

# St. Peter's Church

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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 2, 2022**

**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  
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

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 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup>) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

### **Welcome to St. Peter's Church!**

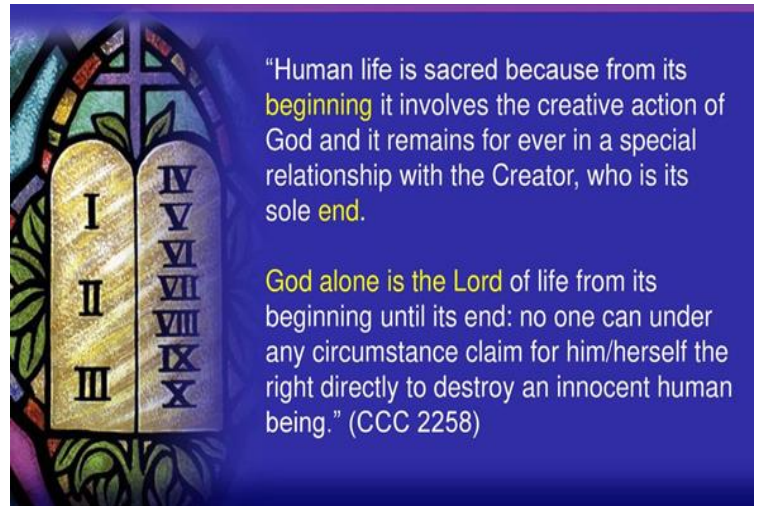
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

### **Request for Parishioner Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



### **Parish Contact Listing**

Women's Bible Study - Sue Singer 570-948-2184  
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 10/3	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/4	No Mass	<b>No Daily Mass This Week</b> Fr. Jacek at the priest convocation all week.
Wednesday 10/5	No Mass	
Thursday 10/6	No Mass	
Friday 10/7	No Mass	
Saturday 10/8	5:00pm <small>(Mass is livestreamed)</small>	
Sunday 10/9	8:30am	In Memory of Frank Dziengowski (B.J. Butler)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Tom Close (Don & Lucy Whitney)

## 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.

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for September 25, 2022: \$5,351.00  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: (\$ 749.00)  
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$5,137.00)

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

### UPDATE ON CARPORT

The majority of the work is complete on the carport, with only some finishing work remaining. The carport entrance is safe and open for entrance into the church. Thank you for your patience the past 2 months!

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Religious Education Classes – 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12<sup>th</sup>  
 Blessing of Animals – 2:00pm, Church Parking Lot

### Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Women’s Bible Study, 10:00am, Parish Center

### Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Fall Dinner Prep – 9:00am  
 ChistLife – 6:00pm

### Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Dinner – 4:30-6:30pm

### Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Religious Education Classes – 8:30am Pre-School; 9:30am K-12<sup>th</sup>  
 Safety & Security Meeting – 9:30am, Church

### 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) or email ([stpadm@ptd.net](mailto:stpadm@ptd.net)) the Rectory to register or for more information.

### SCAM ALERT

Some parishioners have received a text that appears to be from Fr. Jacek asking for money or gift cards. This is a scam and the text should not be responded to and should be deleted! Please note that Fr. Jacek, or any priest for that matter, will never call or text asking for money or gift cards.

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Our speaker is a prophet of God who lives within a privileged relationship with the Lord and who is entrusted with vision and insight beyond the reach of the rest of us. This passage is in two parts. The first is the cry of the prophet who believes that God does not listen or intervene in his misery. The second part is God's response. God's response is not so much an answer but, a vision which the prophet is to write down so all can know it. Writing down a vision, it was believed, would help make it come true. The content of the vision is not stated, but it has the purpose of stating that the events of life are in the mind of God and his plan will not disappoint. Over and over God promises the vision will be fulfilled. But it will take faith and patience to reach that day and only the "just," not the "rash" will get there.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95

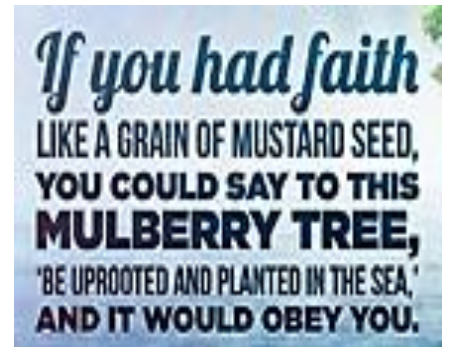
The Responsorial Psalm continues the theme of keeping our trust in the ways of God. We should be filled with gratitude and sing our thanksgiving to God for all that he has done and will do for us.

### SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-6, 13-14

Paul encourages his disciple Timothy to be courageous and faithful in bearing witness to the Gospel. Perhaps Timothy has been timid in his "testimony to our Lord." So Paul reminds him of his own struggles, including being imprisoned, and exhorts Timothy to be mindful of the strength that comes from God and from the help of the Holy Spirit that "dwells within us." That same Spirit endows us with "love" and "self-control" so we can proceed down life's path with confidence and peace. All Timothy has learned from Paul remains true and reliable. Now he must "guard" that "rich trust" to ensure it remains pure and true even to our day, as we must guard it for those who follow us.

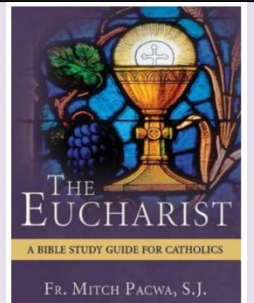
### GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The Apostles are concerned with their lack of faith, which they assume has to do with a certain quantity that needs to be increased. Jesus tells them that even if their faith is the size of a mustard seed, they will be able to do what they have been asked to do. Jesus' image of the mustard seed speaks of the quality of a commitment to their ministry and rather than a concern for how much or how great the results they accomplish. In further response to their request for greater faith, he illustrates the concrete form faith takes. And that form is service. His no-nonsense example presents a master who expects his servants to do their work without having to thank them for simply doing their duty. Discipleship is its own reward. Those who enter the vineyard can't stand around waiting to be crowned with laurel. Faith changes us into servants who do what's necessary – love, give witness, repent, forgive – no matter how hard the task, and do it expecting nothing in return.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP NEWS

The Women's Bible Study group meets each Tuesday from 10:00-11:30am (note new time) September through May. The group is going to focus on the book *The Eucharist* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. Please feel free to come and visit and see what the group is all about. All women are welcome!!



*"Prayer is an indispensable aid for spiritual discernment, especially when it involves the affections, enabling us to address God with simplicity and familiarity, as one would speak to a friend." Pope Francis*



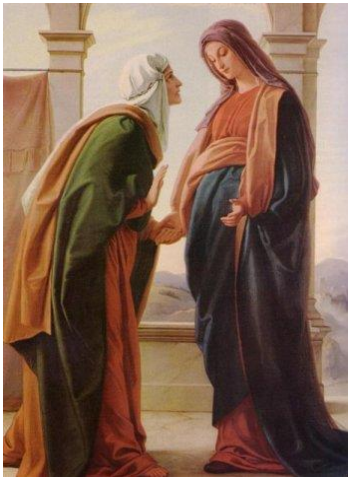
# Marian Ministries

## Living Rosary Update

A complete list of Living Rosary participants, along with their chosen decades, can be found on the bulletin board located on the confessional doors near the handout table. Several Mysteries are still available for a second Living Rosary, so all parishioners are encouraged to take part in this beautiful Marian devotion. Remember that one decade takes *only three minutes a day* and can be prayed anytime, anyplace.

**Please Note:** It is important for participants to contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) if they are unable to maintain their commitment. Each of the 20 decades must be prayed every day. Our plan is to pray the Living Rosary throughout the month of October and beyond, as long as there are enough participants to make this happen.

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



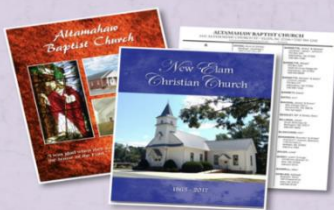
Dave Nodar, founder of ChristLife ministries, will present two talks on the Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation. The fruits of this Mystery are "hospitality and love of neighbor," thus, it is a favorite of many. The afternoon will include Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer, the Rosary, and a social 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](mailto: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, also displayed on the bulletin board.

