

# Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037

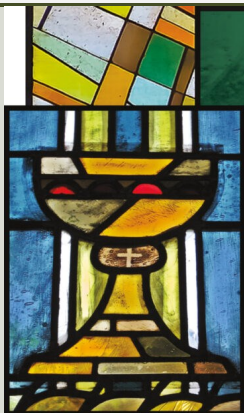


## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him  
and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Mk 1:40

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024





## PARISH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Msgr. David L. James V.G., J.C.L.  
**PASTORS EMERITI:** Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin  
Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges  
**PERMANENT DEACON:** Mr. Thomas Reimer  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra  
**FINANCE MANAGER:** Mrs. Michelle Ahern  
**DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.:** Mrs. Linda Johnson

**MASS SCHEDULE: DAILY:** 8 A.M. ~ Chapel (*except Monday & Saturday*)

Saturday Evening: 4:00 P.M. Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

**PENANCE:** Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. and by appointment

During Advent and Lent, Communal Penance Services are celebrated.

**BAPTISM:** Contact the rectory for an appointment.

Baptism is scheduled on Sunday following the 10:30 A.M. Mass

Parents may be required to attend a preparatory instruction in the rectory.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples should contact the parish priest at least 1 year but no later than 6 months prior to the intended wedding date. Weddings are on Saturday between 10A.M. and 1P.M.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Notify the rectory when someone becomes seriously ill, or weak due to old age, so that the person might receive this Sacrament.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** The priest & Deacons perform this service monthly. Notify us when someone wishes to be visited.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Alert us whenever someone has to be hospitalized, especially when their admission is an emergency. The parish identification number is #171.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** New members should make an appointment with the pastor.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Allentown Central Catholic, 4th & Chew Sts., Allentown 18102; Phone 610-437-4601

**ELEMENTARY:** Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Ave., Northampton, PA 18067  
phone: 610-262-9171 Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed. Principal

**CCD PROGRAM:** Classes conducted at the Holy Apostles Catholic Education Center,  
3008 Ruch St., Whitehall, PA 18052

The program is from September to the end of April.

These classes are necessary for eligibility to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Contact Mrs. Linda Johnson at 610-261-0144

**BEQUESTS:** Please remember St. Peter Church in your Last Will & Testament.


**IN MEMORIAM FUND:** After the death of a family member you are invited to have that person's name commemorated on the Church Plaque by suggesting that memorial offerings be donated to the Church in memory of the deceased person.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE Wendy Krisak, Direct Telephone 1-800-791-9209 Email: [victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email: [pruso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:pruso@allentowndiocese.org)

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.



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610.262.2417



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### *Mission Statement*

*We, as a Catholic parish under the patronage of Saint Peter, are a Eucharistic family, centered in prayer and worship, dedicated to self-sacrificing stewardship, and journeying together, Spirit-inspired, to the heavenly Kingdom.*



**Sunday February 11th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45*  
8:00 AM William and Anna Spaits  
10:30 AM Michael and Bernice Kovich

**Monday February 12th Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

*Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13*  
8:00 AM No Morning Mass

**Tuesday February 13th Weekday**

*Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21*  
8:00 AM Herbert Goodwin

**Wednesday February 14th Ash Wednesday**

*Jl 2:12-18; 1Cor 5: 20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*  
8:00AM Parishioners of Saint Peter  
6:30PM Anna Deiter

**Thursday February 15th Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

*Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25*  
8:00 AM Michael Yaroma

**Friday February 16th Friday after Ash Wednesday**

*Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15*  
8:00AM Charles Frisch

**Saturday February 17th Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

*Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32*

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM Robert Cesanek, Sr.

