

The Parishes of St. Peter and St. Thomas the Apostle

*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026*



St. Peter's Church

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901
Parish Office: 570-724-3371 Fax: 570-724-6322
Religious Education Office: 570-724-3371
Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann – stpadm@ptd.net
Religious Education: Jen Minnich – stpreled@ptd.net
Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Rob Minnich

Schedule of Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

Tuesday – Friday: 11:45am – 12:10pm
Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm or by appointment

Welcome!

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 contact the Parish Office for more information.



St. Thomas the Apostle

111 First Street, Elkland, PA 16920
Parish Office: 814-258-5121
Religious Education: stpreled@ptd.net

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday and Friday 8:00am – 2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jacek Bialkowski
Bookkeeper: Melissa Mann
stpadm@ptd.net
Receptionist: Jen Minnich
stthomaselkland@outlook.com

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday: 7:00pm (St. Catherine)
Sunday: 11:30am (St. Thomas)



Mission Church: St. Catherine of Siena
146 Lincoln Street, Westfield, PA 16950

St. Peter's

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DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Monday, 10/12	No Mass	
Tuesday, 10/13	No Mass	
Wednesday, 10/14	No Mass	
Thursday, 10/15	No Mass	
Friday, 10/16	No Mass	
Saturday, 10/17	5:00pm Mass is Livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday, 10/18	8:30am	In Memory of Elaine Myslinski (Tom & Linda Sampson)
The Sanctuary Candle is offered for Richard Black by Kate Black and Children		

Fr. Jacek is away this week

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for 10/4/2026: \$5,050.00
(includes envelopes, loose, and e-giving)

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,236.00
Difference: -\$1,186.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$11,938.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

St. Peter's Lector/EMHC Schedule

Saturday, October 10

Lector: Denise S. & Glenn P.
EMHC: Danette K. & Aaron S.

Sunday, October 11

Lector: Patty K. & Richard K.
EMHC: Dennis S. & Linda S.

Saturday, October 17

Lector: Glenn P. & Tom S.
EMHC: BJ Butler & Aaron S.

Sunday, October 18

Lector: David B. & Martin O.
EMHC: Nicole O. & Tom G.

Happening This Week

Sunday, October 11

Religious Ed – 9:30am
Meeting for Confirmation Parents in Church

Monday, October 12

Happy Columbus Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, October 13

Adoration – 1pm-6pm
Bible Study 10am – Adult Ed Room

Wednesday, October 14

Discovering Christ – 6pm; Parish Center

Thursday, October 15

Marian Ministry Women's Study – 4:30pm; Parish Center

Sunday, October 11

Religious Ed – 9:30am

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.

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.



St. Peter's Goal:
\$36,247

Pledges/Gifts to date:
\$19,181

52.92% of our goal!

St. Thomas

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DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday, 10/10 St. Catherine	7:00pm	In Memory of Michael Gilligan (Barb Gilligan)
Sunday, 10/11 St. Thomas	11:30am	Birthday Remembrance for Margorie Harkenrider (Ann Leisure)
Saturday, 10/17 St. Catherine	7:00pm	In Memory of Joan Cady (Zinck Family)
Sunday, 10/18 St. Thomas	11:30am	Deceased Members of the Kohut Family (Kohut Family)
The Sanctuary Candle in St. Thomas is offered for Birthday Remembrance for Margorie Harkenrider by Carol Harkenrider		

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for 10/4/2026: \$2,197.00
(includes envelopes, loose and e-giving)

Capital Campaign: \$15.00

Social Justice: \$5.00

Parish Assessment: \$10.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$2,349.00

Difference: -\$122.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$7,967.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish



This weekend's second collection is for Parish Assessment.

Next weekend's second collection is for Social Justice.

Mass Attendance

Weekend of October 4, 2026



St. Thomas – 39

St. Catherine – 47



St. Thomas Goal: \$10,097

Pledges/Gifts to date:
\$7,550

74.77% of our goal!

