

# 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

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Religious Education.: Melissa Mann - [stpreled@ptd.net](mailto:stpreled@ptd.net)

Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

## Schedule of Weekend Masses

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

## Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm;

Saturday, 4:15-4:45pm or by appointment



*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18, 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 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>) 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 \_\_\_\_\_

When you

**PRAY,**

God listens.

When you

**LISTEN,**

God talks.

When you

**BELIEVE,**

God works.

### **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

Fundraising Dinners - 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 - Rectory 570-724-3371

Worship Committee - Rectory 570-724-3371

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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 9/19	No Mass	
Tuesday 9/20	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary Kennedy Bearer (Bob & Geri Hartlove)
Wednesday 9/21	12:10pm	In Memory of Lenora Bowers (Joan)
Thursday 9/22	12:10pm	In Honor of the Anniversary of the Plato Family American Citizenship (Stam Family)
Friday 9/23	12:10pm	In Memory of Jeannette Dalby (Family)
Saturday 9/24	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	In Memory of Mary Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)
Sunday 9/25	8:30am	In Memory of Joe Bergen (Ostapowicz Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of George & Helen Pryslak (Family)

This week's Altar Flowers are offered in Honor of  
All Living Members of the Singer Family (Sue Singer)

### 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.

#### NEW BOILERS NEEDED

The two boilers used to heat the church, are in need of replacement at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Contributions to help offset this cost are greatly appreciative. If you are an envelope user, please include your contribution in your Building Fund envelope that is included in your monthly packet. If you are not an envelope user, please just note on your check or the envelope that your donation is for the boilers. Please give as you are able.

#### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for September 11, 2022: \$6,172.00  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: \$ 72.00  
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$3,171.00)  
*We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.*

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Religious Education Classes Begin. Parent meeting followed with Donut Social, 9:30am

#### Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Women's Bible Study, 9:00am, Parish Center

#### Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Fundraising Committee Meeting, 9:00am, Rectory  
 Fall Dinner Committee Mtg, 10:00am, Parish Center;  
 Worship Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Parish Center

#### Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Religious Education Classes – 8:30am Pre-School;  
 9:30am K-12<sup>th</sup>  
 Altar Server Training – 9:30am, Church

#### CARPORT ENTRANCE TO CHURCH CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The carport entrance to the church will be closed until further. For weekend Masses only, the temporary handicap entrance to the church will be through the parish center side door, located just beyond the carport next to the three handicap parking spaces. The church can then be accessed through the music room. These doors will be open until Mass begins. As usual, once Mass begins, the side doors will be locked and the church will have to be accessed through the front doors. At the conclusion of Mass, you will be able to exit the church through the music room to the parish center side door. Thank you for your patience as we await the repairs to the carport.

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos strikes out at those who exploit the poor and take advantage of those he calls “the lowly” when they come to the marketplace. The prophet uses the very words of the dishonest merchants as his judgment against them. His condemnation lies in reminding them that the Lord will not forget their wrongdoing.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 113

This psalm is a hymn of praise to the Lord who is king over all the earth. It is a reminder that we cannot hide our activities from God. We cannot pretend that we can do things that he does not see. We must live in a manner that is consistent with what we say we are. We cannot say that we are Christians and live in a way that might give scandal to others. This means that we must trust in the providence of God; it cannot depend upon our own efforts.

### SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul instructs Timothy to exhort the believers to pray. It seems that Paul expects these prayers of petitions and thanksgiving to be done by the community at their common worship. Another reason for prayer is that God desires such prayer. These prayers are for the salvation of others, for God desired everyone to be saved. The prayers of the community are to be offered “without anger or argument.”

### GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

The parable of the unjust steward presents a lesson about judging wisely worldly affairs in serving God instead of mammon. The commendation of the unjust steward makes the meaning of the parable difficult to grasp. The “children of this world” are contrasted with the “the children of light”; the former are good at worldly affairs, but the latter are charged with the “true wealth” that God will bestow on them. Worldly resources in themselves are not condemned, but should be used wisely, not clung to, with the understanding that all earthly goods will pass away, and if we have been able to see where our salvation ultimately lies and let go of the immediate and worldly, we will be “welcomed into eternal dwellings.” If “you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth” reminds us that our behavior here on earth influences our eternity. Finally, we must remember that money must be used with a view to our heavenly destiny and that destiny requires sharing with the less fortunate. Money cannot become an idol that has usurped God’s rightful place at the center of our lives.

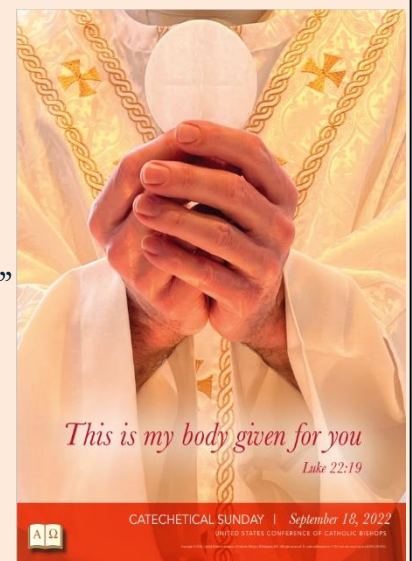


## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: “This is my body given for you.”

Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term “Eucharist” originates from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Eucharist.



