

St. Peter's Church



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2021**

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 Rectory Phone: 570-724-3371 ~ Fax: 570-724-6322
 Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789
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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
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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

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!

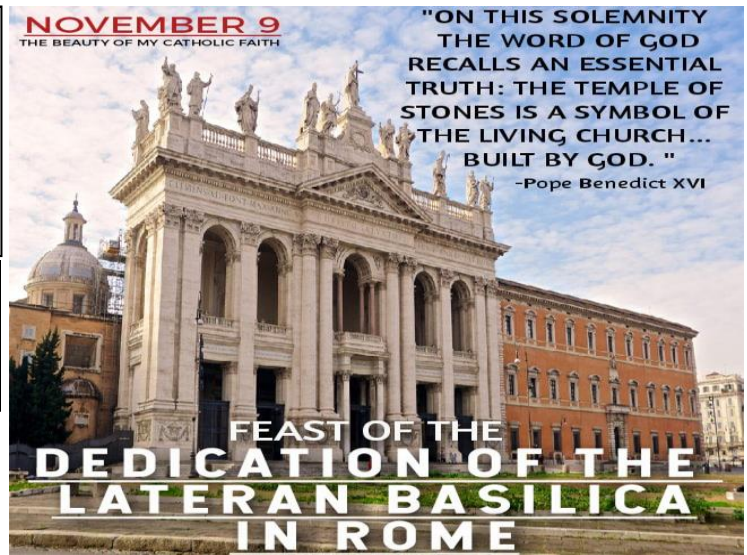
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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 |
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| Monday 11/8 | 12:10pm | NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday will be from 8:00am – 5:00pm |
| Tuesday 11/9 | 7:30am | |
| Wednesday 11/10 | 12:10pm | |
| Thursday 11/11 | No Mass | |
| Friday 11/12 | 12:10pm | |
| Saturday 11/13 | 5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed) | In Memory of Frank Dziengowski (Mike & Patti Knighton) |
| Sunday 11/14 | 8:30am | In Memory of Tekla Gubala (Family) |

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Jim & Tekla Gubala (Ann Marie Beuter)

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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children’s Liturgy is offered at the 8:30am Mass. Children, along with an adult leader, are dismissed by Father before the First Reading and rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While gathered in the parish center, children celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. All children ages Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to attend. Pre-registration is not necessary.

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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 31, 2021: \$6,441.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$ 341.00
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$2,847.94)

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

RECTORY HOURS

Until further notice, the Rectory will be open Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 8:00am – 1:00pm; Thursday by chance.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 7th – Religious Education Classes
 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th
 Confirmation Prep Class – 6:00pm

Tuesday, Nov. 9th – Women’s Bible Study, 9:00am

Sunday, Nov. 14th – Religious Education Classes
 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th

FR. MOSLEY AWAY THIS WEEK

Fr. Mosley will be away this week Monday through Friday. In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Volunteer Chaplain Assistant Training Program

Are you looking for that special way to help and give back to your community or do you feel the need to do something but not sure how or where to start? You're invited to join us and explore the possibilities of becoming a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant at UPMC Wellsboro Hospital. This training will help you discern whether you are a good fit for the ministry and will train you with the skills needed to be a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant.

The training is on November 10th from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the UPMC Wellsboro Hospital in the Cedar Conference Room. Please e-mail Sister Gabrielle Nguyen, Chaplain, Education Coordinator at email address nguyens4@upmc.edu or Faith Preston, Volunteer Services, phone 570-723-0191 or e-mail address prestonf@upmc.edu for more information or to register; registration is required.



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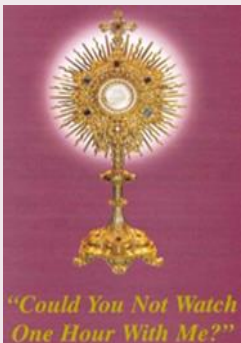


St. Michael Prayer

As a special patron and protector of the Church, St. Michael has been assigned to fight against Satan; to protect faithful souls from him, especially at their death; to champion God's people; and, further along this line, to escort them to their judgment. We pray this special prayer for our Church, our Diocese, and our parishioners.

***Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the
devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of
God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl
about the world for the ruin of souls.***

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



***"Could You Not Watch
One Hour With Me?"***

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us. During Eucharistic Adoration, we watch and wait, we remain silent in His Presence, and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. In its fullest essence Eucharistic Adoration is God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!

You are invited to grow in faith and love of our Lord with us, by coming to Eucharistic Adoration. Every Tuesday from 8:00am – 6:00pm, adoration is held at St. Peter's. All are invited to participate. You are free to visit any time without signing up. *If you wish to sign up for a committed weekly hour, a sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the church or you can call Rhonda Gooch at 570-724-3092.*

How does one spend an hour before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament? This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you want. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself, a prayer of great faith.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Today's First Reading tells the story of a poor widow from the town of Zarephath. There was a great drought. The widow only had a small amount of food when Elijah, the man of God, asked her for something to eat. She replied that she was preparing what little she had for her and her son and then she then they would die. Elijah reassured her that she would not suffer from want. She trusted and obeyed him and prepared a cake of bread for him to eat. This reading underscores the tremendous trust of both Elijah and the widow of Zarephath. God speaks through the Elijah. The prophet is the spokesman, but it is God who acts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146

