

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 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 _____

Prayer for Columbus Day

On Columbus Day O Lord, we humbly pray that You will empower us to use our vision and ability to explore new frontiers in ways that are pleasing to You and empowering to all people.

On Columbus Day, we pray that we will use our talents and strengths for Your glory. Give us the courage to venture forth into the unknown. Help us believe that You will guide us, provide for us, protect us and be with us on our journeys of life.

Amen

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 10/9	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/10	12:10pm	In Memory of Joseph Donovan, Jr. (The Grab Family)
Wednesday 10/11	12:10pm	In Memory of Joseph Tascione (Wife & Family)
Thursday 10/12	12:10pm	In Memory of Tecla Gubala (Ann Marie Beuter)
Friday 10/13	12:10pm	Deceased Members of Beaderman & Statts Families (BJ Butler & Family)
Saturday 10/14	5:00pm *Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Frank Dziengowski (Ida & Family)
Sunday 10/15	8:30am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

Tabernacle Flowers are in Memory of Stanley Yastrzemski, Jr. (Cecil F & Diane Bill)

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 8th

8:30am Mass Rescheduled for 11:30am

No Religious Education Classes

Afternoon of Reflection/Retreat –

11:30am-6:00pm; Begins with Mass in the Church

Monday, October 9th

Parish Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 10th

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Dinner Committee Meeting – 10:00am; Parish Center

Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Parish Council Meeting – 6:30pm; Parish Center

Wednesday, October 11th

Discovering Christ – 6:00pm-9:00pm; Parish Center

Sunday, October 15th

Religious Education Classes –

8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Bingo – 12:00pm/Doors open at 10:30am;
 Knoxville Community Center

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 1, 2023: \$7,243.89

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00

Difference: \$1,143.89

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$28.45

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

This Sunday's Gospel reading is another parable and a continuous reading from where the parable of last Sunday's Gospel left off. Jesus uses the vineyard theme to speak of his coming suffering and death and has an obvious parallel to what the Jewish leaders did to Jesus. God had entrusted the Jewish leaders with the covenant. They had killed and abused the prophets whom God sent. When in the fullness of time God sent his only Son, they killed him. They would be punished for rejecting God's only begotten Son and others would be invited to take their place as the chosen people. We have received a tremendous gift in our faith, and it should always be treated as such – a gift.

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 becomes available.

- *Tim Gooch, Finance Council Chairperson*

Project Timeline

Prep work on the parking lot is scheduled to begin on October 18th, with paving to begin on October 23rd. These dates are subject to change, dependent on the weather.

Approximately two weeks after paving has been completed, the 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.

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.



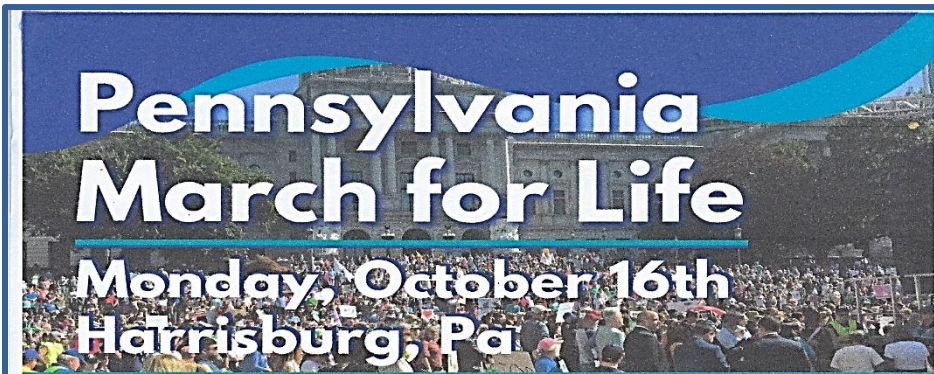
Samaritan House Needs You!

Do you have a heart for sharing and caring?
Join our family of loving and dedicated volunteers.
We care for one hospice guest at a time.

For more information, visit:
Samaritanhouseofwellsboro.org
or email samaritanhouse3@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin October 15th and 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 age appropriate Liturgy of the Word. All children ages Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to attend and registration is not required. If you are interested in becoming an adult leader for Children's Liturgy, please contact Melissa at 570/724-9789.



High school youth ministries, college students, and families are welcome to join us as we head to Harrisburg to voice our support to life!

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the principles of effective lobbying, the specific and current issues Pennsylvania is facing, and what you can do right now to champion pro-life policies to your PA elected representatives. This rally and march are suited for all levels of experience and comfort with advocacy.

Cost for the trip is **\$30 per adult/\$25 per student** and includes charter bus & driver gratuity

Passenger pick up in Scranton at 7:45am

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SCHEDULE

- 10:00am - Prayer & Praise Pre-Rally
- 11:00am - March for Life Rally
- 12:00 p.m. - March for Life
- 1:30pm - Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 2:45pm - Depart for Scranton

CONTACT INFO

To register, contact Shannon at Skowalski@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, x1155.