St. Thomas Lector & Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, October 10

St. Catherine Lector: Jean Sereno

7:00pm E. Minister: Mike Zinck

Altar Servers: Clements Boys

Sunday, October 11

St. Thomas Lector: Walter Bialkowski

11:30am E. Minister: Lillian Becker

Altar Servers: Crooker Family

Saturday, October 17

St. Catherine Lector: Mark Clements

7:00pm E. Minister: Michael Zinck

Altar Servers: Clements Boys

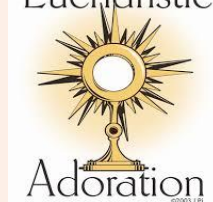
Sunday, October 18

St. Thomas Lector: Jason Whalen

11:30am E. Minister: Walter Bialkowski

Altar Servers: Crooker Family

Eucharistic



Holy Hour

Exposition and Benediction
after 11:30am Mass at
St. Thomas Church on
Sunday, October 25th and every
4th Sunday of the month.

Opportunity for confessions during this time.

Mission Statement

We, celebrate God's loving presence among us in Eucharist so that we may grow in personal and communal prayer, develop a greater understanding and appreciation for the sacred Scriptures and the traditions of the church and share what God has given us through meaningful community service and collaboration with the others of our region.

St. Peter's Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-439-0466
Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175
Parish Rummage Sale - Pat Gorda 570-404-8918
Diane Bill 516-458-9130
Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-439-0466
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
Youth Group – Steve Tokarz 570-404-0693
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
Sunday Nursing Home Communion – Parish Office
Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-916-9573
ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095
Marian Ministries – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180
Fundraising Committee – Tim Gooch 570-971-5826
Knights of Columbus – Mike Buono 717-320-2305

St. Peter's 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.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

St. Peter's Parish Prayer List

Trish Knowlton, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Mary Mekos, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Suzie Alexander, Adrenne Gilbert, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Teresa Pavlock, Joann Black, Patricia Quattrone, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Jim Callahan, Ruth Russell, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Shannon Jones, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Shannon Slaton, Lisa Neil-Keller, Ann Callahan, John Harling, Shawn Wheeler, Kayleigh Johnson, Nancy Clark, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, George Hill, Kami Maloof, Don Gordon, Christopher Morre, Kassie Nowak, Carter Benjamin, Elexxa Germino, , Tom Reindl, Val Anthony, Rob Butler, Will Gastrock, Mary Kay Clark, Karen Roggow, Mary DiCiurcio, Dawn Anthony, Paul Beuter, Marian Coolidge, Pamela Pasquale, Stephen Stirnaman, Patty Kramer, John & Frances Juriga, Angela Germino, Donell Ayres, Frances Nowak Schlappich, Ronnie Hanes, Will Poirier

St. Thomas Prayer List

Willow Abbey, Jacob Abbinanti, Barbara "Minso" Albro, Don Blovhic, Stephanie Rose Calicchia, , Lucas Charles & Family, Daisy Casbeer, Rachel Davis, Jenny Fisher, Mary Gilmour, Chris Heckler, Bonnie Huzy, Joe Jessick, Bob Kerrick, Denis Landry, Ann Laster, Taylor MacKenzie, Mathew Marsiglio, Christy Reed, Cindy Sereno, Mary Ann Thomas, Fr. John Victoria, Roberta Volante, Edwina Waite, Kathlyn Whitcomb, Joseph Cochran, Ronnie Hanes, Barb McNeil, Ryan Crawford, Sonja McLean, Betty Schueller

For those in Nursing Homes: Richard McClaren, Velma Minso, Donna Platz



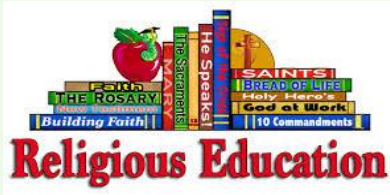
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord
and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon
Them.