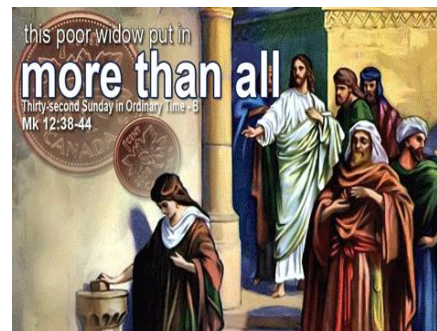
The Responsorial Psalm celebrated the fact that the Lord cares for those who have no one else to provide for their needs. The Lectionary provides two options for the psalm refrain. In the first, we offer a short exclamation of our praise of God. In the second, a single "Alleluia" declares our praise of God. The verses of the psalm evidence God's providential care for his people, especially those most in need and unable to care for themselves. We, too, should try and reach out and care for those who may have been left behind and need a helping hand.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

This reading continues the theme from last week that Jesus, our High Priest, has offered himself as the perfect offering for all, to bring about our forgiveness and reconciliation. The Old Testament priests had to offer many sacrifices because all of their sacrifices were imperfect and none of them fully accomplished that which was intended – to free us from our sins. This one perfect sacrifice of Jesus does not need to ever be repeated, for it has surpassed and completed what the Old Law never envisioned could be accomplished. When Christ appears again, this time it will be to bestow salvation at the end of time.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

Throughout Scriptures, the biblical authors portray God as caring for the poor. The widow, the orphan, the foreigner, and all who are in need are the concern of God and his people. Today's Gospel shows a powerful contrast between the scribes who loved to be seen and adored and the poor widow who contributes everything she has to the temple. Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she gave away all she had and was praised by Jesus as someone who gave barely a penny because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it, and with us, what is beyond our reckoning.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Wellsboro Ministerium Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18th at 7:00pm at the United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.



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.

SUPPORT PARISH LIFE INITIATIVES

"Our primary goal is to share the Gospel, evangelize and share our faith and bring people back to the Church if they are not there"

— Jose Flores
Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Scranton



The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Office for Parish Life, which works directly with parishes to provide training and support services to guide the faithful. This summer, the office launched a new weekly radio program in Spanish to share the Gospel message with the Hispanic community.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org



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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.

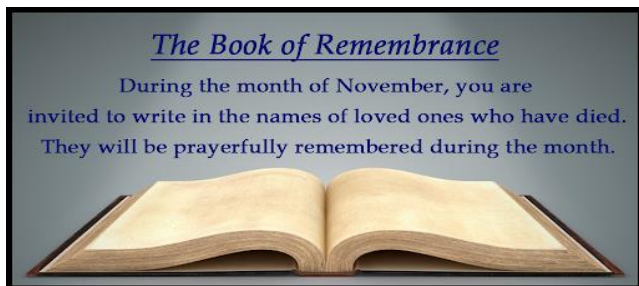
Our parish goal this year remains at \$43,000.
Total raised: \$18,863.50.

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.



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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

- When we are tempted to judge others badly, we must rather reflect on our own weakness. It is good to ask ourselves what drives us to correct a brother or a sister, and if we are not in some way co-responsible for their mistake.
- Love is the supreme rule for following the path of Christ, it makes us aware of our weakness, and merciful and in solidarity with the difficulties and weaknesses of others.
- There is a mysterious solidarity in Christ between those who have already passed to the other life and we pilgrims in this one. Our deceased loved ones continue to take care of us from Heaven. They pray for us, and we pray for them and we pray with them.

COVID POLICIES AND PROCEDURE REMINDERS

With the arrival of the colder months comes the height of cold and flu season. Since we will all be spending more time indoors, it is helpful to remind everyone about our ongoing COVID policies and procedures to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Here are some important reminders:

- The Diocese of Scranton continues to **strongly recommend** that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass, regardless of their vaccination status. Mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread. Extra masks can be found at the entrances of the church.
- **Masks are required** for all students and teachers in our religious education program, regardless of vaccination status.
- Hand sanitizer can be found near all entrances to the church. It is encouraged that everyone sanitizes their hands upon entering the building.
- **If you have been advised to quarantine or if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID (or any other seasonal illness), please do not come to Mass or religious education class.** As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID or is feeling ill, should stay home. Please be assured you are not committing a sin. By longstanding Church law, the Sunday obligation does not apply to those who are:
 - Sick
 - Have a serious health risk
 - In a household with those at risk
 - Primary caregivers to those at risk
 - Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID
 - Unable to attend Mass in person
- Here is a helpful COVID symptom screening tool:

| Group A 1 or more symptoms | Group B 2 or more symptoms |
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| Fever (100.4 or higher) Cough (New or persistent) Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing | Sore throat Runny nose/congestion Chills New lack of smell or taste Muscle pain Nausea or Vomiting Headache Diarrhea |

Stay home from Mass or religious education class if you or the student:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A OR
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B OR
- Are taking fever reducing medication OR
- Are within a window for recommended quarantine

Sunday Mass is livestreamed on St. Peter’s Facebook page, *St. Peter’s Catholic Church Wellsboro PA*, which can be accessed from your personal Facebook page or through our website, <http://www.stpeterswellsboro.com> by clicking on the “St. Peter’s Facebook Page” tab.

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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National Vocations Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate the 45th annual National Vocation Awareness Week from November 7-13, 2021. During this week, dioceses across the United States will hold events to foster an appreciation for vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

In his message for the 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis offered St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as a model for vocational discernment. "Amid all these upheavals, [St. Joseph] found the courage to follow God's will. So too in a vocation: God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say "yes" to God," he said, and exhorted the Church to look to St. Joseph as an "outstanding example of acceptance of God's plans."

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.

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.



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

Denison Young

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.