Volunteer Opportunity Collection Counter



Each Sunday, volunteers count the offerings collected during the weekend Masses and prepare the funds for deposit. There are five teams of counters, and each team serves once every five weeks.

We are looking for someone to join a counting team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Melissa in the Parish Office at 570/724-3371.



Living Rosary Update

October 2023

The Living Rosary has been updated and is complete for October 1st - 31st. It is not too late to participate in this powerful devotion. Contact Laurie at 703/470-2975 or laurie.coffee@gmail.com. Participants will gather for a social at St. Mary's Church in Blossburg following First Saturday services on **November 4th**.



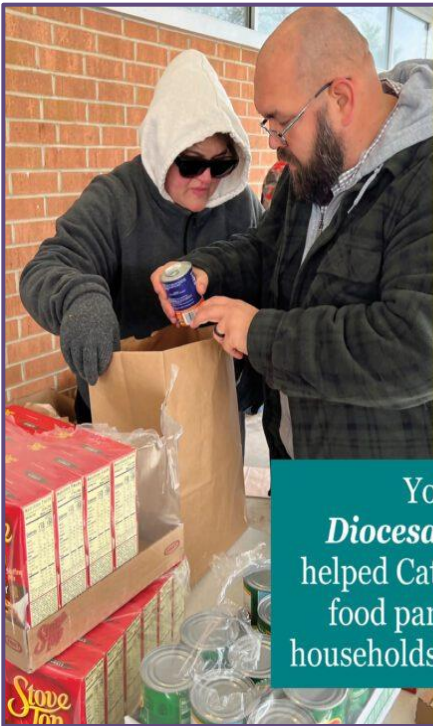
About Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Virgin Mary as she appeared before three shepherd children, Lucia Santos and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, near the village of Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. She identified herself to them as the Lady of the Rosary. The Roman Catholic Church officially recognized the Fatima events as worthy of belief in 1930.

Our Blessed Mother urged all to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners. Before he became Pope Benedict XVI, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said that the central message of Fatima is what the Church has always taught: prayer, penance, and conversion.

The Church celebrates October 13th as the date of our Blessed Mother's final public appearance to the shepherd children of Fatima and the occurrence of the "Miracle of the Sun" (October 13, 1918). For more information about Fatima, visit EWTN at: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/our-lady-of-fatima-423>.

In honor of our Blessed Mother, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be placed in front of the ambo throughout the month of October. Take some time to pray with Mary during the Month of the Holy Rosary.



Scan to donate or visit annualappeal.org

Your gift to the *Diocesan Annual Appeal* helped Catholic Social Services food pantries serve 25,402 households/individuals last year



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Sunday



PAYOUTS	
100 OR LESS PLAYERS	\$2,000
120 OR LESS PLAYERS	\$2,500
121 PLUS PLAYERS	\$3,000

October 15, 2023

Knoxville Community Center
Main Street, Knoxville, PA

\$30.00

Purchase at the Door

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

MYSTERY NUMBER TOTAL \$111.00

Benefit: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Westfield/Elkland



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.

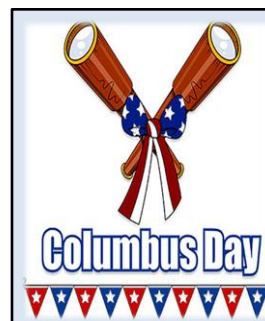


Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or helped in any way with the Polish Dinner.

A special thank you to Karen Novak for chairing the event.

A financial report will be in next week's bulletin.




The Parish Office will be closed **Monday, October 9th** in observance of Columbus Day.

Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.

<p>Advertise with us! See your ad here</p>	<p>WALRATH & COOLIDGE Probate & Estate Administration Real Estate Personal Injury 570-724-3801 Wills • Corporate Adoptions Family Law R. Lowell Coolidge, Esq • Priscilla Walrath, Esq Fax: 570-724-7239 126 Main St • Wellsboro, PA</p>	<p>Take advantage of a unique marketing opportunity and advertise in the church bulletin.</p>
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<p> 25 Main Street Wellsboro, PA 16901 570-723-4263 www.popscultureshoppe.com Games * Imagination * Fun Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam Consider it all joy! James 1:2</p>	<p> Hunting-Fishing-Trapping-Trekking 1803 Route 287, Morris 570-404-6159 www.Nessmuks.com A Family Owned Small Business Zack & Tracy Buck</p>	<p>A Gift in Your Will We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:</p>
<p> U-Haul Dealer Since 2011 uhaul.com Ken Mitchell Mitchell's Carquest Auto Parts 688 South Main Street Mansfield, PA 16933 Business: (570) 662-2534 www.mitchellcarquest.com </p>	<p> Stephen F. Tokarz • Artisan • Craftsman Specializing in Custom Wood Products 570-404-0693 Established in Tioga County, PA</p>	<p>"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."</p>

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, B.J, 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.