St. Peter's Church



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 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 – 12^{th} grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K- 12^{th} 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^{th}) 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 _____

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: Melissa Mann – stpadm@ptd.net Religious Education: Jen Minnich – stpreled@ptd.net Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am <u>Reconciliation</u>

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

All Saints' Day



The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face - both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.

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 – Jen Minnich 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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 10/30	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/31	6:00pm *No 12:10pm Mass	In Memory of Walter & Betty Schaut (Sue Singer)
Wednesday 11/1	12:10pm	In Memory of James Hopkins (Mickey Romania)
Thursday 11/2	12:10pm	All Souls Intentions
Friday 11/3	12:10pm	In Memory of Stutz & Hebson Family (Walter Stutz)
Saturday 11/4	5:00pm *Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Tucker Worthington (Joan Sattler)
Sunday 11/5	8:30am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

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

October 29 2023

Sunday, October 29th

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

Tuesday, October 31st

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church Knights of Columbus Mtg – 7:00pm; Parish Center

Wednesday, November 1st

Parish Offices Closed Discovering Christ – 6:00pm-9:00pm; Parish Ctr.

Thursday, November 2nd Blessing of Graves – 2:00pm; St. Peter's Cemetery, 2:30pm; Antrim Cemetery

Saturday, November 4th Discovering Christ Retreat – 9:00am; Parish Ctr.

Sunday, November 5th Religious Education Classes – 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 22, 2023: \$5,087.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00 Difference: -\$1,013.00 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$2,079.45

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

The Old Testament sometimes is seen as a series of detailed instructions that seemingly have little to do with life. However, this is not the case. The Old Testament was a gift from God, as it shared His will to us. This passage speaks of God's compassion to all and instructs us to do the same - to treat others the way we wished we would have been treated.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18

Today's psalm tells us that the only true source of stability in our lives is God. This is especially true today with all that is going on in the world and our community. God is our rock and fortress. God guides us when we are lost and confused. He gives us a moral compass to lead us. He protects us from harm. This does not mean that life will always be a bed of roses and that there will be no suffering. But if God is the foundation of our life and faith, then we will be able to get through whatever happens.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

The Second Reading continues the praise and thanksgiving that we heard last week. Paul thanks God for the conversion of the Thessalonians. It was a sign of God's power that the people understood that the words Paul was preaching were the words of God. Paul also thanks God for the disciples' ability to serve the people and share the message in a way they could accept it, and that the Thessalonians were also able to respond to their sufferings with joy, showing that the Spirit was guiding them, for the normal response would be anger and resentment.



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

Once again we hear the leaders of the Jews, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, trying to again trap Jesus into a misstatement of his own teachings. They ask Jesus what the greatest commandment is. Jesus responds with the great commandment: *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* Love has two dimensions – love of God and love of neighbor. One without the other is unbalanced and not true love.

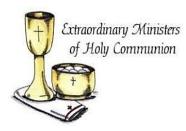
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME REMINDER

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, November 5th. Remember to fall back one hour!

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-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at <u>www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis</u>. 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.



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

If you are a Confirmed Catholic and interested in attending a training session to learn the functions of the Extraordinary Minister of Communion and how to properly prepare and carry out this important ministry, please contact Melissa in the Parish Office at 570/724-3371.

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

Paving on the church parking lot will continue into this week with plans for work to be completed by Friday, however this is subject to change dependent on the weather. Parishioners will have access to the church during this time and parking will be available in the church parking lot during weekend Masses. Approximately two weeks after paving has been completed, parking lot lines will be added.





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.

All Saints Day – On November 1^{st} 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 (Vígíl) at St. Peter's *There will be no 12:10pm Mass on October 31st Wednesday, November 1st - 12:10pm at St. Peter's Wednesday, November 1st - 6:00pm 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."

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.



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.

The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.



From Nov. 1 - 8 you can obtain plenary indulgence for souls in purgatory.

- Make a devout visit to the cemetery and pray for the dead
- Make a good Confession
- Worthily receive holy Communion
- Pray for the intentions of the pope.

These are to be performed in one day or within days of each other.

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.



Your gift to the *Diocesan Annual Appeal* supports 10 seminarians currently studying to be priests for the Diocese of Scranton



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.



Upcoming Events Sponsored by Marian Ministries



Rejoice! Advent Book Study

This book takes readers through the four weeks of Advent in the company of Mary. The reflections are simple but thought-provoking. As in the past, we will form an online community for sharing and discussion. This year, Advent begins on **Sunday, December 3rd**.

Books will be provided. If you would like to join this prayer and study group, use the signup sheet at St. Peter's or email Marian Ministries at <u>marian-ministries@outlook.com</u> no later than **Monday, November 20th.** For more information, call or text Linda Sampson at 570/404-2180.

About the book: *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary* Journal not only lets you walk beside Mary during the first Advent, but also lets you get to know her in a way you haven't before. *Rejoice!* offers more than insights and information about Mary's life – it offers an opportunity for you to encounter Mary in the quiet of your heart. In a few short pages, Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer: a word, a reflection about Mary, a psalm, a brief passage of scripture, and a journal prompt.

Living Rosary Celebration

All are invited to a Living Rosary Celebration on First Saturday, November 4th, at St. Mary's after Mass and Adoration (around 11:00am). Coffee, tea, and brunch items will be served. Please join us!





Epiphany Celebration

On **Saturday, January 6th**, we will host an Epiphany Celebration at St. Mary's Church following first Saturday devotions. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

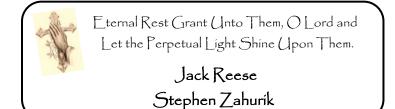
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19 33 rd Sunday Ordinary Time	20	21 Presentation of Virgin Mary	22 St. Cecilia	23 Thanksgiving	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac	25st. Catherine of Alexandria
Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am St. Thomas Family Advent Celebration– 9:30am Bingo – 12:00pm/Doors open at 10:30am; Knoxville Comm. Ctr.	No Mass	Mass – 12:10pm Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Worship Committee Mtg – 6:15pm Al-Anon – 7:00pm/AA – 8:00pm	Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	Mass - 10:00am Both Parish Offices Closed	No Mass St. Peter's Office Closed	Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm St. Catherine
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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 Antoniw, 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



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.