



Saint Peter Church

Sunday, December 21, 2025



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V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*R. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.*





PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. David L. James J.C.L.

PASTOR EMERITI: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin

Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges

DEACON: Mr. Michael Kudla

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra

FINANCE MANAGER: Mrs. Michelle Ahern

DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.: Mrs. Ginny Downey

MASS SCHEDULE: 8 A.M Wednesdays and Fridays

Saturday Evening: 4:30 P.M. Sunday: 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M.

PENANCE: Saturday: 3:45 to 4:15 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 Pastor & Deacon perform this visit monthly on the 1st Friday of the month. 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

PREP PROGRAM: Classes conducted at the Blessed Carlo Acutis 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. Ginny Downey 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, Telephone 1-800-791-9209 Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email: prusso@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 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.

*Mass Intentions for the week of
December 21- December 28*

Sunday December 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

10:30AM Altar and Rosary Society

Holy Name Society

*****Children's Liturgy*****

Monday December 22nd Late Advent Weekday

ISm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

No Morning Mass

Wednesday December 24th Late Advent Weekday

2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

8:00AM Frank Nemeth

Christmas Masses:

Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

4:00PM Robert Sr. And Michael Cesanek

9:00PM Christmas Envelope Remembrances

Thursday December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

9:30AM Celebrant's Intentions (at St. John the Baptist)

Friday December 26th Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

8:00AM John Toth

Saturday December 27th Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

4:30PM Thomas S. Micklas

Sunday December 28th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:30AM Mary and Edward Gavalla

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 12/14/2025

Basket collection \$.00 plus online \$.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



FLAME OF LOVE

December 23rd, 2025

At 6:00PM



NO HOLY HOUR

December 24th, 2025



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



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- Click on select this church on bottom of screen
- Click allow
- Follow instructions on screen to open app and make your donations.



DEVOTIONAL LAMPS WEEK OF DECEMBER

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of Mary T Frisch

Offered by Dorothy Holderman

Saint Joseph Vigil Lights

Will burn this week in memory of Frank Recker

Offered by Carolyn Recker

Blessed Mother Vigil Light

Will burn in memory of Michael Yaroma

Offered by Joanne Yaroma

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

Deceased: Anette and John Velekei, Helen Klucharich, John Klucsarits, Jeffrey Karo

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

Mrs. Ginny Downey, DRE
Email—dre@carloacutisprep.org
website: www.carloacutisprep.org
610-261-0144

Please refer to the above website for ALL PREP information.

COPLAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHRISTMAS SALE

Includes:

Books, DVDs, Puzzles, Moravian Paper Star Ornaments...

Certain Items are priced as marked

Sale to benefit the Coplay Library



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Catholic School is accepting enrollment for the 2025-26 for students entering grades K-8 and Pre-K (4 years old). For more

information regarding enrollment, or to set up a tour please call Ms. Erica Nochtton, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at

msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com

Good Shepherd Catholic School is hiring! We are looking for a faith-filled, energetic Early Childhood teacher to take over in our Preschool beginning in January. Please send your resume to Mrs. Parker at mrsparkegscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com if you are interested or for more information.



COPLAY FOOD PANTRY

During the season of Advent, we will be collecting food items for

the Coplay Food Pantry.

Please make sure the items that you are donating are not outdated. They are in need of microwavable food... spaghetti sauce, rice pouches, fruit cups, tuna, Hormel meals, canned pasta, apple sauce, paper products, soaps, spam, instant potatoes, noodles, crackers, Jell-O, oatmeal, cooking oil, canned vegetables, etc. No big items please.

Please drop off your donations in the containers in the vestibules.

BUS TRIP REMINDER

We are now accepting reservations for our bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to see "Joshua" on Thursday, May 21, 2026. If you have never experienced a show at Sight and Sound you are in for a treat of a 300 ft. Wrap around viewing stage production where the bible comes to life.

The cost will be \$180.00 per person and it includes: round-trip transportation from Saint Peter Church, a stop at the Kitchen Kettle, your show ticket, smorgasbord dinner at Hershey Farms, tax, driver gratuity, as well as snacks and refreshments on the bus.

If you have already signed up. Now is the time to send your \$25.00 per person non-refundable deposit to St. Peter Church

Balance will be due no later than March 23, 2026



**GIVE
BLOOD.
GIVE
LIFE.**

St. John's will be holding their next blood drive at their parish hall on Monday, December 29th.

Our goal is 40 registered donors.

We hope our friends from St. Peter's can join us in this important endeavor to save lives. We also encourage you to invite your family and friends to do the same so we may have a successful drive.

Please contact Lisa at 610-737-0847 for sign up information.

The Giving Tree



TIS THE SEASON FOR THE GIVING TREE

The tree is located in the back of the Church. Tags are placed

on the tree for different items that are needed. Please take a tag, and purchase that item, and place the unwrapped item under the tree with the tag attached. If you are donating gift cards, you may drop them off in the collection baskets in an envelope labeled Gift Card or in the mail slot at the rectory. Your donations will be sent to Catholic Charities.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Saint Peter Choir will be singing at the 9:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve at Saint Peter Church.

The Prelude begins at 8:50PM. Come worship, relax



OFFICE CLOSING

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26 and Wednesday, December 31-Thursday, January 1st. We will reopen on Friday, January 2nd.

Warmest greetings and best wishes for a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year from Msgr. David L. James, Deacon Mike Kudla and the office Staff.



From the Desk of Msgr. James: Saturday, December 27th, is the Feast Day of Saint John the Evangelist. There is a custom of blessing wine on this feast day because Saint John was preserved from death after having been given a cup of poison wine to drink. A serpent miraculously appeared in the cup as a warning. Any parishioner who would like to have wine blessed may place it on a table provided in the sanctuary before 8:00am Mass that morning. Mass will be at St. Peter Church that morning.

Sunday, December 28th is the Feast of the Holy Family. Consecration of Families will take place during the weekend Masses.

Sunday, January 4th, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Water, salt, chalk, and incense will be solemnly blessed before the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday and before the 8:00am Mass on Sunday. Because these blessings are very complex and take a

long time, confessions will not be heard on Saturday afternoon or on Sunday morning before Mass. We will begin the blessing at 3:45pm on Saturday and at 7:00am on Sunday. You are most welcome to attend these blessings. The blessed chalk and holy water will be available to take home after Mass, along with instructions on how to mark your homes with the Blessing of the Three Kings. Small bottles will be available for the water, but you may also bring your own container if you would like to take a larger quantity. If you would like to have salt blessed for home use please bring it in a container, marked with your name and place it on the table provided in the sanctuary. The blessed salt may be used for cooking and a small quantity may be placed in the four corners of your home to protect your home from evil and danger.