To add a name to the bulletin prayer list, please contact the office at St. Peter's or St. Thomas.

For privacy reasons, the person making the request must be the individual themselves or an immediate family. This would include a spouse, child, sibling, parent, or grandparent of the person to be added.

St. Peter's Cemetery Fall & Winter Hours

**St. Peter's cemetery gates will be open
from 7am-5pm
for the fall and winter months.**



OCTOBER

18 **Class & Safe Environment** grades PreK-2, 3-4
25 **Class & Safe Environment** grades 5-6, 7-HS



On Sunday, October 18, we join Catholics around the world in celebrating **World Mission Sunday**. Through the Pope's Pontifical Mission Societies, our prayers and gifts help bring the Gospel, food, education, and healthcare to communities in need in more than 1,100 mission dioceses across the globe. Please pray for our missionaries, and give generously in this special second collection. Together, we are the Church's helping hands around the world.



State Deputy of Knights of Columbus, John Fitzpatrick (L), pictured with Grand Knight Mike Buono of the Immaculate Conception Council #4493 of Wellsboro. Mr. Fitzpatrick attended the Knights meeting on Monday, October 5th.

Paint & Pray:

"The Light of Christ"

Saturday, November 14th
Holy Child Parish Center
10 am -2 pm Cost: \$35.00



Paint & Pray with Sandi Spencer is one of Marian Ministries' most popular events. Registration closes at 20 participants, so reserve your seat soon. A fee of \$35 includes all painting materials and a catered lunch.

Deadline to Register: November 5th. Make checks payable to "St. Peter's Church" (with Marian Ministries on the Memo line). Drop them in the collection basket at Holy Child or St. Peter's or mail them to:

St. Peter's Church
38 Central Avenue
Wellsboro, PA 16901



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Liturgy begins in October (hopefully) and will be adjusted to the number of volunteers we have. Father Jacek will call the children up for dismissal on Sundays during Mass when we have a volunteer available.



Just a reminder: St. Peter's Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th in observance of Columbus Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.

-October- Month of the Rosary

"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort

- 1 **Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.**
- 2 **Recite the Our Father.**
- 3 **Recite three Hail Marys.**
- 4 **Recite the Glory Be.**
- 5 **Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.**
- 6 **Recite ten Hail Marys.**
- 7 **Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.**
- 8 **Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.**
- 9 **After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.**

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X

Pray the Rosary

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima



Part of the Bingo Experience in Knoxville is a basket raffle. A quilt is donated by St. Catherine's quilting group and two other baskets are raffled off as well. Themed baskets or items for the basket raffle are needed for our Bingo games. If you are able, please drop off baskets or items for the baskets in the back of both churches or at the Parish Office. We can assemble and/or wrap them if needed. And don't forget to check out the sign-up sheets. Anything you can give/sign-up for is greatly needed and appreciated.



Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it. Now would be a great time to fill our FOOD PANTRY baskets located in the back of

all churches. Many in our community can use the help.



Baby Bottle Campaign 2026

October is **Respect Life Month** and that means it's time to collect some money for the **Sisters of Life** in New York City!

Please pick up a bottle at the back of St. Thomas and St. Catherine's churches and support unborn babies and their Mamas!

How to donate:

- Collect your spare change and put it in the bottle.
- Put a cash donation in the bottle.
- Write a check to St Thomas Parish and put "Baby Bottle 2026" on the memo line and put the check in the bottle.

Return bottles to the basket at the back of the church by the weekend of October 31st and November 1st.

Questions? Contact Jessie Bicksler at 814-367-5767

100% of donated money goes to the Sisters of Life, who provide direct material assistance to mothers who would otherwise abort their unborn babies.

Go to www.sistersoflife.org to learn more about the Sisters and their mission!

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

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Take advantage of a unique marketing opportunity and advertise in the church bulletin.
Call St. Peter's parish office at 570-724-3371 for information.

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/cwls. 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. Additional Safe Environment Compliance information may be found at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/>.