

Saint Peter Church

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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: Mr. Cyrus Doyle

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.



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 8th The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM Jonathan Karo

10:30 AM Linda Cabrera

Monday January 9th The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

No Morning Mass

Tuesday January 10th Weekday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

8:00AM St Peter Parishioners

Wednesday January 11th Weekday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

8:00AM Mary and Frank Klepeiss

Thursday January 12th Weekday

Heb 3: 7-14; Mk 1: 40-45

8:00 AM Michael Oleschak

Friday January 13th Weekday

Heb 4: 1-5, 11; Mk 2: 1-12

8:00AM William Marx

Saturday January 14th Weekday

Heb 4: 12-16; Mk 2: 13-17

Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Edward Weber

Sunday January 15th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society

10:30AM Joe Weber

Masses said by Retired Priests and Missionaries:
Deceased: James Sedora, Charles Frisch, William Polaha, Joseph Herman Sr.,

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 12/18
Basket collection \$4570.00 plus online \$390.00
Christmas

Basket Collection \$15,320 plus online \$325.00
Week of Sunday 12/25 /2022

Basket Collection \$4720.00 plus online \$345
Mary Mother of God 1/1/2023

Collection \$1360.00 plus online \$65.00
Week of Sunday 1/1/2023

Basket Collection \$4390.00 plus online \$410.00

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 ~TUESDAYS

In the Chapel

Rosary and Benediction 6:00-7:00PM



Holy Hour

Wednesday 01/11/2023

6:00- 7:00PM



DEVOTIONAL LAMPS

Blessed Mother Vigil Lights
Will burn this week in memory of

Edward Weber

Offered by George Weber

Saint Joseph Vigil Lights

Will burn this week in memory of

Adolph Weber

Offered by George Weber

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

We will not be meeting in January.

The next meeting will take place on February 19, 2023 following the 8AM Mass.



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 16th and 17th of January. Volunteers are needed both days. Please consider donating some of your time and talent to help out with this Fundraiser.



2023 ST PETER HOLY NAME HOAGIE SALE

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 11). 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 2/5. 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 next weekend's January 14-15 Masses. Thank you in advance for your support.



SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP

We are now accepting reservations for our bus trip to see Moses at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Thursday, May 25, 2023. The cost is \$140.00 per person and includes: transportation, a visit to Kitchen Kettle, show ticket, dinner at Shady Maple, driver gratuity, snacks and refreshments. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 pp. is required at time of reservation along with the names of the individuals. Please make payments to St. Peter Church. Final Payment is due no later than April 3, 2023. For Reservations, questions or additional information please call Beverly at 610.767.1887



WHITEHALL - COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE

Free Community Meal
Will take place on
Tuesday, January 17

Whitehall Active Community Center
2301 Pine Street
Whitehall, PA 18052
Any Questions call 610.443.0675



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL is accepting enrollment for students entering grades K-8 in 2023-2024, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more information, please call Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com. We will host a Catholic Schools Week open house on Sunday, January 29, from 10AM to Noon all are welcome to tour the school and register for the upcoming school year.



HOLY APOSTLES RE

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

Confirmation Test: January 10, 12
Confirmation Interviews January 20th
No Classes for Grades 1-7 on January 17 and 19



Helpers of God's precious infants

Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on Saturday, January 14 at a prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00 AM at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with the Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission:

That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting. We may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy.



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ONE MINUTE MEDITATION

A Kinder, Gentler You!

Kindness is contagious. A Recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year make efforts to be kinder-more friendly, generous, and considerate- & inspire others to do the same.



Contributions Credit to 2022
The final date to receive credit and verifications for any back contributions dated 2022 that you wish to return is Sunday, January 21, 2023. Contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed by REQUEST ONLY.

