



# Saint Peter Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025





## 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 1sr 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](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT** Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email: [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.



### 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 7- December 14

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent  
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12  
10:30AM Helen Bischof  
\*\*\*Fellowship Sunday\*\*\*

Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**At Saint Peter:**  
8:00AM Margaret and Thomas Masters  
**6:30PM at Saint John the Baptist**

Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> Advent Weekday  
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
8:00AM Amelia Mikitka

Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:39-47  
8:00AM Bruce Harding

Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11  
4:30PM Joseph and Stella Legath

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent  
10:30AM Michael Yaroma

### Stewardship Corner Week of Sunday 12/01/2025

Basket collection \$4188.00 plus online \$916.00  
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**



Don't forget to order your Oplatki/Christmas wafers. Each wafer is \$1.00. Please call the rectory at 610.262.2417 to place your order or pick up. We have a very limited supply.



### FLAME OF LOVE

December 9th, 2025

At 6:00PM



### HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM

December 10th, 2025

Confessions will be heard



### 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



### ONLINE GIVING OUR PROVIDER HAS A NEW MOBILE APP



Go to:

Search for: Church by Ministry One

- Download App now
- Type: St Peter (no period after St) and click find my church
- Scroll down and click St Peter Coplay
- 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 Emma and John Csencsits

Offered by Sharon Csencsits

#### Saint Joseph Vigil Light

Will burn this week in memory of Robert Rabenold

Offered by Sue and Ron Rabenold

### MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

**Health:** Rich Goch

**Deceased:** Helen Klucharich, Anette Velekei, Mary Ann Muik



### STOCKING STUFFERS

Are you in need of Stocking Stuffers or a special gift for the special people in your family? Please consider purchasing a yearly Lucky Calendar for the price of 25 for a 365 chances to win.

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP**

Mrs. Ginny Downey, DRE  
Email—[dre@carloacutisprep.org](mailto:dre@carloacutisprep.org)  
website: [www.carloacutisprep.org](http://www.carloacutisprep.org)  
610-261-0144

Please refer to the above website for ALL PREP information.



**Saint Peter's Altar and Rosary Society Christmas Party**  
will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday December 14 at 1pm.  
RSVP by Sunday, December 7 by phone or email to Beth Ann 610.462.9732, Marie 267.890.9828, or Debbie 610.462.4687, or Joan Marie 610.216.9187 No gift exchange but a \$5 donation would be accepted.

**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 Nochton, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at

[msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto: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 [mrsparkergscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:mrsparkergscs@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.*

**PEACE**

*all flesh shall see the salvation of God*



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.



BAMBINELLI  
SUNDAY

The weekend of  
December 13-14, we  
will observe Bambinelli  
Sunday. Please bring the

Infant or the Holy Family from your home  
Nativity scenes/creches to Church to have  
them blessed and place them on the table  
inside the altar-rail. Please make sure that  
they are marked with your name.



### 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.

### A Holy Hour of Petition and Hope

Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00pm  
St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown

Presiding will be Deacon Maurice Kelly  
Assumption B.V.M. Parish, Bethlehem

Please join us in prayer for the return  
to the Church of fallen-away Catholics.



### Soup, Sip, and Fellowship

An informal supper will precede  
the December 9 Holy Hour.

Enjoy soup, bread, and beverages  
in St. Theresa Parish's Friendship Hall,  
beginning at 4:45pm.

There is no cost for the supper, but donations are accepted.

For more information, please email Celeste Behe at  
[StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)  
or call/text 484-554-2022.

Sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry of the Allentown Diocese.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE:

### Closing Celebration of the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

DECEMBER  
2025 | 28 | 2PM  
4PM

#### THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



2:00 PM: A choral presentation of  
Vivaldi's Gloria by the Cathedral Choir



2:00 - 3:00 PM: The Sacrament of Penance

3:00 PM: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
celebrated by Bishop Schlert



The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 Flame of Love 6pm	3 Holy Hour 6pm	4 Communion Calls	5 Communion Calls	
7 Fellowship gathering following the 10:30 Mass 	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8am Mass St. Peter 6:30pm Mass St. John Office Closed	9 Flame of Love 6pm	10 Holy Hour 6pm No confessions	11 Nativity lighting (in Front of convent)	12	
14 Bambinelli Sunday Altar and Rosary Society Christmas Luncheon 1PM 	15	16 Flame of Love 6pm	17 8:30-9:30am <b>Confessions at St. Peter</b> Holy Hour 6pm No confessions	18 <b>Confessions at St John</b> 7:30-8:30am and 6:30pm-7:30pm	19	
21 Children's Liturgy 	22 	23 Christmas Cookies Pick-up 4-6pm Flame of Love 6pm	24 4pm Masses at both Churches 9:00pm Mass at St. Peter Office Closed <b>MERRY CHRIST</b>	25 9:30 am Mass at St. John Office Closed <b>MAS</b>	26 Office Closed	27 Blessing of Wine at 8:00am Mass at St. John Blessing of Families at 4:30pm Mass at St. Peter 
28 Blessing of Families	29 DMI Meeting at 7pm	30 Flame of Love 6pm	31 NO HOLY HOUR Office Closed Happy New Year			