**Sunday February 18th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society  
10:30AM Joseph F. Sinkovits

**Stewardship Corner**

**Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 2/4**  
**Basket collection \$6073.00 plus online \$1163.00**  
Please continue your weekly or monthly giving to our parish. Your contributions are vital in order for us to meet our obligations. If unable to attend Mass, kindly send your envelopes through the mail or drop them in the rectory mail slot.  
Your **support** to your parish is critical.  
I thank you for your kind and generous response.  
Please be assured that you and your family are always in my prayers  
**Monsignor James**



**Online Giving**

**\*\*Start giving online today!\*\***  
Visit our parish website at  
<https://www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com>  
Click on the online giving link  
Create an account.  
Schedule your recurring gifts



**Flame of Love**

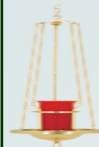
Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
In the Chapel



**Holy Hour**

No Holy Hour on Wednesday, February 14

**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS**



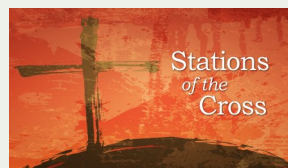
**Sanctuary Light**

Will burn this week in memory of  
Charles Frisch  
Offered by Ronnie Frisch

**Blessed Mother Vigil Lights**

Will burn this week in memory of  
Deceased Members of the Sauerzopf and Szerencits  
Families  
Offered by John Szerencits

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Every Friday at 7pm in the  
Church  
With Benediction



**Prayer Group**

If you would like your name or the name of a family member to be added to the list please call the office at 610.262.2417

### LUCKY CALENDARS

The annual sale of Lucky Calendars is one of our biggest fundraisers, second only to the parish festival.

If you have not purchased a calendar, please consider doing so. If you have already bought a calendar, please consider purchasing another.

Calendars purchased after January 1 are good for all daily drawings going forward from the date of purchase.

PLEASE HELP TO MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER A PROFITABLE SUCCESS FOR SAINT PETER PARISH

### PIEROGIES



We will be making pierogies on the 19th and 20th of February. Volunteers are needed both days.

Please consider donating some of your time & talent to help out with this fundraiser.

In case of inclement weather, please tune in to WFMZ for all updates.



### OFFICE CLOSING

In observance of President's Day, the office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024

### A LENTEN SERIES

**Topic: Everything You Wanted to Know About the Catholic Church and Were Afraid to Ask**



Come and join us every Wednesday evening, beginning Wednesday, February 21st in the Church Hall at 7PM. If there is a topic you would like to discuss please submit ahead of time to the office in writing. All presentations are at the discretion of the Pastor.

### RICE BOWL



During this Lenten Season we should be attentive to the needs of the poor. Your prayers and generosity extended to the needy will bring blessings to them and Glory

to God .

### Good Shepherd Catholic School

will now be selling Family Prayer Cards. Each card is \$5.00. You can enroll deceased family members or friends, or someone for health and blessings.

Prayer cards are available for purchase during school hours, and before and after our school Masses. They will be acknowledged in the following ways:

A votive candle will be lit in their honor.

Their name will be written in our intention book.

They will be remembered every day in the prayers of all the children during morning Prayer, and at every School Mass.

Good Shepherd Catholic School has limited space available for students entering grades K-8 and Pre-K (4 years old). We are now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year for all grades. For more information regarding enrollment, please call Erica Nochtton, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171, email her at [msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com) or visit our school website at [www.goodshepherd-catholic.com](http://www.goodshepherd-catholic.com)!



### Holy Apostles RE

610.261.0144 or [holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org](mailto:holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org)

Office Fall Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays

Regular Classes

February 12, No Classes

Ash Wednesday, February 14, will be at St. Peter in Coplay. All Students must attend.

Confirmation Tests 2/19-21 from 6-8pm

Confirmation Interviews 2/22 6-8pm

Confirmation practice 3/3

Confirmation 3/5 4:30pm at St. Peter Church

### COPLAY FOOD PANTRY

During the season of Lent, we will be collecting food items for the Coplay Food Bank. Containers will be provided in the vestibule. Please make sure the items that you are donating are not outdated. They are in need of micro-wavable food... spaghetti sauce, rice pouches, fruit



cups, tuna, Hormel meals, canned pasta, apple sauce, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, crackers, paper products, toiletries...No big items please

