

Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

He made a whip
out of cords
and drove them
all out of the
temple area.
“Take these out
of here, and
stop making my
Father’s house
a marketplace.”

John 2:15,16

Jesus Casting Out the Money
Changers at the Temple
by Carl Bloch, circa 1800s



3RD SUNDAY OF

LENT



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

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

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 www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com



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610.262.2417



610.262.2652

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 March 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
8:00 AM Parishioners of Saint Peter
10:30 AM Elsie Kroboth

Monday March 4th Lenten Weekday

2Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
8:00 AM No Morning Mass

Tuesday March 5th Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
8:00 AM Stefan and Mary Pultz

Wednesday March 6th Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
8:00AM Joseph Horvath

Thursday March 7th Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
8:00 AM Mary and John Stubits

Friday March 8th Lenten Weekday; First Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
8:00AM Msgr. Schmidt
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 9th Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Confessions: 2:30-3:45pm

Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Joseph and Margaret Christoff

Sunday March 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Joseph and Gisela Leonard
10:30AM William Weiner

Masses said by retired priests:

Deceased: Richard Kropf, Marge Beslanovits

Stewardship Corner

Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 2/25
Basket collection \$4391.00 plus online \$545.00
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

Flame of Love Adoration will NOT be held
On Tuesday, March 5th 2024



Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 6 at 6pm



DEVOTIONAL LAMP
Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of
Joseph Horvath, Jr.
Offered by Veronica Horvath

Blessed Mother Vigil Lights

Will burn in memory of
Mary and John Stubits
Offered by The Rabenold Family
And Special Intentions of Veronica



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

FROZEN PIEROGIES

We have a few remaining frozen pierogies for sale
If anyone is interested please contact Judy

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



A LENTEN SERIES

Topic for Wednesday, March 6
Sin and Virtue: the Struggle of a lifetime



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 microwavable 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



Knights of Columbus Council # 4050

Will hold their Lenten Fish Dinner
5:00 to 7:00PM March, 1, 8 and 15
St. John the Baptist

Social Hall

Corner of Chestnut & Ruch Streets
Enjoy in or Carry Out

Adult Baked Fish and Pierogi Dinners
Child Baked Fish and Mac & Cheese Dinners
All proceeds support KOC Charity Funds
For Info & Menu contact **KofC4050.org**



Thank you to all who contributed to the Cereal Box Collection for WCHI.

Because of your generosity,
170 cereal boxes were collected!

The next collection is set for March 30th and 31st. To keep this collection organized, please **DO NOT** drop off your boxes before the collection weekend.

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Please join us Wednesdays during Lent at 1:30pm for Stations of the Cross at Queenship of Mary Church. CYO Co-Ed Volleyball Signups are now open for JV – 4th – 6th and Varsity 7th & 8th Website to sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/3whyu6v7>

Deadline for signups ends 11:59 pm 2/25/24

CYO is possibly offering Track & Field for boys and girls in grades 6th-8th grade. Events include 100 meter dash, 400, 800, and 1600 meter runs, 800 meter relay, shot put, running long jump, high jump, and youth javelin. This will be dependent on interest. Anyone interested should email gscscyo@gmail.com for further information. We 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.



Holy Apostles RE

610.261.0144 or holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org

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

Regular Classes for grades 1-7

No Class for grade 8

Confirmation practice 3/3

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

ENROLL TODAY FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



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CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP

To Prepare for Easter please remove the following No later than 3/24

- Out of season, faded, soiled, unsightly arrangements.
- wires, balloons, glass, plastic objects, knick-knacks.
- Broken, weathered, vigil lamps; Christmas wreaths & arrangements are to be removed as well.
- Those remaining will be removed by the cemetery personnel and discarded.



CASH BINGO

Proceeds to benefit Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

SUNDAY March 10th

St Peter's Church Social Hall
4 South 5th St, Coplay

\$15 admission gets 2 boards (4 Faces) \$5 book specials

Chips and daubers available for purchase
Doors open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm.

Food available for purchase

Items for the food pantry greatly appreciated.

List can be found at

<https://tinyurl.com/WCHIPantryList>

If you have questions, you can email or call
484-274-6687



SAINT PETER COPLAY

Friday 3/22/2024

Menu Includes:

