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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22, 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 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 contact the Parish Office for more information.



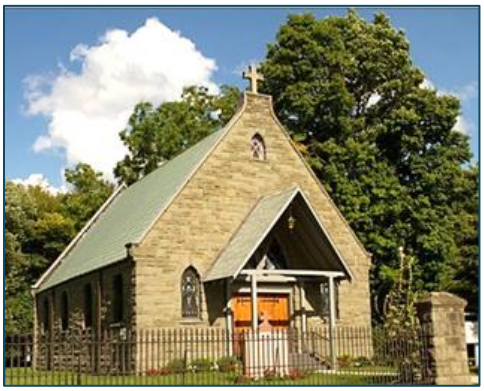
St. Thomas the Apostle

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **November 22, 2026**

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Monday, 11/23	No Mass	
Tuesday, 11/24	12:10pm	In Memory of Elaine Turton (Mann Family)
Wednesday, 11/25	12:10pm	In Memory of Carl M. Waclawik (Ron & Celeste Waclawik)
Thursday, 11/26	10:00am	In Memory of Mark Turgeon, Sr. (John & Kate Smith)
Friday, 11/27	12:10pm	In Memory of Malinda Bacchi (Minnich Family)
Saturday, 11/28	5:00pm Mass is Livestreamed	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday, 11/29	8:30am	In Memory of Deceased Members of Camp Irwin (Camp Irwin Members)
The Sanctuary Candle is offered In Memory of Rosemary Boyce by Kerestes Family		

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for 11/15/2026: $5,870.00
(includes envelopes, loose, and e-giving)

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: $6,236.00
Difference: -$366.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: -$13,605.00

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

St. Peter's Lector/EMHC Schedule

Saturday, November 21
Lector: Glenn P. & David G.
EMHC: BJ Butler & Denise S.
Sunday, November 22
Lector: Martin O. & Theresa D.
EMHC: Dennis S. & Linda S.
Saturday, November 28
Lector: David G. & Coleen E.
EMHC: Danette K. & Aaron S.
Sunday, November 29
Lector: Priscilla W. & Natalie K.
EMHC: Nona J. & Mike S.

OUR CALL TO SERVE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

St. Peter's Goal: $36,247
Pledges/Gifts to date: $29,451
81.25% of our goal!

Happening This Week

Sunday, November 22
Family Advent Celebration following 8:30am Mass
Tuesday, November 23
Adoration – 1pm-6pm
Bible Study 10am – Adult Ed Room
Wednesday, November 25
Office Closed
Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, November 27
Office Closed
Sunday, November 29
No Religious Ed



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. Thomas

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **November 22, 2026**

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION
Saturday, 11/21 St. Catherine	7:00pm	In Honor of Chris Cushing and Family (Zinck Family)
Sunday, 11/22 St. Thomas	11:30am	In Memory of Renee Kennedy (Mary Kreisler)
Saturday, 11/29 St. Thomas	11:30am	Birthday Remembrance for Eugene Harkenrider (Ann Leisure)
Sunday, 11/29 St. Catherine	1:00pm	In Memory of Fred Sereno (Jean Sereno)

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Thomas is offered for the Birthday Remembrance of Eugene Harkenrider by Carol Harkenrider

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Catherine is offered for Fred Sereno by Jean Sereno

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for 11/15/2026: $2,461.00
(incudes envelopes, loose and e-giving)

Social Justice: $248.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: $2,349.00
Difference: $360.00

Year to Date Budget Variance: -$10,722.00



There is no second collection this weekend because of the extra Sunday this month.

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



Mass Attendance

Weekend of November 15, 2026

St. Thomas – 41
St. Catherine – 33

St. Thomas Lector & Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 21
St. Catherine Lector: Ralph Wolstenholme
7:00pm E. Minister: Mike Zinck
Altar Servers: Clements Boys

Sunday, November 22
St. Thomas Lector: Jason Whalen
11:30am E. Minister: Lillian Becker
Altar Servers: Crooker Family
Benediction: Walter Bialkowski

Sunday, November 29
St. Thomas Lector: Rebekah Crooker
11:30am E. Minister: Walter Bialkowski
Altar Servers: Crooker Family

Sunday, November 29
St. Catherine Lector: Jean Sereno
1:00pm E. Minister: Need Volunteer
Altar Servers: Clements Boys

OUR CALL TO SERVE
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

St. Thomas Goal: $10,097
Pledges/Gifts to date: $9,075
89.88% of our goal!

