

St. Peter's Church

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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

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Religious Education.: Melissa Mann - stpreled@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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2022

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 - 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 10/10	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/11	No Mass	No Daily Mass This Week Fr. Jacek is on retreat this week.
Wednesday 10/12	No Mass	
Thursday 10/13	No Mass	
Friday 10/14	No Mass	
Saturday 10/15	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Paul Urner (Cousins, David & Beverly)
Sunday 10/16	8:30am	In Memory of Frank Dziengowski (Wife, Ida & Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Dolly Clark (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 October 6, 2022: \$6,842.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$ 742.00
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$4,395.00)

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 9th

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

Safety & Security Meeting – 9:30am, Church

Monday, October 10th

Rectory Closed – Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 11th

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

Wednesday, October 12th

ChistLife – 6:00pm

Sunday, October 16th

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

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) the Rectory to register or for more information.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 10/9/22

Due to a heating issue, there will be no Religious Education classes or Children’s Liturgy this weekend.

FALL DINNER THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fall dinner. We can’t do it without our volunteers! A financial report will appear in next week’s bulletin.

MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Peter’s has an immediate opening on our maintenance staff. The applicant should have routine maintenance knowledge and the ability to lift 50 pounds. The position includes both work in the buildings and groundskeeping. For more information or an application, please stop in the rectory during business hours.

Liturgical Reflection ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:14-17

This passage about the healing of Naaman is rich with images. He plunges into the water seven times, a number that denotes fulfillment. His healing brings conversion and thanksgiving, and a promise to worship the God of Israel. Elisha's refusal of gifts for his service reflects his awareness that he did only what God required, so any reward will come from the Lord. Both men are bold exemplars of faith lived and spoken with conviction.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98

All through the Old Testament the sea and land and sky stand as witnesses to God's covenant with Israel. The nations, on the other hand, were most often witnesses to God's wrath. Here they become witnesses to God's justice and mercy and his willingness to save the people of Israel. Even though they were not yet considered to be God's people, they were called upon to praise God for his wondrous works and in doing so were foreshadowing that time when they would be the recipients of justice and mercy and salvation themselves.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and uses his situation to give a perspective on the power of the Word of God. He boldly proclaims that the word of God is not chained. This statement is intended to give courage to those who will proclaim their own testimony of the Risen Lord. Their salvation lies in believing that those who have died with the Lord will also reign with him in glory. Paul's key word appears at the beginning: remember. That's what the liturgy is, an act of ritual remembrance of the saving acts of God in Christ. Paul is not theorizing but speaking from the heart about his own lived experience of faith. He has preached this gospel and is now suffering for it, writing from a prison cell. Paul suffers willingly because he trusts that his suffering will be for the benefit of those who have come to know Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19



The healing of the ten lepers is another story of Luke's account that proclaims the interventions of God in the struggle of those who seek relief from human events. The narrative bears testimony to the compassion of God for those unjustly left on the edges of society through no fault of their own. But there is a concluding teaching for all of us: giving thanks for God's great love is also expected. The ten had demonstrated faith by calling out to Jesus and addressing him as master. That only one returns genuinely disappoints Jesus. The nine settled for too little for had they returned, they too would have received the far greater gift he gives the Samaritan: the promise of salvation. The humble Samaritan gave thanks to Jesus. He showed true gratitude, which should be an attitude we all show toward the Lord for all the good things he has done for us.

SECOND COLLECTION

In view of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona in the southeast United States starting in Florida, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and Caribbean, many lives have been lost along with severe damage and destruction to properties. Catholic Charities USA and local agencies have provided humanitarian relief supplying food, water, and sanitation assistance. Repair and rebuilding of homes will take place as soon as possible. A needs assessment has been made in contact with Bishops in impacted dioceses.

To respond to this need, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has suggested that a voluntary special collection be taken up as soon as possible for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant Church needs arising from these disasters. The collection will be taken up the weekend of October 15-16, 2022. The collection will be sent to the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund so that those most in need can receive assistance quickly. Funds will be used in response to the hurricanes and the impact of subsequent flooding and tornados and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed.

