

St. Peter's Church

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 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

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!

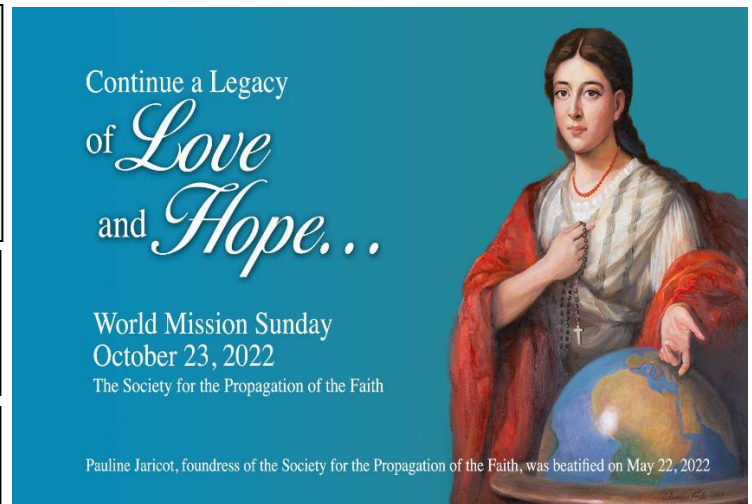
If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory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

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



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 10/24	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/25	12:10pm	In Memory of Katie Stirnaman (Parents, Mike & Maggie Stirnaman)
Wednesday 10/26	12:10pm	In Memory of Nettie Mays (Jackson Family)
Thursday 10/27	12:10pm	In Memory of David Sweeney (Mike & Maggie Stirnaman)
Friday 10/28	12:10pm	In Memory of Luz Siy & Family (Dy Family)
Saturday 10/29	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of James Hopkins (Mickey Romania)
Sunday 10/30	8:30am	In Memory of James Asher (Norb & Nona Josten)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Eileen Evert (ChirisLife Group)

The Altar Flowers are in Memory of Mary Simonis Rush (Simonis 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.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION OPENING

St. Peter’s has an immediate opening for a Business Manager. The Parish Business Manager is a professional administrator in service to the Church. The minister is a steward of the physical, financial, and personnel resources of the parish. He or she responsible for budget development and organizing the parish finances, scheduling of parish facilities and ministries, public relations, coordination of stewardship program, and coordination of fundraising efforts. In collaboration with the pastor and other staff members, he or she integrates effective parish management within the overall parish mission. For more information please stop in the rectory during business hours or contact Fr. Jacek.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 16, 2022: \$5,971.25
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$ 128.75
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$3,381.75)

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 23rd

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting – 3:00pm, Parish Center

Confirmation Class – 6:00-7:30pm, Parish Center, Parent Meeting, 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 25th

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

Wednesday, October 26th

Fundraising Committee Mtg – 9:00am, Rectory
 ChistLife – 6:00pm

Sunday, October 30th

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

Marian Afternoon of Reflection – 2:00pm

Tom Socha, District Deputy #51, Knights of Columbus, and Frank Socha, Diocese of Scranton KofC membership Chairman, would like to meet with area past, present, and potential KofC members Sunday, October 23, 3 p.m., St. Peter's Adult Education Room for the purpose of revitalizing the Immaculate Conception #1493 Council.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The wisdom teacher Sirach declares that the Lord is a just God who shows no partiality to either the weak or their oppressors. Once again we hear that God's ways are not like our ways. While we tend to show partiality to those who are rich and powerful, God reaches out and embraces those who are weak and powerless. They are the chosen ones of God, for they recognize that they cannot survive without his intervention. God hears their prayers and responds to their needs.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34

The words of the refrain echo the tone of the reading from Sirach. The text is a hymn of praise of God; the actions of God, on behalf of those who cry, out are named. The saving action of the Lord is the reason "to bless the Lord at all times."

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Today's reading invites each of us who are baptized to evaluate our commitment to Christ. If we were to die today, could we honestly say what Paul says to Timothy? Paul states that he is being poured out like a "libation," the drink offering that is poured at the end of some Jewish sacrificial rituals. The sacrifice that Paul offers is his life, which is drawing to a close. As he nears the end of his journey, Paul recalls his ministry and proclaims that the Lord will welcome him to the heavenly Kingdom. Paul never retired. He finished the race, the unique life-long mission that Christ gave him, which is both a testament to the commitment and energy he gave to his mission and a profession of faith in the Lord who has sustained him. But the glory, Paul states, belongs to the Lord. He concludes with confident hope that he will be rescued, not from physical danger, but for eternal life. And for that he sings Christ's praises!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

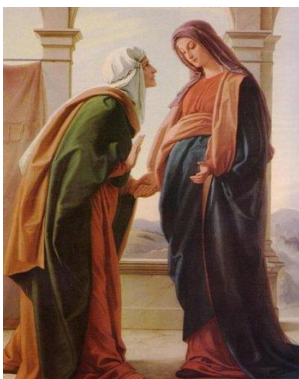


The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector has overtones that are easily connected to the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm. Luke tells us that Jesus addresses this parable to people who are both self-righteous and enjoy looking down on everyone else. Both the prayer of the tax collector and the Pharisee are heard by God; the lesson of the parable lies in the disposition of the ones who pray. The honesty and sincerity of the former, and the lack of humility by the latter, set them apart. The fact that the Pharisee was a religious leader, and the tax collector a confessed sinner, is not lost on Jesus' listeners. What each of them confesses may be true; what's in their

hearts makes all the difference. The tax collector recognizes God's true role – to love every contrite heart, generously dispense mercy, and justify us in a way we could never merit on our own. The tax collector walks away from the temple justified in the only eyes that matter – God's. The Pharisee, who cultivates and cherishes an exalted opinion of his piety, does not.

Marian Ministries

Marian Day of Reflection - Sunday, October 30th, 2-6 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.

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...

Grace
Pictorial Directories

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.



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Leave a Mark 2022

Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton for this annual gathering to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social with food trucks, live music, corn hole and more will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

*"Sometimes it is the **only meal** that they have for the day"*

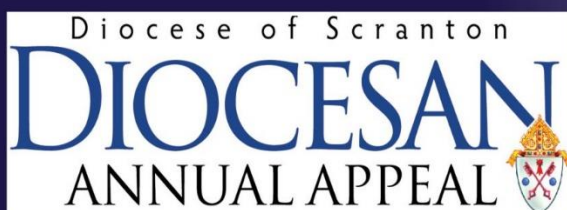
- Susan Lingg

Parishioner of St. Boniface, Williamsport



Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal go to support **Social Justice Grants** given to dozens of parishes each year to fund much-needed local projects.

Saint Boniface and Saint Lawrence Parishes in Lycoming County received a Social Justice Grant this year to help provide weekly meals at Sojourner Truth Ministries in Williamsport. Parish volunteers help cook and serve the meals each Friday.



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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, Jerry Pierce, 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, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniwi, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Shannon Slaton, 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, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermeric, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, and Jordan Dugan.



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.