We are incredibly close to reaching our goal!
If you have not yet, please make your pledge;
Envelopes can be found in the back of both churches.



As of November 30th, the new office hours for St. Thomas will be as follows: Monday and Friday 8-2. Due to staffing, it has become necessary to restructure the day-to-day business of the parishes.

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 NOVEMBER

For the Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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, Ed Gamble, Pam Trynovich

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, 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.

Carmelita Glass

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.



As of Monday, November 30th, the new office hours for St. Peter's will be as follows:
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-2. Due to staffing, it has become necessary to restructure the day-to-day business of the parishes.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 25 and Thursday, Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will be Mass at St. Peter's on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 26th at 10:00am.



Parishioners Needed to Light the Advent Wreath at St. Peter's

Would you like to light the Advent Wreath candles at one of the Masses during the season of Advent? Sign-up sheets can be found on the table at the back of St. Peter's church. Those lighting the candles should wait for Fr. Jacek in the back of the church (near the main doors) prior to the Mass and will process in behind the Altar Servers and Lectors, light the appropriate candle(s), and then return to their pew as the opening hymn continues.



Knights of Columbus will be raffling a "Basket of Cheer." Tickets will be sold after Mass beginning this weekend or contact Mike Buono to purchase. (717-320-2305). Drawing will take place on December 21st. Tickets will also be available at St. Thomas Parish Office.



There will be no Religious Ed class on Sunday, November 29th. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer

"Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires *(here mention your request)* through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen"

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day, from the feast of St. Andrw (Nov. 30th) until Christmas Eve, will obtain what is asked. It may be broken up and prayed throughout the day. For example, five prayers in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Marian Ministries Thank You

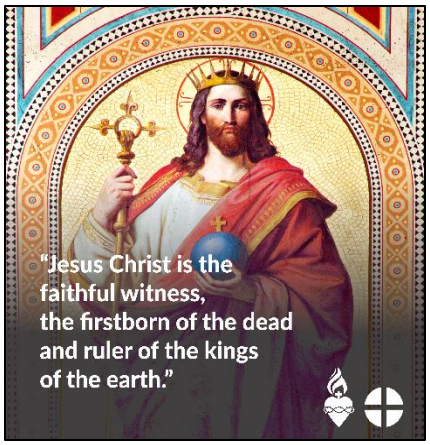


Fifteen women from our local parishes celebrated the completion of Endow's *Pope St. John Paul II's Letter to Women*. All enjoyed eight wonderful weeks of prayer, study, fellowship, and friendship. Next Up: *Hildegard of Bingen*, Spring 2027.

You won't want to miss her!

St. Peter's Cemetery Fall/Winter Hours

Gates Open 7am – 5pm



Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, known as the ***Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***. We began moving toward this goal with the First Sunday of Advent. Today we have reached it. Given the fact that the Liturgical Year represents our own life in miniature, this experience reminds us, and even more educates us, that we are on a journey toward an encounter with Jesus, the Spouse, when He will come as the King and Lord of life and of history. The coming we are now awaiting is His second coming. His first coming was in the humility of a Child laid in a manger (cf. Lk. 2:7); His second coming will be when He returns in glory at the end of time which we liturgically celebrate today. (Vatican News)



St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee

Christmas Giving Tree

Share Christmas joy with a local child, nursing home resident or a family in need of supplies. From the Giving Tree in the back of the church, select a RED tag for a child, a GREEN tag for a nursing home resident or a WHITE tag for supplies for the Hope Room, sponsored by Seeds of Hope. Please place the child's gifts, UNWRAPPED, in a gift bag with the tag attached, and return it to church by Sunday, December 11. Please follow the directions on the tag for the nursing home resident. Items for Seeds of Hope should be placed in the box next to the Giving Tree.

