture. Parishioners from St. Peter's, Holy Child, and St. Mary's parishes enjoyed this Spirit-filled event, along with a delicious banquet of finger foods and a cupcake Rosary.

Special thanks to my ChristLife family who worked tirelessly to plan and prepare for the event: Danette, Laurie, and BJ, my "tribe" that keeps me grounded; Norb and Nona for their incredible hospitality to Dave and Ely Nodar; Dan and Betsy for the beautiful table decorations, Christina and her singers for the heavenly music; everyone who brought delicious food and all those who sat around the tables. Thanks to Fr. Jacek and the rectory staff for their support throughout the past few months. Most of all, thanks to God for the love of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother. - Linda



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 each week.

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 -- \$10
- 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 _____

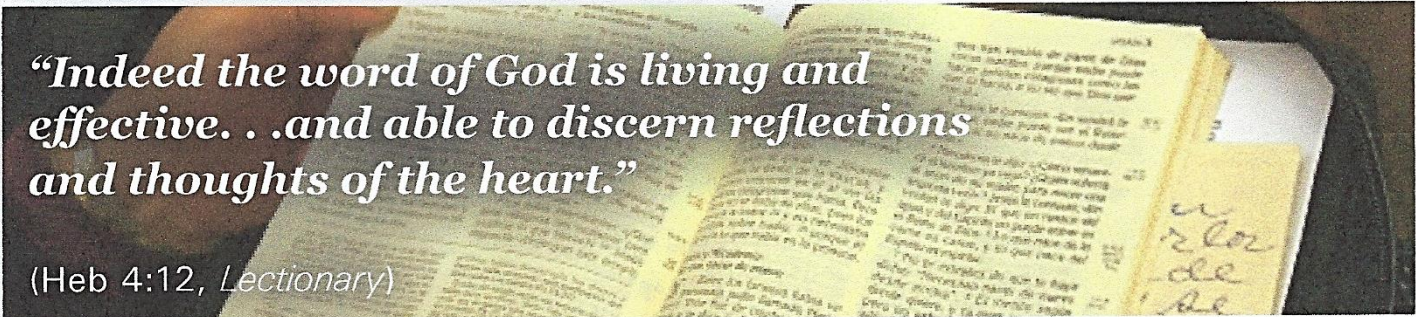




Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In celebration of National Bible Week, Mary Elizabeth Sperry, associate director for the utilization of the New American Bible at the USCCB, shares 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

- 1. Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
- 2. Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
- 3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an imprimatur notice on the back of the title page. An imprimatur indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
- 4. The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
- 5. Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
- 6. The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
- 7. The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
- 8. You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
- 9. What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
- 10. Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).




“Indeed the word of God is living and effective. . .and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.”

(Heb 4:12, *Lectionary*)



St. Peter's Parish & St. Thomas Parish - Activity Calendar - November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>REVISÉD</p> <p>November</p>	<p>1 All Saints Mass – 12:10pm Adoration – 1:00-6:00pm Both Rectories Closed Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AA & -Al-Anon–6:00pm</p>	<p>2 All Souls Day Mass – 12:10pm Mass – 6:00pm St. Catherine Staff Meeting – 10:00am, Rectory Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Blessing of Graves – St. Peter's, 2:00pm; Antrim, 2:45pm ChristLife – 6:00pm Cemetery Mtg–7:00pm, Music Room</p>	<p>3 St. Martin de Porres Mass – 12:10pm with St. Jude Novena Fundraising Committee Mtg – 9:00am, Rectory</p>	<p>4 St. Charles Borromeo No Mass St. Peter's Rectory Closed</p>	<p>Mass – 5:00pm Confessions - 4:20-4:50pm Mass – 7:00pm St. Catherine ChristLife Retreat – 9:00am</p>	
<p>6 32nd Sun. Ordinary Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Rel. Ed.–Pre K 8:30am; K-12th 9:30 - 10:40am</p>	<p>8 No Mass Adoration – 1:00-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AA & -Al-Anon–6:00pm St. Thomas Rectory Closed</p>	<p>9 Dedication Lateran Basilica No Mass ChristLife – 6:00pm</p>	<p>10 No Mass</p>	<p>11 St. Martin of Tours Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Rectory Closed</p>	<p>12 St. Josaphat Mass – 5:00pm Confessions - 4:20-4:50pm Mass – 7:00pm St. Catherine</p>	
<p>13 33rd Sun. Ordinary Time Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Rel. Ed.–Pre K 8:30am; K-12th 9:30 - 10:40am Confirmation Class – 6:00pm Super Bingo At St. Thomas</p>	<p>15 St. Albert the Great Mass – 12:10pm with Miraculous Medal Novena Adoration – 1:00-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Worship Committee Mtg. – 6:30pm AA & -Al-Anon–6:00pm</p>	<p>16 St. Margaret of Scotland Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Fundraising Dinners Committee Meeting – 10:00am ChristLife – 6:00pm</p>	<p>17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mass – 12:10pm with St. Jude Novena Family Advent Set Up –3:15pm Social Concerns Mtg. – 6:30pm</p>	<p>18 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Rectory Closed</p>	<p>19 Mass – 5:00pm Confessions - 4:20-4:50pm Mass – 7:00pm St. Catherine</p>	
<p>20 Christ the King Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Family Advent Celebration– 9:30am Family Advent Celebration</p>	<p>22 St. Cecilia No Mass Adoration – 1:00-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AA & -Al-Anon–6:00pm</p>	<p>23 St. Clement I, St. Columban No Mass St. Peter's Rectory Closed</p>	<p>24 Mass - 10:00am Both Rectories Closed</p> 	<p>25 St. Catherine of Alexandria Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Both Rectories Closed</p>	<p>26 Mass – 5:00pm Confessions - 4:20-4:50pm Mass – 7:00pm St. Catherine</p>	
<p>27 1st Sunday of Advent Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas</p>	<p>29 Mass – 12:10pm with Miraculous Medal Novena Adoration – 1:00-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AA & -Al-Anon–6:00pm</p>	<p>30 St. Andrew Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am</p>				

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

Patrick Lannak

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.