

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

*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 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, 10/26	No Mass	
Tuesday, 10/27	No Mass	
Wednesday, 10/28	No Mass	
Thursday, 10/29	No Mass	
Friday, 10/30	No Mass	
Saturday, 10/31	5:00pm Mass is Livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday, 11/1	8:30am	In Memory of James Hopkins (Mickey Romania)

Father Jacek is away at Convocation

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for 10/18/2026: \$5,486.00
(includes envelopes, loose, and e-giving)

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,236.00
Difference: -\$750.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$13,053.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

St. Peter's Lector/EMHC Schedule

Saturday, October 24

Lector: David G. & Priscilla W.
EMHC: BJ B. & Tom S.

Sunday, October 25

Lector: David B. & Patty P.
EMHC: Dennis S. & Linda S.

Saturday, October 31

Lector: Coleen E. & Denise S.
EMHC: Danette K. & Glenn P.

Sunday, November 1

Lector: Theresa D. & Martin O.
EMHC: Linda S. & Dennis S.

Happening This Week

Sunday, October 25

Religious Ed – 9:30am
Safe Environment

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

Discovering Christ – 6pm; Parish Center

Thursday, October 29

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

Sunday, November 1

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:
\$21,981
60.64% of our goal!

St. Thomas

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DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday, 10/24 St. Catherine	7:00pm	In Memory of Helen Sereno (Jean Sereno)
Sunday, 10/25 St. Thomas	11:30am	In Memory of John Marshall Smith (Minnich Family)
Saturday, 10/31 St. Catherine	7:00pm	In Memory of Martin Mertsock (Zinck Family)
Sunday, 11/1 St. Thomas	11:30am	In Memory of Gail Kaschalk (George & Valerie Smith)
The Sanctuary Candle at St. Catherine's is offered for Helen Sereno by Jean Sereno		
The Sanctuary Candle at St. Thomas is offered for Herb E. Garlock by Carol Harkenrider		

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for 10/18/2026: \$1,579.00
(includes envelopes, loose and e-giving)

Social Justice: \$212.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$2,349.00

Difference: -\$558.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: -\$8,737.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish



This weekend's second collection is for Capital Campaign Fund.

Next weekend's second collection is for Care and Education of Priests.

Mass Attendance

Weekend of October 18, 2026



St. Thomas – 47
St. Catherine – 32

St. Thomas Lector & Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, October 24

St. Catherine Lector: Jean Sereno
7:00pm E. Minister: Mike Zinck
Altar Servers: Clements Boys

Sunday, October 25

St. Thomas Lector: Rebekah Crooker
11:30am E. Minister: Lillian Becker
Altar Servers: Crooker Family
Benediction Walter Bialkowski

Saturday, October 31

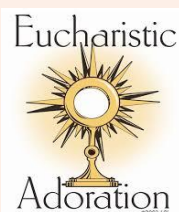
St. Catherine Lector: Mark Clements
7:00pm E. Minister: Michael Zinck
Altar Servers: Clements Boys

Sunday, November 1

St. Thomas Lector: Jason Whalen
11:30am E. Minister: Walter Bialkowski
Altar Servers: Crooker Family



St. Thomas Goal: \$10,097
Pledges/Gifts to date:
\$8,125
85.92% of our goal!



Holy Hour

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

Opportunity for confessions during this time.

The new BINGO flyer is on the St. Thomas Parish Facebook Page. Please follow us and share the flyer and ask your friends to pass it along. Let's do everything we can to increase our numbers at Bingo.



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, JoEllen Sereno, George Gamble

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, JoEllen Sereno

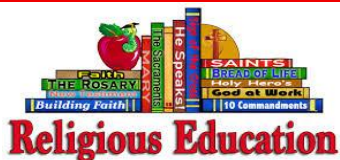
For those in Nursing Homes: Richard McClaren, Velma Minso, Donna Platz



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.



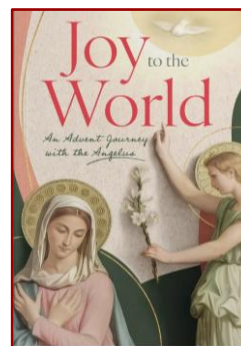
Religious Education

NOVEMBER

- 1 Class
- 8 Class & Penance for grades 3-4

Joy to the World: An Advent Journey with the Angelus

Sponsored by Marian Ministries



This Advent, *Joy to the World* invites us to explore what it means to live with true Christian joy—not as a passing feeling, but as the settled conviction that God is faithful. Featuring reflections from Fr. Mike Schmitz, along with Scripture, the lives of the saints, the *Angelus*, and honest reflections on the blessings and crosses of everyday life, *Joy to the World* will guide us to recognize God's presence and work in our lives, even when our circumstances haven't changed. Because the promise of Christian joy isn't a life without difficulty. It's knowing that through all of it, God is with us.