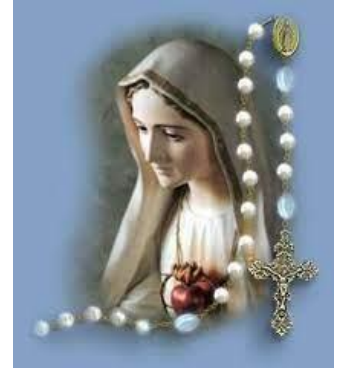
# Marian Ministries

## Living Rosary

Three minutes a day. That's about how long it takes to pray one decade of the Rosary. This can be done:

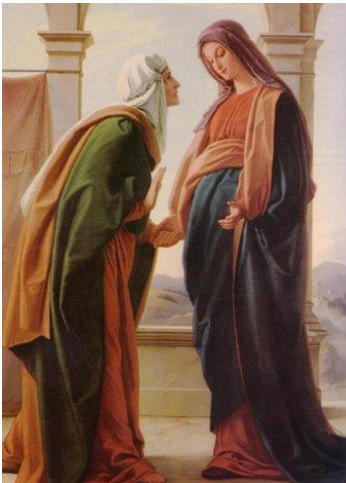
- Over breakfast with the family.
- On the drive to school or work.
- Walking from the parking lot to the store.
- Pausing between emails.
- Before bedtime.

The possibilities are endless. At present, we have one complete Living Rosary covered, with mysteries available for a second Living Rosary. The world desperately needs our prayers and the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Edward Sri, the author of *How to Pray the Rosary Like Never Before*, refers to the Rosary as a "portable chapel that we can keep in our pocket and pull out anytime, anyplace." What a gift!



So, will you spare three minutes a day for the love of God and neighbor? Sign-up sheets are on the holy handout table or email [marian-ministries@outlook.com](mailto:marian-ministries@outlook.com). The Living Rosary will begin on **Saturday, October 1st**, and continue as long as there is interest. Join us for coffee and donuts as we usher in this beautiful devotion immediately following First Saturday services on **October 1st at St. Mary's Church in Blossburg**.

## Marian Day of Reflection



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 or text 570-404-2180. Email [marian-ministries@outlook.com](mailto:marian-ministries@outlook.com). There is no fee for this event. The deadline for registration is **Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### 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, also displayed on the bulletin board.

## 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](mailto:stpadm@ptd.net)) the Rectory to register or for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE!

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. More information will be in upcoming bulletins.

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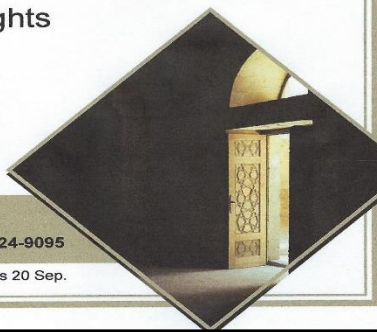
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Also, mark your calendars for a special retreat day on Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

Learn more and register:

[www.christlife.org/discover](http://www.christlife.org/discover) or call 724-9095

No cost to participate! Registration closes 20 Sep.



## CHRISTLIFE™

Registration is now open for this Fall's *Discovering Christ* series. This 7-week program includes a delicious (free!) dinner, a teaching video and small group discussion focusing on the Meaning of Life and the Person of Jesus Christ. Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, participants meet Wednesday evenings from 6pm – 8:30pm thru Nov 16<sup>th</sup> with an inspiring Retreat on Saturday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited and registration closes Tuesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup> so please sign up early to ensure a place at the table! Registration forms are available on the table at the back of the Church or register on-line at [norb.josten@gmail.com](mailto:norb.josten@gmail.com).

Questions? Call Norb at 570-724-9095.

## Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting September 8, 2022

Present: Fr. Jacek, Francis Kennedy, Rick Joachim, Mike Buono

Absent: Marty Ostapowicz

Meeting began at 10:00 am and was opened with an Our Father led by Father Jacek.

1. Father Jacek suggested that a walk through of the church and facilities be conducted to determine what problems need to be addressed and the order of importance of said problems.
2. Rick Joachim will make a list of items that need to be done and submit it to the office at which point father will prioritize the repairs before any actions or repairs will be undertaken.
3. Items that were brought up for repair are as follows:
  - A. Gutters on the parish center and rectory need to be cleaned out.
  - B. Flat roof repair on the parish center hall way. A suggestion was made for a temporary repair to the roof by Rick to place a sheet of 1/2 inch marine grade plywood over a soft spot so no further damage could occur until a more permanent solution could be found. Chilson Brothers and other contractors will be contacted to inspect the damage and give quotes on repairs.
  - C. The condensation lines from the air conditioning unit over the organ is leaking and needs to be replaced. Rick Joachim will make the repairs.
  - D. Lights on the parish center exterior need to be repaired and the chandelier in the church has a wiring or switch issue that has to be addressed. Problem has to be located.
  - E. 3 out of 4 fans in on the church ceiling do not work and have to be inspected and possibly replaced. It may be a switch issue and Rick will check that to see if that is the problem. If not, is may be the whole fan itself. Scaffolding must be rented to reach them in the event that they need to be replaced.

Meeting adjourned 10:35 am

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, is Catechetical Sunday and will be the first class for students in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Following the 8:30am Mass, students will report to the parish center and a short parent meeting will be held in the church. At the conclusion of the parent meeting, parents will be joined by the students to kick off the year with donuts and coffee/juice for everyone in the parish center.



## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The Church has a special ceremony called Blessing of Pets, which is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. In anticipation of Francis' feast day on October 4<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Jacek will bless all pets on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm in the parking lot.



## 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.



Thank you to all who volunteered and donated to make this year's fall rummage sale a great success. A financial report will be printed in next week's bulletin.

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## Updated Cemetery Gate Hours

The open/close hours of the cemetery gate at the Pearl Street cemetery are as follows:

September 15<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00am-5:00pm

March 16<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00am-8:00pm



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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.