**LENTEN SPECIAL**

**Ash Wednesday Masses**

8:00AM and 6:30PM

**Confessions**

Wednesdays during Holy Hour

Saturdays from 2:30-3:45

**Stations of the Cross with Benediction**

Every Friday at 7:00PM

Good Friday at 12 Noon and 7:00PM

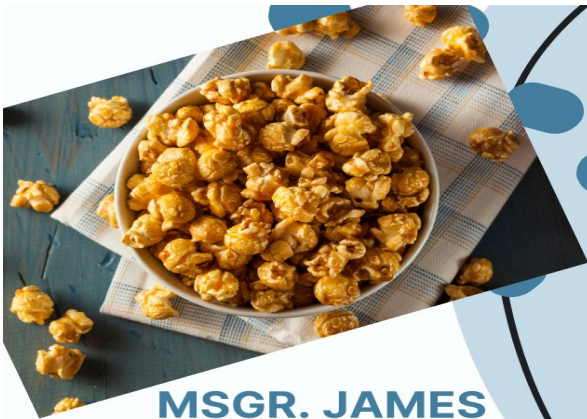
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**WHITEHALL COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE CEREAL COLLECTION**



We will be collecting boxes of Cereal (hot and cold) in support of Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative. Containers are located in the main vestibule and the elevator vestibule. This collection will take place on the last weekend of each month.



**MSGR. JAMES**

is representing St. Peter in the online competition.

100% of proceeds to benefit St. Peter Parish

to vote and donate on line please visit:

[www.cookswithcollars.com](http://www.cookswithcollars.com)

You can also see Msgr. cook his famous Caramel Corn



For those who are not able to use the online portal, please use the form below to submit your cash or check donation

Name:-----

Amount:-----

Message optional:-----

**Thank you for making St. Peter a Winner**



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14 February 2024  
*Ash Wednesday*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the sacred seasons of our faith, none is more rigorous than the Holy Season of Lent. During this time, the Church urges us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In my Lenten Letter this year, I would like to reflect with you on the practice of **fasting**. Already by the second century, fasting was integrated into the lifestyle of Christians. Fasting is not merely an ancient ritual but a timeless discipline that deepens our spiritual relationship with God.

In this act of self-denial, we emulate Christ's sacrifice and cultivate virtues such as humility and temperance. Fasting redirects our focus from worldly desires to the eternal truths of our faith, fostering a spirit of prayer, holiness, and charity.

In the New Testament, Jesus fasts forty days and nights in the desert, modeling for us the forty-day period of Lent. When Jesus' disciples were disappointed because they could not cast out a certain evil spirit, He told them that "only prayer and fasting can cast this kind out, nothing else can." (Mark 9:29).

Because the very life and teaching of Our Lord exemplify the practice of fasting, we can conclude that a spirit of denial is integral to the life of a Christian and the overcoming of the Evil One. Saint Athanasius wrote, "Devils take great delight in fullness and drunkenness, and bodily comfort. Fasting possesses great power and it works glorious things. To fast is to banquet with angels."

When we fast, we deny ourselves legitimate things so that we can master our cravings instead of being driven by them. The spiritual purpose of fasting should not be linked to the desire — which can be commendable for health reasons — to lose weight. Spiritually, fasting is linked to a desire for penance which in turn focuses our attention more clearly on prayer and the overcoming of sin.

Fasting is also a path of solidarity with the less fortunate, which leads to the Lenten practice of almsgiving/good works. It is a reminder of the hunger for justice

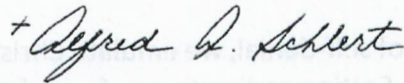
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in our world, especially in our time of disrespect for human life, of growing marginalization between people, and of multi-national conflicts. Let us, then, courageously approach the discipline of fasting with sincerity, seeking spiritual renewal and a closer union with the suffering Christ.

During this Lenten season, may we embrace fasting not as a burden, but as a transformative spiritual journey. By willingly surrendering certain comforts, we can open our hearts to God's grace and allow His love to fill the void left by material indulgence.

May God's grace guide us through this Holy Season of fasting, leading us to a richer, more profound experience of His love and mercy as we "banquet with Angels" in preparation for a joyous Easter.

Devotedly yours in Christ,



✠ Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert  
Bishop of Allentown