

St. Peter's Church



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023

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

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 _____

as a Catholic, I am called to...

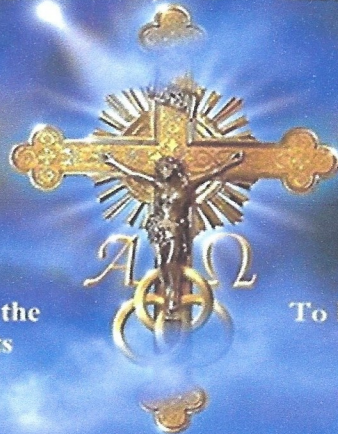
To share with others the joy of knowing **JESUS CHRIST**

To love my neighbor as myself

To celebrate the Sacraments regularly

To FORGIVE as I have been FORGIVEN

To pray the **HOLY ROSARY**



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 10/16	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/17	No Mass	No daily Mass this week Father Jacek is away at Convocation
Wednesday 10/18	No Mass	
Thursday 10/19	No Mass	
Friday 10/20	No Mass	
Saturday 10/21	5:00pm *Mass is livestreamed	In Memory of Richard Black (Singer Family)
Sunday 10/22	8:30am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Roberta Mahar (Wife Kathy)

Tabernacle Flowers are in Memory of Chuck Hudson (Anthony Family)

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 15th

Religious Education Classes –
 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12
 Bingo – 12:00pm/Doors open at 10:30am;
 Knoxville Community Center

Tuesday, October 17th

Women's Bible Study – 10:00am; Adult Ed. Room
 Adoration – 1:00pm – 6:00pm; Church

Wednesday, October 18th

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

Sunday, October 22nd

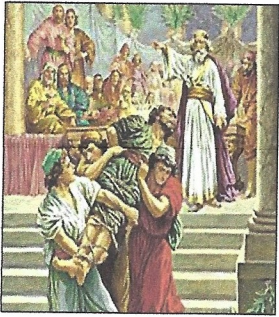
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 8:30am pre-school; 9:30am K-12

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for October 8, 2023: \$6,351.00
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00
 Difference: \$251.00
 Year to Date Budget Variance: \$222.55

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

Liturgical Reflection ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Today's parable centers on whom God invites to the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven. Many of those whom God has invited have refused the invitation and lose their opportunity to share in his heavenly banquet. Twice we hear the invitation being ignored. Finally the servants bring in all the people they could find – the good and the bad – but all were expected that they make themselves ready. The guest who was not dressed well represents those who are invited but refused to change their ways. The guest responded to God's invitation, but did not continue to live a Christian life. The final verse summarizes the meaning of his parable – "Many are invited, but few are chosen". While we would never reject God completely, it is likely that we have at times not fully answered God's call. Are we making excuses or are we striving to fully accept God's invitation?

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.

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Polish Dinner 2023

Financial Report

Income:

Dinner Sales:	\$3,075.00
Weekend Sales:	\$893.00
Donation/Raffles:	\$97.00
Total Income:	\$4,065.00

Expenses:

Food:	\$1,746.97
Aluminum Pans:	\$99.74
Advertising:	\$60.68
Total Expenses:	\$1,907.39

Profit - \$2,157.61

Marian Ministries Afternoon of Reflection "In the Breaking of the Bread" with Mary Clare Hallman



The Afternoon of Reflection was a lovely, Spirit-filled event for all in attendance. Thanks to the Marian Ministries Team (Laurie Coffee, Danette Kerestes, BJ Butler, Theresa Delmotte, Caprice Evans, and Linda Sampson.) Thanks to Fr. Jacek and Fr. Bryan, St. Peter's Staff, (Melissa, Connie, and Rob) Chris Troncone, (our intercessor) Betsy and Dan Gordon, (table decorations) Tom Sampson, (Sacristan) Christina Simonis, (music) Norb Josten, (background music) and Custom Catering (the delicious meal.)
 Special thanks to Mary Clare Hallman for breaking bread with us.



World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd

Were not our hearts burning within us?

Luke 24:13-35



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CHURCH REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The following maintenance and purchases have recently taken place:

- Light bulbs have been replaced in all the church parking lot lights.
- A riding mower has been purchased for use on church and rectory grounds.

Leave a Mark 2023

A GATHERING OF YOUNG ADULTS (18-40) WITH BISHOP BAMBERA

11/05/23

5:00 PM Mass
Cathedral of Saint Peter

Social to follow: Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 WYoming Ave. Scranton, PA. 18503

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For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452

SUPER BINGO

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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

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Parish Prayer List

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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Richard Black

*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.*