Crab Patties or Haddock

Pickled cabbage Parsley potatoes

Mac And Cheese with stewed tomatoes

Vegetables ; Dessert

Sit Down or Take-Out

\$15.00 Per Person

cut on the line and return to the rectory no later than Friday, March 15th

NAME: _____

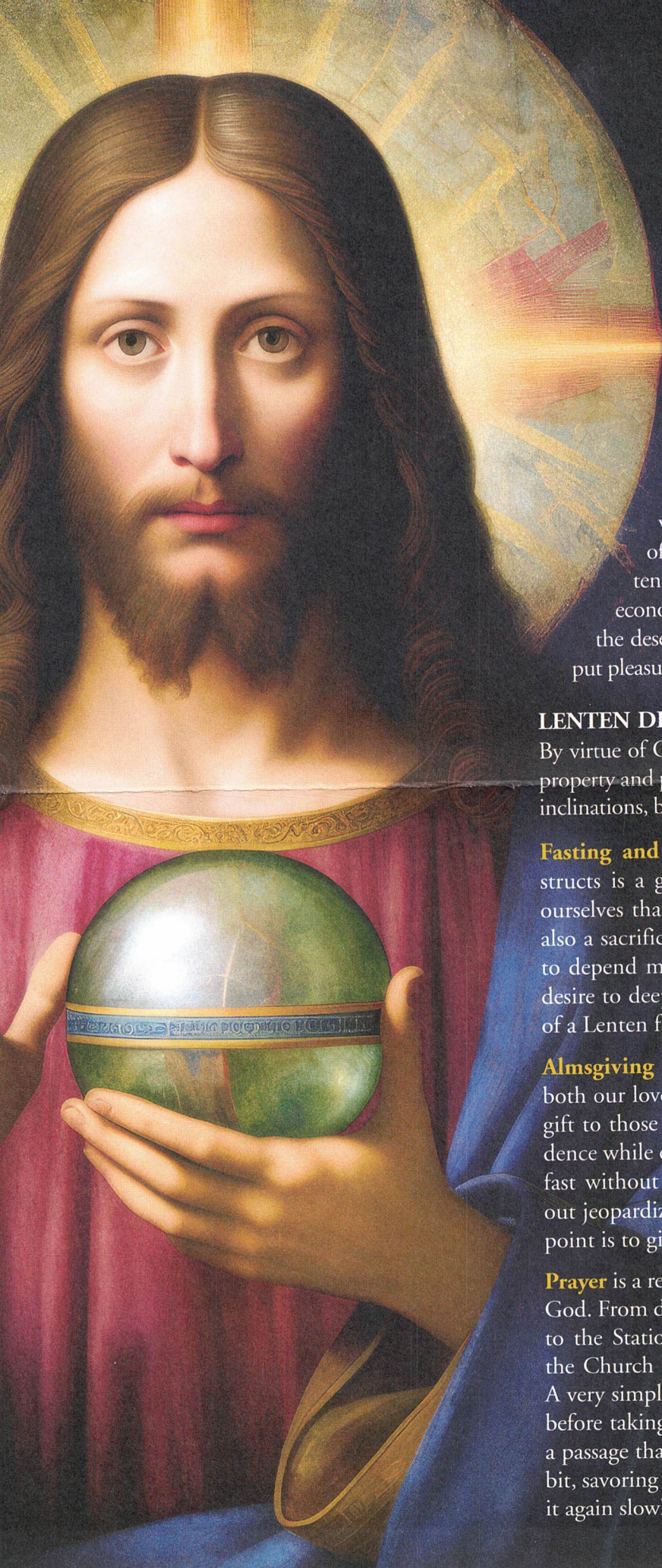
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-----CRAB PATTIES ; -----HADDOCK

NUMBER OF MEALS:-----@ \$15.00 EACH CASH:----- CHECK #------

TAKE OUT

DINE IN please check one



THE FOUNDATIONS OF LENT

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING anyone can do for Lent is to “return to the Lord with your whole heart” (Joel 2:12). That’s the root meaning of repent: to turn around. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the desire to live as genuine disciples of Christ through the three traditional Lenten disciplines of **fasting, almsgiving** and **prayer**—which help to turn us toward Christ as the true source of happiness. These are forms of self-denial: we deny the tendency in us to seek happiness in physical pleasure, in economic security, or in power. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11), we must face our temptation to put pleasure, property or power ahead of our relationship to God.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES prepare us to receive the grace of Easter. By virtue of Christ’s victory over death, our relationship to pleasure, property and power is no longer a matter of following our own selfish inclinations, but of gratefully receiving all that the Lord has to give us.

Fasting and abstinence practiced as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart’s intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast.

Almsgiving readjusts our priorities while it expresses both our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms our basic trust in Providence while concretely helping those in need. Just as we fast without starving ourselves, so we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. The point is to give from the heart.

Prayer is a recognition that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass to the Rosary to Centering Prayer to the Stations of the Cross to Eucharistic Adoration, the Church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage that you like. Simply sit with the passage for a bit, savoring the Word and allowing it to touch you, read it again slowly, and then respond to God.



THE EVENTS OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Lent is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning *spring*. The season lasts from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, often observed by receiving a cross of ashes on the forehead at Mass.

Holy Week includes the days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

Palm or Passion Sunday has contrasting names, one because of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (to the waving palm branches), the other because this Sunday begins our focus on Jesus' days of suffering and death.

Paschal Triduum, from the Latin for "three days," extends from evening Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday gets its name from Jesus' "new commandment" (*mandatum* in Latin) to love one another, which he spoke during the passover meal when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Holy Eucharist. Typically the Catholic Church now refers to this day as **Holy Thursday** and it is also notable for being the day on which the *Chrism Mass* is celebrated.

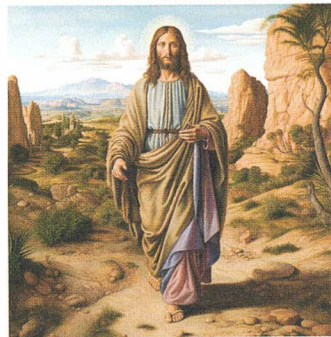
Good Friday marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial, sometimes with special *Tre Ore* (*three hour*) observances. The altar is stripped of all decoration and the church darkened until Saturday's Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil is celebrated on Holy Saturday evening after sundown; traditionally a time for baptizing, confirming and receiving new members.

Easter, named after an ancient spring festival, is the "great Sunday," on which each Sunday Eucharist is modeled.

Christ in the Desert

Lenten observance in the early centuries of the Church was closely linked with Christ's forty days of testing in the desert. So the Lenten journey has long been seen as going with Jesus, figuratively, at least, into the desert.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (#540).

"Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he

was hungry" (Luke 4:1-2). Jesus was tempted by the devil to use his divine and human powers only for his own personal desires rather than to use them generously and unselfishly for others according to God's plan of redemption.

During Lent, we practice disciplines that are aimed at renewing and transforming our lives, to help us rise with Christ to the often harsh challenges of self-giving love.



LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health should observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

READINGS FOR LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday: J1 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
1st Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
2nd Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
3rd Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
4th Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
5th Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Palm Sunday: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47
Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday: Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1;
Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4;
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7