## 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...

*Grace*  
Pictorial Directories

## 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.

Signups for the directory photo shoots will begin this weekend. They can be done either online or in person. A signup table will be at the back of the church at each Mass this weekend and next weekend. The online link is [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844A5AD28AAF\\_D0-stpeters](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844A5AD28AAF_D0-stpeters)

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to attend. No registration is necessary.

Children's Liturgy  
of the **Word**

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Church has a special ceremony called Blessing of Pets, which is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. In anticipation of Francis' feast day on October 4<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Jacek will bless all pets on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm in the parking lot.



## 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.

## Updated Cemetery Gate Hours

The open/close hours of the cemetery gate at the Pearl Street cemetery are as follows:

September 15<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00am-5:00pm; March 16<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00am-8:00pm



## 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.





SAINT PETER'S

# FALL DINNER

FRIDAY OCT. 7, 2022

4:30 – 6:30 PM OR  
UNTIL SOLD OUT

Saint Peter's Parish Center,  
Wellsboro



Chicken with gravy  
& Biscuits

Mashed Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

Salad

Homemade  
Desserts

In order to make this dinner a success, volunteers are needed to work the event and some food items are also needed. Signup sheets can be found on the handout table on the side of the church.

Please help where you are able!

*Sit down dinner or take out*

**\$10.00 PER MEAL**

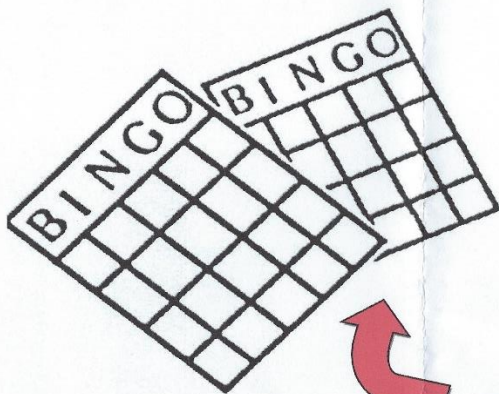
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# October 9, 2022

Knoxville Community Center  
Main Street, Knoxville, PA

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Purchase at the Door

Doors will open at 10:30 am  
Bingo starts at 12 pm (Noon)  
Kitchen will be Open

**MYSTERY NUMBER TOTAL \$374.00**

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>October Happenings!</h1>						
2 27 <sup>th</sup> Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am Mass - 11:30am St. Thomas Rel. Ed.-Pre K 8:30am; K-12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 - 10:40am First Penance Parent Mtg-9:30am Blessing of Animals - 2:00pm	3 No Mass	4 St. Francis of Assisi No Mass Women's Bible Study - 10:00am AA & -Al-Anon-6:00pm	5 St. Faustina Kowalska No Mass Fall Dinner Prep - 9:00am ChristLife - 6:00pm	6 St. Bruno No Mass St. Thomas Fundraising Committee Meeting - 6:30pm, St. Catherine Hall.	7 Our Lady of the Rosary No Mass Fall Dinner - 4:30-6:30p <b>Rectory Closed</b>	8 Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:20-4:50pm Mass - 7:00pm St. Catherine
9 28 <sup>th</sup> Sun. Ordinary Time Mass - 8:30am Mass - 11:30am St. Thomas Rel. Ed.-Pre K 8:30am; K-12 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 - 10:40am Safety & Security Meeting - 9:3am	10 No Mass <b>Rectory Closed -</b> Columbus Day	11 St. John XXIII, Pope No Mass Women's Bible Study - 10:00am AA & -Al-Anon-6:00pm Knights of Columbus - 7:00pm, St. Thomas Hall	12 No Mass ChristLife - 6:00pm	13 No Mass	14 St. Callistus No Mass <b>Rectory Closed</b>	15 St. Teresa of Jesus Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:20-4:50pm Mass - 7:00pm St. Catherine
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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.