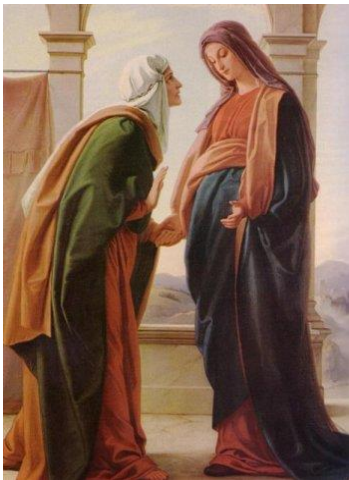
Marian Ministries

Living Rosary Thank You

Special thanks to those who gathered at St. Mary's Church for First Saturday devotions and the launch of the Living Rosary on October 1st. Participants enjoyed a lovely morning of prayer and fellowship! Two full Living Rosaries are being offered to our Blessed Mother every day by members of St Peter's and Holy Child parishes.

A complete list of participants, along with their chosen decades, can be found on the bulletin board located on the confessional doors near the holy handout table. **Please Note:** It is important to contact Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) if you are unable to maintain your commitment. Each of the 20 decades must be prayed every day. We plan 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 30th - 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. 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 displayed on the bulletin board.

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...

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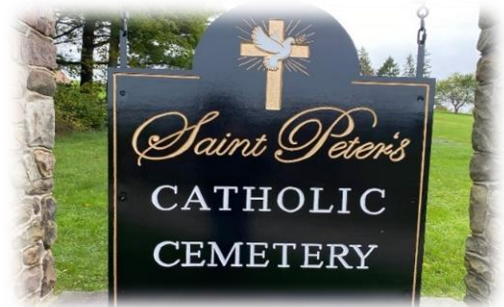
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 3rd grade are invited to attend. No registration is necessary.

Children's Liturgy
of the **Word**

NEW CEMETERY SIGN

We have a new sign at the cemetery on Pearl Street. Thank you to Robert Tobaygo and Mark Sepiol for installation, and a special thank to Michele Romania for the lettering and artwork.



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.

SUPER

ALL PAPER

Sunday

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

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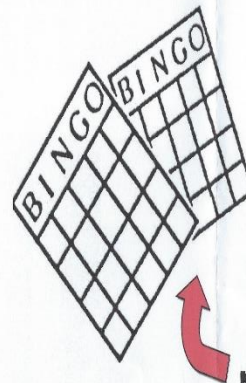
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Purchase at the Door

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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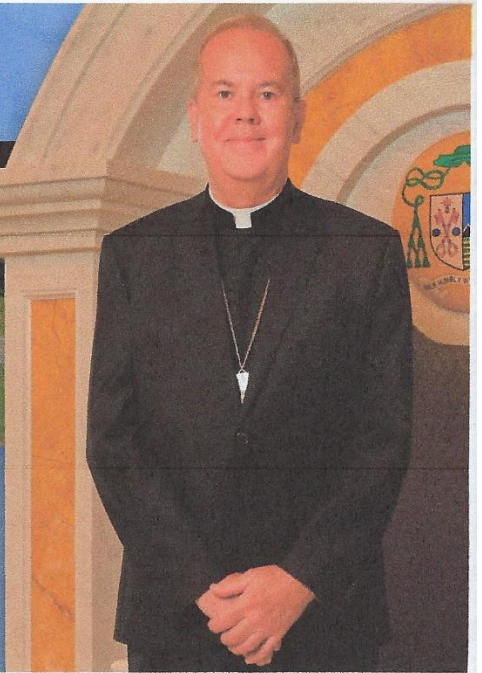
October is Respect Life Month and Month of Holy Rosary


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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The Diocese of Scranton's Diocesan Annual Appeal funds vital services like Catholic Social Services, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools, support for parish life, and beyond.

I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the Appeal to support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small.

I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative.

To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you have received in the mail, visit the Appeal's website at www.annualappeal.org, call the Development Office at 570-207-2250, or scan the QR code.



Thank You for Your Support!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Isaac Jogues Feast Date-October 19

Born in Orleans, France, Isaac joined the Jesuits at a young age and was sent to his order's North American mission in 1636. He and Rene Goupil were captured and tortured by a band of Iroquois in 1642. Rene was killed and Isaac was held as a slave until his rescue by Dutch settlers. He returned to France, secured permission to continue saying Mass despite mutilated hands, and returned to Canada in 1644. He and John Lalande were tomahawked and beheaded by Huron Indians who invited them to a meal. These three and five others, the North American martyrs, are patron saints of Canada and North America. They share this feast and shrines in New York State and Ontario, Canada.

CHRIST OUR HOPE

This is an excerpt from the 2019-2020 Respect Life Materials from the USCCB.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.


Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her previous child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.



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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.