



Saint Peter Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

Matthew 3:3

2nd Sunday of
Advent





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.



www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com



info@stpetersrccoplay.com



610.262.2417



610.262.0211

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 7th Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

10:30AM Helen Bischof

*****Fellowship Sunday*****

**Monday December 8th 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 10th Advent Weekday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

8:00AM Amelia Mikitka

Friday December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:39-47

8:00AM Bruce Harding

**Saturday December 13th 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 14th 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
website: www.carloacutisprep.org
610-261-0144

Please refer to the above website for ALL PREP information.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas FELLOWSHIP

SAINT PETER CHURCH HALL

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 7 | FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS

SPECIAL GUEST: CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

RAFFLE TICKETS 1/ADULT

GOODIE BAGS

Let's celebrate together!

Hot Cocoa Bar

sponsored by Jay Gilbert

Hosted by: Altar and Rosary Society and Welcome Ministries



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.

PEACE

all flesh shall see the salvation of God



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.



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.



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.

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
or call/text 484-554-2022.

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

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.



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



2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| | 1  | 2 Flame of Love 6pm | 3 Holy Hour 6pm | 4 Communion Calls | 5 Communion Calls | 6  |
| 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 | 13  |
| 14 Bambinelli Sunday Altar and Rosary Society Christmas Luncheon 1PM | 15 | 16 Flame of Love 6pm | 17 8:30-9:30am Confessions at St. Peter Holy Hour 6pm No confessions | 18 Confessions at St John 7:30-8:30am and 6:30pm-7:30pm | 19 | 20  |
| 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 MERRY CHRIST | 25 9:30 am Mass at St. John Office Closed MAS | 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 | | | 32  |