

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-1:00pm

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-12:00pm;
Saturday, 4:30-4:50pm; or by appointment

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 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 _____



Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways”.

- Psalm 91:11

Feast Day September 29

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 9/25	No Mass	
Tuesday 9/26	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)
Wednesday 9/27	12:10pm	In Memory of James Mays (Jackson Family)
Thursday 9/28	12:10pm	In Memory of Jeffrey Roberto (The Grab Family)
Friday 9/29	12:10pm	In Memory of David & Jerone Schaut (Sue Singer)
Saturday 9/30	5:00pm *Mass is livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 10/1	8:30am	In Memory of Mary Campbell (Shirley Zettel)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Arthur Sable (Sable Family)

Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. From 8:00-9:00am, the only entrance will be through the door on the main parking lot side. From 9:00am-5:00pm, the front door and carport entrance will be open. If for some reason the main door is not unlocked, please enter through the parking lot door, as this entrance will always be open from 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am-4:30pm using only the parking lot door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:15pm 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.

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, September 24th

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

Tuesday, September 26th

Women's Bible Study - 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration - 1:00pm - 6:00pm; Church
 Polish Dinner Prep - 9:00am - 12:00pm;
 Parish Center

Wednesday, September 27th

Polish Dinner Prep - 9:00am - 12:00pm;
 Parish Center

Thursday, September 28th

Cemetery Meeting - 7:00pm; Parish Center

Friday, September 29th

Polish Dinner - 4:30pm-6:30pm; Parish Center

Sunday, October 1st

Religious Education Classes -
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Blessing of Animals - 2:00pm; Church Parking Lot

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for September 17, 2023: \$4,935.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: -\$1,165.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$420.24

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-6

*So the last
will be first,
and the first
will be last.*

Today Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the landowner and his workers. The landowner went out and hired workers at different times during the day, but paid them each the same daily wage. Those workers who worked more hours were unhappy with the landowner's generosity to those who worked fewer. Such is the way it will be in the Kingdom of Heaven, where the last will be first and the first will be last. God's generosity

and mercy is endless, and each person is given more than they could possibly earn in a lifetime of good works and acts of devotion. God offers salvation to all who welcome God into their lives, whether at the beginning or at the end of their days. Rather than being resentful of people who did not labor as long as we did, Jesus teaches us that we should all delight in God's generosity.



Diocese of Scranton,
Pennsylvania

8th Annual Be A Catholic Man Conference Stand Firm in the Faith

Brothers, we invite you to join with us in fortitude and strength in professing our Catholic Faith. As the world becomes increasingly hostile to Catholic teaching, St. Polycarp reminds us to "Follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the Faith". St. Paul advises us to "Put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day, having done everything, to hold your ground."

Conference Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Venue: Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre

Registration Fee: \$40 (Early Bird \$30), Students \$15 / morning coffee & box lunch included

For a tentative schedule and to register, visit beacatholicman.com

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.

Prayer is "water for the soul". It is humble, unseen, yet gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly. They know how to raise their gaze on high, remembering they are made for Heaven.

- Pope Francis



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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

Rummage Sale Report

We wish to thank the parishioners who donated items to our rummage sale. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time working the long days to make it a success.

We could not have done it without you!

Pat Gorda and Diane Bill

**Profit From Fall Rummage Sale:
\$3,596.20**



Knights of Columbus News

Volunteers Needed

The knights of Columbus are asking for volunteers to help clean up after the Polish Dinner on September 29th at 6:30pm. Brother Knights are encouraged to help with this project along with any parishioners willing to participate.

Polish Dinner Raffle

The Knights of Columbus will be raffling off *A Basket of Cheer* at the Polish Dinner on September 29th. The cost will be \$5.00 per ticket. The proceeds will benefit The Immaculate Conception Council of St. Peter's Church with funds being used for the church grounds project. Raffle drawing will be on October 31st and the winner will be notified by phone or email. There will also be a 50/50 raffle ticket sale at the dinner with proceeds split between the Knights of Columbus and St. Peter's Dinner Committee.

St. Peter's Polish Dinner

Friday, September 29th

4:30pm – 6:30pm or until sold out

Take-out or Dine-In the Parish Center

Adults: \$15.00

Age 12 and under: \$5.00

Age 3 and under: Free

Pierogi Sauerkraut Kielbasa Hot Dogs
Applesauce Halupki (stuffed cabbage)
Homemade Desserts

Volunteers are needed to help make this dinner a success. Please see the sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the church if you are able to help. Thank you!