Books will be available at St. Peter's and Holy Child Rectories in mid-November. **A suggested donation of \$10** will assist with the cost.

Deadline to register: Sunday, November 8th. Make checks payable to St. Peter's Church with Marian Ministries in the Memo. Please include your email address. Drop them in the collection or mail to: St. Peter's Church, 47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

Register quickly and easily via Zeffy:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/joy-to-the-world-advent-online-book-study>



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

St. Peter's Cemetery Fall & Winter Hours
St. Peter's cemetery gates will be open from 7am-5pm for the fall and winter months.



SNACKS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS ED...

If you would like to donate snacks to the Religious Ed students, drop off individually wrapped non-perishable snacks to the Adult Ed Room. You can put them on the back counter. Juice boxes and small bottles of water are also appreciated.

Our Daily Mass Record/Intention Book is open for the upcoming 2027 year. Each family will have 10 masses that may be scheduled, this includes your weekend Masses. Weekend Masses are limited to 1 in each quarter: January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December.

Mass Offering will remain \$10.00. Sanctuary Candle will also remain at \$10.00. Our goal is to allow everyone an equal chance to scheduled Masses. Each intention: No more than 1 intention per name or family.



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!

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

SARAH HART
FRANCESCA LAROSA
NIGHT OF PEACE



an evening of songs and stories to bring peace and hope as we prepare our hearts for Advent and the coming of Christ

Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Saint Maria Goretti Parish
42 Redwood Dr, Laflin, PA
For more information,
visit dioceseofscranton.org/night-of-peace or call 570-207-2213

Priest Convocation October 26-29

Next week, our priests gather in Skytop for the annual Priest Convocation. Throughout the week they will spend time in prayer, celebrating Mass, listening to guest speakers, and spending time with their brother priests. Pray that this week is fruitful and restful for them!



BINGO!
Sunday, November 1
Knoxville, PA Community Center
12:00 PM
Doors & Kitchen Open at 10:30 AM
\$30 Full Sheet

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A Note from Ronnie Hanes: "Thank you ALL for your prayers & cards. I don't ever want to take for granted your loving support.

Love & Hugs, *Ronnie Hanes*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER...

A Month Dedicated to Souls in Purgatory... The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, not sorrowful, “even as others who have no hope...For the Lord himself shall come down from Heaven...and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.” The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone on to eternity. Even in the Old Testament, prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought “well and religiously concerning the resurrection.” It was believed that “they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them” and that “it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.” We know that a defiled soul cannot enter Heaven.

From Nov. 1-8 you can obtain plenary indulgence for souls in purgatory.

- Make a devout visit to the cemetery and pray for the dead
- Make a good Confession
- Worthily receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the intentions of the pope.



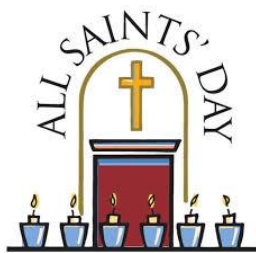
These are to be performed in one day or within days of each other.

Book of Remembrance - The Church has a long tradition of remembering those who have died to the love and mercy of God. We do this in a special way on the Feast of All Souls

Day, and throughout November. During the month of November, a Book of Remembrance will be located near the front entrance of St. Peter's Church. All parishioners are welcome to write the names of loved ones who have died in this special book. They will be remembered throughout the month.



All Saints Day – On November 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us who enjoy the glory of heaven. In the day's Gospel account, we hear the Beatitudes which are guidelines for true joy and the attainment of sanctity in our Christian lives. We hear how to live lives of holiness so that we may attain happiness in this life, but even more happiness in the next life as we strive to likewise be numbered among all the saints in heaven.



November 1, 2026, is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, since it falls on a Sunday in 2026, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted for that day, although the feast is still celebrated



All Souls' Day – On November 2nd we commemorate all the Faithful Departed. All Souls' Day is unique on the liturgical calendar. Neither a solemnity or a feast, this commemoration

outranks other feasts and even takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time (should this commemoration fall on a Sunday). Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history, and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the Church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the Nicene Creed: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”



All Souls Intentions - There are special All Souls Intention envelopes in your monthly packet, which can be used to remember deceased family members and friends. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

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Knights of Columbus  Council #3972 Serving our Church, our Community, and our Savior.	Buchanan Brothers Pharmacy Inc. Elkland Westfield 814-258-7332 814-367-2327  Your Community Health Mart PHARMACY	Would you like to recognize a loved one for a special occasion? <i>Place an ad here!!!</i> \$10 per week; contact the parish office with the details of your message.

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/>.