

St. Peter's Church



47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
 Parish Office: 570-724-3371~ Fax: 570-724-6322
 Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789
 Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am–2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
 Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
 Bookkeeper: Louise Wheaton – stpadm@ptd.net
 Religious Education: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net
 Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich

Schedule of Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

Tuesday through Friday, 11:45am-12:10pm;
 Saturday, 4:30-5:00pm; or by appointment

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 22, 2023

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 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 _____

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
 a Pontifical Mission Society

World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd

Were not our hearts burning within us?

Luke 24:13-35

26M Children	38,140 Seminarians	8,750 Shelters	12,000 Health Centers	844,000 Catechists	258,540 Religious sisters
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BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

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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 – Karen Novak 570/982-5115
 Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570/724-2085
 Samaritan House – Mary D. Grab 607/857-3447
 Youth Group – Melissa Mann 570/724-9789
 Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570/724-3092
 Finance Council – Tim Gooch – 570/971-5826
 Parish Council – Steve Tokarz 570/404-0693
 Worship Committee – Christina Simonis 570/724-2085
 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
 Knights of Columbus – Mike Buono 717/320-2305
 Welcoming Committee – Melissa Mann 570/724-9789

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 10/23	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/24	No Mass	No Daily Mass Father Jacek is away this week
Wednesday 10/25	No Mass	
Thursday 10/26	No Mass	
Friday 10/27	No Mass	
Saturday 10/28	5:00pm *Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 10/29	8:30am	In Memory of Wanda Sulewski (Daughter Kathy)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Carrie Niles Daugherty (Family)

Church Hours / Adoration

Monday – Friday: The church doors will be open for private prayer from 8:00am – 5:00pm. If the main doors of the church are locked, please enter through the side parking lot door.

Saturday: The side parking lot door (only) will be open from 8:00am – 4:30pm for private prayer. All church doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm for Mass.

Sunday: All church doors will be unlocked at 8:00am for Mass and will remain open until 9:30am when religious education classes begin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesdays from 1:00pm - 6:00pm, with Benediction.

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.

Parish Prayer List

To add a name to the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at 570/724-3371. For privacy reasons, the person making the request must be an immediate family member. This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.

Happening This Week

Sunday, October 22nd
 Religious Education Classes –
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Tuesday, October 24th
 Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, October 25th
 Discovering Christ – 6:00pm-9:00pm; Parish Center

Sunday, October 29th
 Religious Education Classes –
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Holy Hour – St. Thomas; following 11:30am Mass

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 15, 2023: \$4,811.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$1,289.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$1,066.45

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21



The Pharisees, angered by Jesus' teaching, want to trap him in a misstatement of his own teachings that would get him into trouble. Jesus understood the trap that they had set for him and asked to see the Roman coin with the image of Caesar on it. He then responded to their questions with an answer that would be obvious to many, but not the Pharisees: Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's. Although Jesus doesn't ask them, "Which things belong to God?" we understand that is what he is asking. What is our answer to that question? Do we give to God the glory and praise that is His?

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY MASS

Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 12:15 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton



Principal Celebrant: The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

Homilist: Deacon Edward Kelly,
Interim Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies



CTV: CATHOLIC TELEVISION WILL PROVIDE LIVE COVERAGE OF THE MASS

A Pontifical Mass in celebration of World Mission Sunday will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Peter at 12:15pm on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant. Deacon Edward Kelly, Interim Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will be the homilist. All people of goodwill are invited to attend the Mass.

CTV: Catholic Television will provide a live broadcast of the Mass. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, is the only canonically mandated collection in the Church. This year, the spirit of Pope Francis' theme, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," resonates with us as we are reminded of the energetic and unwavering faith that fuels our shared mission.