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON YOUTH RALLY



BE AN ORIGINAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2023 | 10AM - 7:00PM

Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503

****OPEN TO YOUTH IN 7TH-12TH GRADE****



Sessions for Youth & Adults | Opportunities for Praise & Worship
Lunch & Dinner Provided | Adoration & Closing Mass
Music from Thomas Muglia | Keynote from Steve Angrisano
Closing Mass 5:30 PM | St. Peter's Cathedral



Afternoon of Reflection

"In the Breaking of the Bread"

Sunday, October 8, 2023

11:30am – 6:00pm, St. Peter's Church

This is the last weekend to register for an inspiring Afternoon of Reflection. The event includes Mass, Mary Hallman's Presentation, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Evening Prayer, and Benediction. Following the Holy Hour, participants are invited to a catered meal in the Parish Center. We suggest a free will donation of \$10.

To register, contact Laurie Coffee at 703/470-2975 no later than Wednesday, September 27th or use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Living Rosary

October 2023

The Living Rosary is currently being updated and will be prayed from October 1st – 31st. We need a few more people to pray one decade each day (the same decade for 31 days) so that all four sets of mysteries are covered. If you would like to participate, contact Laurie before Sept. 24th 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

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>.

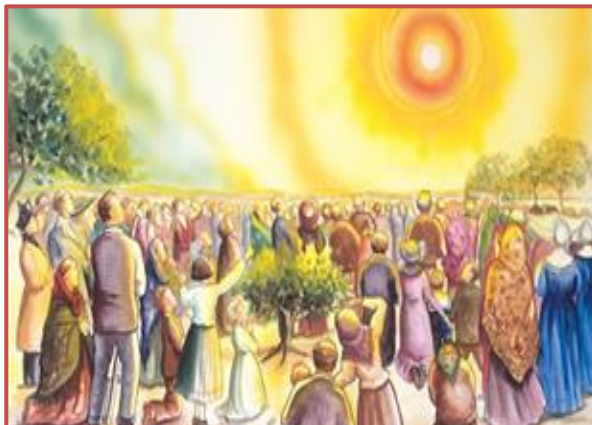


In honor of Our Blessed Mother, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be placed in front of the altar throughout the month of October.

Take some time to pray with Mary during the Month of the Holy Rosary.

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.





OUR CALL TO SERVE

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

YOUR GIFTS ENABLE US TO:

- FEED** the hungry
- SHELTER** those experiencing homelessness
- EDUCATE** young men and women in Catholic Schools
- SUPPORT** our seminarians and retired priests
- CHANGE** the lives of our neighbors every day
- SPREAD** the Good News of the Gospel through the media
- TOUCH** the lives of thousands of people through faith formation and social justice grants that support parish programs



CHURCH REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The following repairs and maintenance have recently been addressed:

- Blinds have been installed on the windows in the parish center
- Road work has been completed in the new part of St. Peter's cemetery, and a new cemetery location number has been attached to the gate post.



Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals is a special ceremony in the Church conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assi's love for all creatures.

In anticipation of St. Francis' Feast Day on October 4th, Father Jacek will bless all pets on Sunday, October 1st at 2:00pm in the church parking lot.

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.



September

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15th.

September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary time.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through study and prayer. It begins with a period of inquiry in which you may ask questions before you make a commitment to become Catholic. Arrangements can be made regarding class participation.

Please contact Melissa at 570/724-9789 or email stpreled@ptd.net for more information.

The deadline to register is October 7th.

Discovering Christ Oct 4 - Nov 15

When we reflect on the early church and on how those early disciples' "hearts were burning within them" after encountering the risen Lord [Lk 24:32], we think of how natural it is to share wonderful news with our friends and neighbors!

The direct descendants of these disciples, our U.S. Bishops, have recognized that the parish is the most important place in which the wonderful news of our salvation is shared, and in which new disciples are formed. They have encouraged pastors to make such adult faith formation more accessible.

Since 2015, our parish has made available the 7-week series entitled "Discovering Christ". We will be offering this again in October on Wednesday evenings and I invite you to consider participating. Each session begins with a free dinner at 6:00 pm and concludes by 8:30 pm.

This is the first part of a three part faith journey called "*Christ Life*" which originated as a response to our last three Holy Fathers' calls for a "New Evangelization". The series has a 24-year track record of fruitfulness at the parish and international level and we believe it will serve to enhance the spiritual life of our parish family. For parishioners interested in learning more about the *Christ Life* process and why it works, please check out the *ChristLife* website (christlife.org).

Over 150 of our parish family have drawn closer to our Lord and deepened their faith through this ministry and the hope is that, as the years unfold, all of our parishioners will be able to experience and benefit from this process focused on enriching their encounter with our Risen Lord.

If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to "go", please fill out the registration below and put in the Sunday collection or drop it at the rectory. You can also contact Norb or Nona Josten with any questions or to register directly, call 570-724-9095. Registration closes Sept 25th.

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Discovering Christ '23

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Ph #: (home) _____ (cell) _____


Any dietary restrictions? (vegetarian, gluten allergy, etc)

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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, Roberta Mahar, 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. Butler, Christopher Moore, Jasmine Gordon, Kassie Nowak, Sr. Sally Villa, SSJ.

 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.