

St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Labor Day to Memorial Day - Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am-2:00pm;
Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Memorial Day to Labor Day - Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski

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Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang

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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2022

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 _____

fill your minds

**with those things that are good
and deserve praise:
things that are true,
noble, right, pure, lovely,
and honorable.**

Philippians 4:8

Interested in the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church. It begins with a period of inquiry in which you may ask questions before you make a commitment to become Catholic. Please call (570-724-3371) for more information.

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 10/17	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/18	12:10pm	In Memory of Elaine Myslinski (Tom & Linda Sampson)
Wednesday 10/19	No Mass	
Thursday 10/20	12:10pm	In Memory of Katie Stirnaman (Parents, Mike & Maggie Stirnaman)
Friday 10/21	12:10pm	In Memory Bob Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)
Saturday 10/22	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Paul Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Sunday 10/23	8:30am	In Memory of Eileen Evert (Hamilton Gibson Friends)

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

The Altar Flowers are in Memory of Dolly Clark (Kreiser Family)

Parish News and Activities

Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am–5:00pm. Generally, all three doors leading into the church will be unlocked. If for some reason the front and carport doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am–4:30pm using only the parking lot side door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm 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.

MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Peter's has an immediate opening on our maintenance staff. The applicant should have routine maintenance knowledge and the ability to lift 50 pounds. The position includes both work in the buildings and groundskeeping. For more information or an application, please stop in the rectory during business hours.

Fall Dinner Financial Statement October 7, 2022

Income:		
Door Sales	\$1,690.00	
Donations	\$ 197.00	
Total Income		\$1,887.00
Expense		
Supplies	\$782.07	
Total Expense		\$ 782.07
Net Profit		<u>\$1,104.93</u>

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 9, 2022: \$7,242.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$1,142.00
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$3,253.00)

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 16th

Religious Education Classes – Due to a continued heating issue, no religious education classes this weekend.

Safety & Security Meeting – 9:30am, Church
Tuesday, October 18th

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

Wednesday, October 19th

Staff Meeting – 10:00am, Rectory
 Green Home Mass – 1:00pm
 ChistLife – 6:00pm

Thursday, October 20th

Diocesan Meeting with Finance and Parish Councils of St. Peter's and St. Thomas – 7:00pm, St. Thomas

Sunday, October 16th

Religious Education Classes – 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12th
 Confirmation Class – 6:00-7:30am, Parish

Liturgical Reflection ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13

The attack on Israel by the Amalekites occurs after the Lord brings the people through the Red Sea, during their wandering in the desert. However, the militaristic tone of this passage should not detract from the underlying meaning of the text. Moses, Joshua, Aaron, and Hur all play prominent roles in the life of God's people. Although God is not mentioned in this passage, the author's perspective is that God intends to protect the chosen people. When Moses raises his hands the Israelites prevail, but it is the power of the Lord God who acts through Moses. All the details told in this passage show that the victory is clearly the result of God's fighting on Israel's side.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth

The psalmist proclaims the all-encompassing providence of God. God, the guardian of Israel, never sleeps; there is no time when God is not present to take care of the one who prays. Every journey, you're coming and you're going, is under the protection of the Lord who has made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

In this passage, Scripture refers to the Jewish writings that trace the relationship that developed between God and Israel up to the time of Christ. Paul continues to instruct and encourage Timothy in preaching the Word of God. Paul reminds Timothy that all of Scripture is inspired by God; here Paul is referring to the writings of the Old Testament. Paul understands that Jesus came to fulfill the Scriptures and that persistence in proclaiming the Word of God was his primary responsibility. He urges Timothy to make it his as well. Timothy must teach how God uses the incidents of daily life to increase our faith, to build our competence, and to equip up for the unique work that God has given us to do.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus' parable stresses that his disciples must pray always without becoming weary and without losing heart. He insists that their prayers, like the staff of God that Moses and his helpers held high, channel God's saving power into earthly situations. Today he speaks of a local judge and a widow who is taken advantage of because she has no man to speak for her. The reader of today's story is easily caught up in the plea of the widow for a just hearing from the judge. Her persistence is admirable and Jesus turns the encounter into a lesson on prayer. The actions of the dishonest and unwilling judge are contrasted with the just and speedy response by God to the pleas of the chosen ones. Jesus states that such prayer comes from faith.

Today's Gospel ends with the daunting question: When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? We are reminded of the importance of keeping close to God in prayer. If not here and in our hearts, where will the Risen Christ find faith on the earth? Will he find any disciples praying, holding high the staff of God, over the dangers that assail them? Will the risen Christ find any people whom he can send his saving grace into the world?

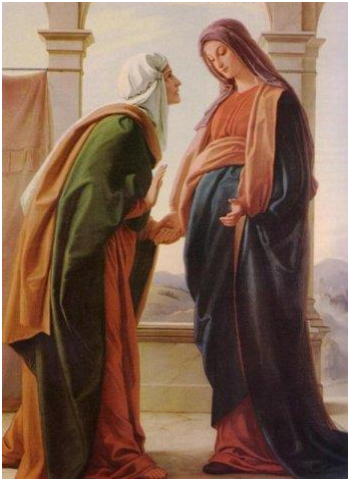


“The Christian faith always asks us to walk together with others, to move beyond ourselves toward God and toward our brothers and sisters, and to know how to be grateful, overcoming the dissatisfaction and indifference that disfigure our hearts.” Pope Francis



Marian Ministries

Marian Day of Reflection - Sunday, October 30th - St. Peter's Parish Center, 2 pm - 6 pm.