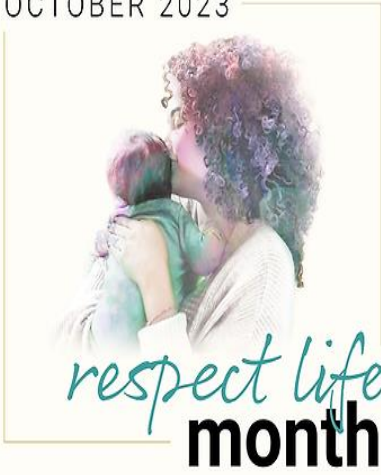
For the past 201 years, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has extended its arms to support growing churches globally, reaching more than 1,100 mission dioceses across Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe. This assistance bolsters the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of the Church, and service to the poor. Let us echo this spirit in our parishes by contributing both prayer and sacrifice to this cause on World Mission Sunday.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

OCTOBER 2023



**In honor of Respect Life Month,
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



Visits to the Homebound

Do you know someone who would enjoy a friendly visit, a partner to play cards or games with, a person who would read to them or simply keep them company? As an outreach of Marian Ministries, Mary Hohman has offered to visit local residents and nursing homes, to spend time with people who may feel isolated or alone.

If you know someone who would benefit from a visit, contact Mary at (717)203-9090.

Parking Lot Paving Project Notice



Over the next few weeks, the lower parking lots will be repaved. The project is expected to take around two weeks, and we expect to have access to the church during this time. We are coordinating this project and sharing the cost with UPMC Susquehanna. St. Peter's will be responsible for just under 30% of the cost, and our share is expected to be approximately \$27,000. Contributions to defray the costs may be made using your Building Funds envelope, or by otherwise noting on your offering. We appreciate your generosity and patience during this time, and we will provide additional information as it become available.

- *Tim Gooch, Finance Council Chairperson*

Project Timeline

Prep work on the parking lot has begun and paving is scheduled for October 23rd. This date is subject to change, dependent on the weather. Approximately two weeks after paving has been completed the parking lot lines will be added. The parking lot will be available for use during the weekend Masses.



The Immaculate Conception Council #4493 Wellsboro Knights of Columbus is sponsoring "A Basket of Cheer" Raffle! Proceeds will benefit the Knights College Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be October 31st at 6:30pm. The winner will be notified by phone or email. To purchase tickets, contact Mike Buono at 717/320-2305 or Rob Minnich at 570/404-1434.

All Saints Day – On November 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us who enjoy the glory of heaven. In the day's Gospel account we hear the Beatitudes, which are guidelines for true joy and the attainment of sanctity in our Christian lives. We hear how to live lives of holiness so that we may attain happiness in this life, but even more happiness in the next life as we strive to likewise be numbered among all the saints in heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

All Saints Day Mass Schedule

Tuesday, October 31st – 6:00pm (Vigil) at St. Peter's

Wednesday, November 1st – 12:10pm at St. Peter's

Wednesday, November 1st – 4:00pm at St. Thomas

All Souls' Day – On November 2nd we commemorate all the Faithful Departed. All Souls' Day is unique on the liturgical calendar. Neither a solemnity nor a feast, this commemoration outranks other feasts and even takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time (should this commemoration fall on a Sunday). Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history, and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the Church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the Nicene Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Visiting a Cemetery – From November 1st through November 8th, a plenary indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory.

Blessing of Graves – A blessing of St. Peter's Cemetery and Antrim Cemetery will take place on All Soul's Day, November 2nd. St. Peter's Cemetery will be blessed at 2:00pm, followed by Antrim at 2:30pm.



All Souls Intentions

There are special All Souls Intentions envelopes in your monthly packet which can be used to remember deceased family members and friends. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.



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Leave a Mark 2023

A GATHERING OF YOUNG ADULTS
(18-40) WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

11/05/23

5:00 PM Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter

Social to follow: Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, PA. 18503

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Parish Prayer List

Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, 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, Joann Black, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Everett Dean Brown, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniow, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Lisa Neil-Keller, Ann Callahan, John Harling, Shawn Wheeler, John Wheeler, Kayleigh Johnson, Mary Clark, Ruth Braham, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Moore, Jasmine Gordon, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa, SSJ, Bill Cizek

 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.