I hope that you all have had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New Year celebration. With the observance of the Solemnity of the Epiphany this weekend, the official Christmas Season comes to a close. Usually there is another week in the season extending to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on the following Sunday, but this year, because Epiphany is celebrated on January 8th, that last week is dropped and the Baptism of the Lord is observed on Monday, January 9th without any fanfare. This is one of the oddities in the Church's liturgical calendar that arose with the reform the calendar in 1970, so as to preserve 34 weeks in Ordinary Time, which was a new invention after the Council. Nonetheless, the joy of Christ's birth still fills our hearts.

I wanted to give you an update on the new church bells. After consulting with carillon company, our trusty Director of Maintenance, Larry Tellup, was able to adjust the volume on the system so that they can now be heard blocks rather than yards away from the church. I hope that you are enjoying them. The number of hymns and various of peels and tolls is amazing. I still have not discovered the Notre Dame fight song. But for those who like Elvis, we can play "Blue Christmas!" To date, through your generosity, we have raised \$16,565.00 toward our goal of \$18,000.00. Your generous contributions are still most welcome.

Finally, let me share a few thoughts about the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict. In this man we really had a gentle but ardent priest, who gave his life to the Church, the local church in Germany but more importantly to the Universal Church through his work at the Second Vatican Council, as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and as Sovereign Pontiff. He was a theologian and teacher at heart and that came across in his writings, both before and after becoming Pope. He wanted to pass on the faith in an understandable way so that a new generation of Catholics would come to know and love their faith. He took the name Benedict to honor Saint Benedict, the great founder of the Benedictine Order who is one of the patron saints of Europe. He wanted to follow in the St. Benedict's footsteps in restoring the faith in Europe that had been greatly challenged by secularism and modern world. He saw that Europe was quickly losing its Christian soul and identity. While he was the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he was responsible for instituting the procedures to remove priests who had committed the crime of abuse of minors and to move the Church forward to overcome this terrible and heinous disease. He was the first Pope to meet with victims of abuse.

He was also the "Pope of the Liturgy." He really saw the Mass as the "source and summit" of the liturgical life of the Church and wanted it to be celebrated as such. He has greatly influenced my generation of priests and those who came after in our celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments. For him, the Mass was an act of love, a work of art to be offered to God while engaging the souls of those participating, as well as the most perfect sacrifice we can offer to God. While dealing with very weighty matters, he never lost his "gemutlichkeit" that joy of life and genteelness of living that was part of his Bavarian culture. He loved music and was a great pianist. He liked a good stein of German beer and a soft pretzel, as much as a glass of good Italian wine.

On a personal note, it was Pope Benedict who named the young Father James to be a "Monsignor" and a member of the Papal Household (all Monsignors are technically members of the Papal Household). My one experience of him was at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York, in April 2008. I had the privilege of attending the Mass he celebrated. My seat was in the back right corner of the Cathedral, not ideal for seeing the Pope except on the television screens set up the purpose. However, at the end of Mass, as he processed to the back of the Cathedral, the procession turned and began making its way up the side aisle where I was seated. I could not believe my good fortune. As he made his way up the aisle, with the choir singing *Grosser Gott (Holy God, We praise thy Name)*, I was one seat away from the aisle. As he passed by my pew, there was a glow of light around him. He was a tiny man with that coiffe of white hair that reminded me of my maternal grandfa-ther. He was so peaceful and filled with joy despite the situation. What a blessing! Now he has gone to his eternal rest, wrapped in that same aura of light. May we pass away as he did, saying, "Jesus, I love you!"

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 79

Troop 79 will be having an Open House Monday January 23. Learn valuable life skills while having fun! We are open to kids 11-16. All your questions on Scouting will be answered. Please join us at St John the Baptist in Stiles, 3024 South Ruch St in the white building from 7-8pm. Plan on having an informative and fun time. For additional information or if you have any questions, please call (610) 248-6557 or email troop79mtn@gmail.com

LUCKY CALENDARS

Sellers please make sure you return all sold and unsold tickets to the rectory as soon as possible. Thank you to all the sellers for all your hard work and good luck to all those who purchased tickets in support of this great fundraiser!