

Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary

“Forgive

and you
will be

Forgiven.”





PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. David L. James J.C.L.
PASTORS EMERITI: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
PERMANENT DEACON: Mr. Michael Kudla
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra
FINANCE MANAGER: Mrs. Michelle Ahern
DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.: Mrs. Linda Johnson

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: 3:15 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 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.



 www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com



info@stpetersrccoplay.com



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.

**Mass Intentions for the week of
February 23—March 2, 2025**

**Sunday February 23rd Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

ISm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk
6:27-38
10:30AM Holy Name Society

Monday February 24th Weekday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday February 26th Weekday

Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
8:00 AM Jerome Dancheck

Friday February 28th Weekday

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-2
8:00AM Father John F. Wiesler

Saturday March 1st First Saturday

Sir 27:4-7; 1Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
4:30PM Lucy Olivetti

**Sunday March 2nd Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

10:30AM Michael Hamscher

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 02/16/2025

Basket collection \$4317.00 plus online \$1334.00

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



**WHITEHALL- COPLAY
HUNGER INITIATIVE**

We will be collecting boxes of Ce-
real (hot and cold) in support of
Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative. Containers are
located in the main vestibule and the elevator vesti-
bule. This collection will take place on the last week-
end of each month.



FLAME OF LOVE

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
At 6pm



HOLY HOUR

Wednesday February 26, 2025
at 6pm
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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory of
Jerome Dancheck

Offered by Janet Dancheck



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LIGHTS

Will burn in memory of Margaret Beslanovits
Offered by Sue and Bill Ehrhitz

SAINT JOSEPH LIGHTS

Will burn in memory of
John Mikovits
Offered by The Kern Family

The Lord is kind
and merciful.

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

HEALTH: Rosemarie Goch, Hollee Petri

DECEASED: George Pavelko, Hilda Stumpf, Elsie Selady, Stephen J Banko, Richard Lind

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES

WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

ST. JANE, EASTON
- 3/16, NOON MASS

ST. AMBROSE, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN
- 5/4, 10:30AM MASS

ST. THOMAS MORE, ALLENTOWN
- 8/24, NOON MASS



ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, READING
- 9/7, 11:30AM MASS

ST. JOSEPH, SUMMIT HILL
- 11/23, 11:00AM MASS



Thank you for your great response to our bus trip to see "NOAH" at the Sight & Sound Theatre" in Lancaster, on Wednesday, May

21, 2025. If you have never been to Sight & Sound it's a wonderful venue to experience the 180 degree three sided stage with live animals filling the stage as well as the aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th Anniversary, one season only production. At this time we only have 4 seats left on our bus. The Cost is \$175 per person. It includes roundtrip transportation from St. Peter, Coplay, a stop at Kitchen Kettle, Show ticket, Dinner at Shady Maple, Driver Gratuity, as well as snacks & refreshments on the bus. For questions or reservations, please contact Beverly at 610.767.1887. The non-refundable deposit is \$25 pp and the balance is due NO LATER than March 25, 2025. Please make you check payable to St. Peter Church and mail to the rectory at 4 S 5th St., Coplay, PA 18037, or you



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

is accepting enrollment for students entering grades K-8 in 2025-2026, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more information, please call the Advancement Director at 610-262-9171

Diocese of ALLENTOWN January 26th - February 23rd, 2025

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE
starting January 26th!

Scan here to visit the website and vote for Good Shepherd Catholic School!

Good Shepherd Catholic School needs your help!

We are participating in MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE, an online lip dubbing competition to raise funds for our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit www.weloveourcatholicschools.com to see Good Shepherd Catholic School and other schools from around the Diocese celebrate the spirit and joy of Catholic education.

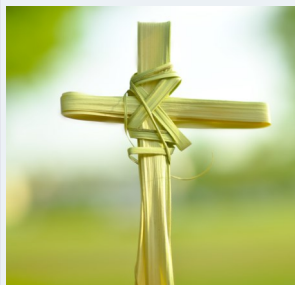
Please dance, sing, and VOTE by February 23rd!

All voting proceeds benefit our school. Thanks for making Good Shepherd Catholic School a winner!

HOLY APOSTLES RE

610.261.0144 or holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org
Office Fall Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays
Regular Classes for all
Confirmation Practice: February 23, 2025
Confirmation: February 25, 2025 at 4:30pm at Saint Peter Church.

PALMS



Please bring your palms from previous years to Church in the next couple of weeks. The palms will be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. For your convenience the containers will be in the vestibule this Sunday, February 16th to Sunday, March 2nd

Thank you in advance for your cooperation




JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME
with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa
PRAYER REQUESTS
Submit Your Prayer Requests for the Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025!

On March 25, 2025, Bishop Schlert and Rev. Allen J. Hoffa will lead the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with 88 pilgrims from our Diocese. Bishop Schlert requested that the faithful be able to submit prayer requests prior to the pilgrimage.

An online form has been made available on the Pilgrimage Committee webpage to submit prayer requests which will be taken by the Pilgrims and prayed for over the ten-day pilgrimage. You may submit your request anonymously if you wish. Online prayer requests will be accepted until Friday, March 21.

If you do not want to submit a request via the online form, you may mail prayer requests to Rev. Allen J. Hoffa, Director of Diocesan Pilgrimages, 3121 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605. If using the USPS, requests would need to be submitted by Friday, March 14, 2025.



Blood Drive! *Saint John the Baptist will be holding their next blood drive at their parish hall on Saturday, March 1st. Our goal is to have 40 registered donors. We hope our friends from Saint Peter 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.*

For sign up information, please contact Lisa at 610.737.0847

8TH STOP LORETTO AND THE HOLY HOUSE EN ROUTE TO ASSISI

The splendid City of Loreto owes its fame to the Sanctuary where the Holy House of the Virgin Mary is preserved and venerated. It is a holy place defined by Pope John Paul II as “the true Marian heart of Christianity”. The sanctuary has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites for the Catholic faith for centuries, having been visited by approximately 200 saints and beatified persons, as well as by numerous Popes.

*The Holy House is the house from Nazareth where the Virgin Mary was born, educated, and where she received the Annunciation. The house was composed of one room in masonry, with three walls in stone placed so as to enclose a rock cavern. the **three stone walls were brought to Italy.** The walls arrived in Loreto in 1294.*




pilgrimage
13 days to Italy & Austria
TRAVEL WITH MSGR. DAVID L. JAMES

We will be visiting Rome, the Vatican, Assisi, Orvieto, Loreto, Florence, Siena, Padua, Salzburg, Burgenland, Eisenstadt, Vienna.

questions please call 610.262.2417

-  Trip includes: transportation from/to Copley, Airfare, Taxes and fees, 4 or 5 star hotels, Transportation with luxury bus. All breakfasts and dinners, Guided tours, Luggage handling (1 carry-on and 1 suitcase)
-  DATE: October 12-24, 2025
-  COST: \$6,599.00 per person
make checks payable to: Proximo Travel, Inc.
-  NOT INCLUDED: Lunch, Travel Insurance.

BOOK NOW
Due to high demands for rooms, late reservations may be housed at hotels separate from the main group. For your convenience, registration lines are now open on the weekends.

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