

Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 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

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

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 or by calling 800-276-1562.



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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 January 14th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1Sm 3:3b-10,19; 1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

8:00 AM Karen Voorhees
10:30 AM Joseph Weber, Sr.

Monday January 15th Weekday

1Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

8:00 AM No Morning Mass

Tuesday January 16th Weekday

1Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

8:00 AM Louis Klucharich

Wednesday January 17th Saint Anthony, Abbott

1Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mk 3:1-6

8:00AM Father Ostheimer

Thursday January 18th Weekday

1Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

8:00 AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

Friday January 19th Weekday

1Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

8:00AM Mel and Ann Procanyn

Saturday January 20th Weekday

2Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Stefan and Mary Pultz

Sunday January 21st Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society
10:30AM Holy Name Society

MASSSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

Deceased: Anita Lang, Deceased Members of the Prinscavage Family, Mel and Ann Procanyn

Stewardship Corner

Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 1/7
Basket collection \$3143.00 plus online \$1371.00
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, January 16, 2024



Holy Hour

Wednesday 01/17/2024
at 6pm



DEVOTIONAL LAMPS

Sanctuary Light

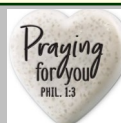
Will burn this week in memory of
Joseph Weber
Offered by Sue Rabenold

Blessed Mother Vigil Light

Will burn this week in memory of
Louis Klucharich
Offered by Dorothy Klucharich

Saint Joseph Vigil Light

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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



PIEROGIES

We will be making pierogies on the 15th and 16th of January. Volunteers are needed both days. Please consider donating some of your time and talent to help out with this fundraiser.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY SUPER BOWL HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

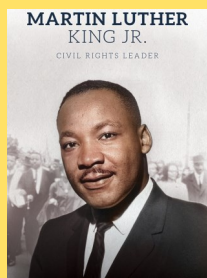
Given the outstanding support from parishioners for our last hoagie sale, St Peter Holy Name Society will have a Super Bowl Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, February 10 between 1 and 5pm). As promised, we will again be offering our high quality 9-inch hoagies at January 2019 prices of \$6.00 each. Holy Name members will be available to take your pre-paid orders beginning the weekend of 1/14 and ending on 2/4. We are again making seller sheets available to all who are interested. The reverse side of the seller form contains all necessary information. Please consider helping us with this fundraiser and pick up a form after all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support. All profits benefit the parishioners of St Peter Parish.



CONTRIBUTIONS CREDIT TO 2023

the final date to receive credit and verifications for any back contributions dated 2023 that you wish to return is Sunday, January 14, 2024. Contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed by

REQUEST ONLY



OFFICE CLOSING

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2023



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Brianna Wunderler will be in the vestibule following all weekend Masses on January 20th and 21st to sell Girl Scout Cookies.

Good Shepherd Catholic School



Good Shepherd Catholic School Open House

Sunday, January 28th 9:30am - 12pm

Education is one of the most valuable investments you can make in your child's future. Come tour our school, meet our teachers and see the positive impact GSCS can have on your child's academic success!

- ★ Little Lambs Academy for Preschool and PreK
- ★ Spaces available in Kindergarten through 8th Grade
- ★ Aquinas Program for students with specific learning disabilities



Questions? Contact Us

610-261-9171

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Northampton PA 18067



Holy Apostles RE

610.261.0144 or holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org
Office Fall Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays

January 15, 17 No Classes

Confirmation tests, 2/19 and 2/21 6-8pm

Confirmation Interviews 2/22 6-8pm

Confirmation practice 3/3 at Saint Peter

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

THANK YOU!!



Thank you to all the wonderful people of St. Peter's Church. The food you donated during Advent for the Coplay Food Pantry is helping so many in our community.

Your kindness and generosity is very appreciated!

Jodi

Coplay Food Pantry

LUCKY CALENDARS

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

Last year we had 80 unsold tickets. This year we have 200 unsold tickets. That is a lot of lost revenue and will threaten the profitability of this fundraiser. Over the last few years, we have lost several of our sellers who have passed away and even more buyers who faithfully purchased calendars each year. I thank those who have purchased and/or sold tickets for 2024.

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



COOKS WITH COLLARS starting January 12!

Monsignor David L. James needs your help!

Monsignor David L. James will represent Saint Peter Parish in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see Monsignor James and your other favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions.

Vote early and vote often!
(deadline February 12) for our Diocesan top chef!
All voting proceeds benefit our parish.
Thanks for making Monsignor James and Saint Peter Parish a winner!



Retrouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Our next program will be held February 16-18 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215.766.3944 or 800.470.2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Dear Parishioners,

The Church's Christmas Season officially came to an end this past Monday, with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Because of how the liturgical year is laid out, when the Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday, January 7 or 8, the Baptism of the Lord is moved to Monday and the Christmas Season is shortened by a week. So, as you read this, we will be celebrating the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. You are asking, what happened to the 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time? There is never a 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time—another unexplained quirk in the calendar. There is a 1st Week of Ordinary Time but never a 1st Sunday. I don't know why? They didn't ask for my input in 1969 when they changed the calendar, even Pope Saint Paul VI didn't understand it and he approved it! I guess the liturgical year isn't one of those topics protected by papal infallibility. But nonetheless, the liturgical year goes merrily on with Lent beginning early with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. So much for St. Valentine and Sts Cyril and Methodius who get bumped.

As you have seen in the bulletin the last few weeks, the Cooks with Collars campaign began on Friday, January 12th. This year, I made caramel corn, as my entry. I had made this for last Summer's Festival. Hopefully, you will like the video. All the proceeds from this year's endeavor will go toward the reopening of the convent. With the help of a few kitchen elves, I plan to make a batch of caramel corn and give out samples after Masses in the near future. I hope you will love it.

Lastly, but no less important, I want to thank all those parishioners who sent me Christmas cards, gifts, cookies, and candies. They are greatly appreciated. The parishioners at St. Peter take good care of me throughout the year, but especially at Christ-