Dave Nodar, founder of ChristLife ministries, will present two talks on the Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation. The fruits of this Mystery are "hospitality and love of neighbor," thus, it is a favorite of many. The afternoon will include Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer, the Rosary, and a social in the Parish Center. Please register via the Sign-Up sheets on the bulletin board located on the confessional doors near the handout table, text 570-404-2180, or email marian-ministries@outlook.com. There is no fee for this event. The deadline for registration is **Friday, October 21st**.

Donations of Baked Goods & Finger Foods

We need donations of baked goods and finger foods for the social on October 30th. Crackers, cheese, fruit, and/or samples of your favorite Fall recipes. See the sign-up sheet for donations displayed on the bulletin board.

Parish Directory

The parish council is planning for a parish directory. The company, Grace Pictorial, will be at our church October 27th to October 29th to take pictures. We are seeking 100% participation. Photos will be taken of your family, followed by the opportunity to view them. Each family will receive a free 8x10 and can make a purchase of additional photos if you so choose. Please allow one hour for your appointment.

Signups for the directory photo shoots can be done either online or in person. A signup table will be at the back of the church at each Mass this weekend. The online link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844A5AD28AAFD0-stpeters>

Our New Pictorial Directory!

We need YOU to make it a success!



We are partnering with Grace Pictorial Directories to create a new church directory.

Our goal is **100%** participation!

Grace will take all of our family portraits here at the church and publish the directory for us.

Each family photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and color directory.

You will have the opportunity to view and purchase additional portraits. This is an ideal opportunity to have a professional portrait for you and your family and friends. Be sure to sign up for your appointment **soon!**



Large extended families and generational portraits can be taken - **EVERYONE** is welcome...

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SECOND COLLECTION

In view of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona in the southeast United States starting in Florida, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Caribbean, many lives have been lost along with severe damage and destruction to properties. Catholic Charities USA and local agencies have provided humanitarian relief supplying food, water, and sanitation assistance. Repair and rebuilding of homes will take place as soon as possible. A needs assessment has been made in contact with Bishops in impacted dioceses.

To respond to this need, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has suggested that a voluntary special collection be taken up as soon as possible for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant Church needs arising from these disasters. The collection will be taken up the weekend of October 15-16, 2022. The collection will be sent to the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund so that those most in need can receive assistance quickly. Funds will be used in response to the hurricanes and the impact of subsequent flooding and tornados and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed.

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

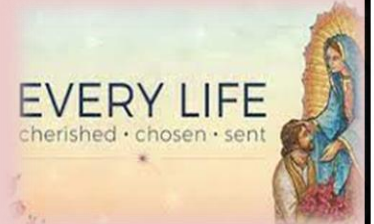
Tabernacle Arrangements – 2 arrangements \$40
Mary Arrangement – 1 arrangement \$25

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.

October is Respect Life Month and Month of Holy Rosary

October is Respect Life month and also the month of the Holy Rosary. Before each Mass, daily and weekend, we will pray a decade of the rosary for the increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for the respect of all life from the moment of conception to natural death.



Why Do Catholics Pray the Rosary?

Catholics pray the rosary because it's a powerful prayer to God, through His mother, Mary. Praying the rosary has been a tradition in the Church for a long time. It's a bit fuzzy who made it more formal; some say it was St. Dominic and others say it wasn't. What really matters is that this prayer is super powerful.

Throughout Church history, many popes and saints have highly recommended that we pray the rosary. Saint Louis de Montfort said, 'When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.'

The rosary begins with the recitation of the Apostle's Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. Then there are five decades which each begin and end with an Our Father and Glory Be, and have ten Hail Mary's in between. When you pray the rosary, you meditate on the events in Jesus' life. There are the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries.

In various apparitions, Mary has appeared holding a rosary and has asked that we continue to pray this prayer. She always leads us to her Son, and presents our needs before Him. Prayer is about developing our relationship with God, and loving Him more, so it makes sense to get to know Him through the events of the life of Christ that we meditate on during the rosary.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: 'Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in lectio Divina or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him'(CCC 2708).

Rosaries are not just decorations. Battles have been won because people prayed the rosary! There have been hearts converted, and impossible intentions answered too. Your life can only be blessed if you start praying the rosary.

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Prayer for Life

*In honor of Respect Life Month (October),
consider adding this prayer to your daily routine.*

Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.
Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
your precious gift of life.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen



St. John Paul II

DATES: 1920-2005

FEAST DAY — OCTOBER 22

When this popular pope died, crowds in St. Peter's Square chanted "santo subito" ("sainthood now"). The Vatican heard, and the sainthood cause for the jet-setting pontiff who helped bring down European communism was put on the fast track; he was beatified in 2011. A strong admirer of St. Faustina and her dedication to Divine Mercy, John Paul II was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday 2014 by Pope Francis. A Pole and former actor shaped by World War II and the Cold War, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow (John Paul II) was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his 26-year pontificate, he evangelized on trips to 129 countries, upheld traditional church doctrine against dissent, connected with the world's youth, established World Youth Day, and named more than 450 new saints. He also modeled Christian values by forgiving his would-be assassin and living an increasingly frail old age in public.

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"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."

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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.