Questions? Karen Plumley 570-439-0175



Parish Family Advent Celebration

All parishioners are invited to join us in the Parish Center on Sunday, November 22nd immediately following the 8:30am Mass for brunch, Advent Wreaths, Ornaments, Free Raffle but most importantly, fellowship with our parish family.

Advent candles will be available for purchase in the office next week. ($6 per set which includes 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle)

-Volunteers will be appreciated afterward to switch the Missalettes in the church-

The Christmas Remembrance Tree at St. Peter's Parish



Sponsor an Ornament on St. Peter's Christmas Remembrance Tree

This is a meaningful way to remember a loved one, living or deceased, as you help to adorn the tree in St. Peter's Church.

The ornament you sponsor will be displayed throughout Advent and the Christmas Season.

Each ornament will have a tag with the sponsor's name, and the name of the loved one they are remembering.

Please select your sponsored ornament from the color/price as follows:

Angel Tree Topper - $200
Gold Ornament - $100
Silver Ornament - $50
Blue Ornament - $25
Red Ornament - $10
Flocked Pinecone - $5

To sponsor an ornament, please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the parish office with your payment by **December 11th.**

Contact the parish office with questions at 570-724-3371

Please return this form to St. Peter's Parish Office
47 Central Ave., Wellsboro, PA 16901

_____Angel Tree Topper ($200) _____Gold ($100) _____Silver ($50) ____Blue ($25)

_____Red ($10) _____Flocked Pinecone ($5)

Loved One's Name (please print) _____

_____Living _____Deceased

Requested by (please print) _____

Amount Enclosed_____ (Make checks payable to *St. Peter's Church*)





Dickens of a Christmas 2026

ST. PETER'S BREAD PUDDING FUNDRAISER

Volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Please consider working a 2-hour shift at the booth. Supply donations are also needed. Cash donations are also accepted to offset supply costs. Please see the sign-up sheets on the sign-up table at the back of St. Peter's Church.

Saturday, December 5, 2026
9am -4pm
Main Street, Wellsboro





Christmas Remembrance Tree at St. Thomas and St. Catherine

This is a meaningful way to remember a loved one, living or deceased, as you help adorn the tree in either St. Thomas or St. Catherine. The ornament you sponsor will be displayed throughout Advent and the Christmas Season.

Please select your sponsored ornament from the color/price as follows:

Gold Ornament - $100
Silver Ornament - $50
Blue Ornament - $25
Red Ornament - $10
Flocked Pinecone - $5

To sponsor an ornament, please complete the bottom portion of the form below and return it to the parish office with your payment by **December 11th.**

Please return this form to St. Thomas Parish Office or drop it with payment in the collection basket.

___Gold Ornament ($100)
___Silver Ornament ($50)
___Blue Ornament ($25)
___Red Ornament ($10)
___Flocked Pinecone ($5)

___St. Thomas
___St. Catherine

Loved One: _____

___Living ___Deceased

Requested By: _____

Amount Enclosed: $_____

Make checks payable to St. Thomas Parish



Please note: The winter schedule for St. Thomas and St. Catherine will begin on the 1st Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29th. Both Masses will be on Sunday; St. Thomas – 11:30am and St. Catherine – 1pm*

Except when there's Bingo, in which case Mass will be at 4pm.

Financial Report for BINGO November 1, 2026

Income

Door/106 Players	$	883.25
Daubers		28.00
Rip-offs		2,609.00
Lucky 7's		129.00
50/50		147.50
Kitchen		618.50
Raffle		291.00
Donation		20.00
Total Income		$4,726.50

Expenses

Initial Payouts	$	120.00
Fee for Venue		250.00
Bingo Supplies		545.00
Advertising		50.00
Lottery Tickets		20.00
Kitchen Items		31.85
Total Expenses		$1,016.85
Profit		**$3,709.40**

Thank you to all who donate time, talent and treasure and to those parishioners who play Bingo. Please invite your friends.
Please Note: There will be no December Bingo; we will be back on Sunday, January 3, 2027!

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

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A Gift in Your Will

We hope you'll consider including a gift to your parish in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's or St. Thomas Parish with your estate planning attorney:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise, and bequeath to (name of parish), (city, state) [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

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