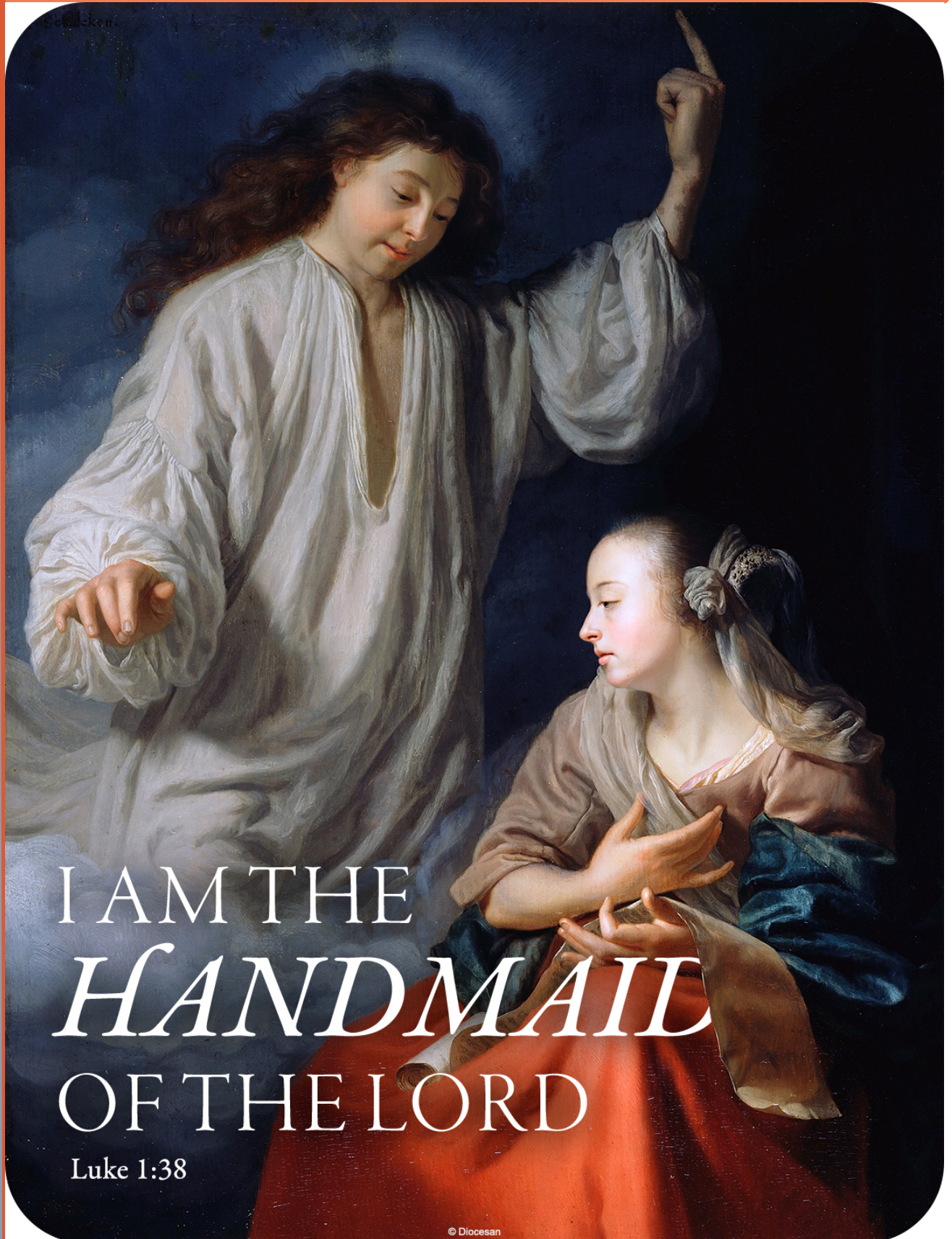




# Saint Peter Church

Sunday, March 22, 2026



I AM THE  
*HANDMAID*  
OF THE LORD

Luke 1:38



## 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](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.



 [www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com](http://www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com)

 [info@stpetersrccoplay.com](mailto: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  
March 22- March 29*

Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent  
*Ez 37: 12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45*  
**10:30AM Holy Name Society**

Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Weekday  
*Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11*  
**No Morning Mass**

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord  
*Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38*  
**8:00AM Julia and Rudolph Yost**

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday  
*Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42*  
**8:00AM Joseph Groller**



**Stations of the Cross**  
**4:30PM at Saint Peter**  
**7:00PM at Saint John the Baptist**

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> Lenten Weekday  
*Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27*

**4:30PM Leon Galitsky**

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**10:30AM James Handwerk**

**MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS**

*Deceased: Louis Miklos, Jeffrey Karo*

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  
**Week of Sunday 3/15/2026**

**Basket collection \$4399.00 plus online \$1161.00**

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**  
March 24, 2026  
At 6:00PM



**HOLY HOUR**  
March 25, 2026  
at 6pm



**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



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**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 MARCH 22ND**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Will burn this week in memory of  
Rudolph and Julia Yost  
Offered by Joan Molar



**MANDATED**  
**REPORTING**  
**TRAINING**

**The Mandated reporting session is rescheduled from Monday, March 23, 2026 to Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6pm in the Church Hall.**

**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.



**Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theater**  
to see. " J O S H U A "

Thursday, May 21, 2026  
We wish to THANK the many

guests who have already paid in full.  
However, if you have not done so, the balance is due no later than MARCH 23, 2026.  
Please make your check payable to  
ST. PETER R.C. CHURCH  
and  
drop off at the rectory.  
Any questions, please call Beverly M. Sobchak at 610-767-1887.

**Cemetery Spring Clean-Up**

To Prepare for Easter please remove the following No later than 3/22

- Out of season, faded, soiled, unsightly arrangements.
- wires, balloons, glass, plastic objects, knick-knacks.
- Broken, weathered, vigil lamps; Christmas wreaths & arrangements are to be removed as well.
- Those remaining will be removed by the cemetery personnel and discarded.



**COPLAY FOOD PANTRY**

During the season of Lent, we will be collecting food items for the Coplay Food Bank. Containers will be provided in the vestibule. 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, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, crackers, paper products, toiletries...  
No

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

1300 Newport Ave, Northampton, PA  
610-262-9171  
e-mail: altngs@ptd.net

<https://www.goodshepherd-catholic.com>  
School Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am-3pm  
For more info regarding enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, please call Erica Nochtan, Advancement Director, or email her at msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com. Visit our website: GoodShepherd-Catholic.com

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The 1983 Code of Canon Law provides for the creation of a parish pastoral council whose members are appointed by the pastor and assist him, in a consultative manner, to make provision for the pastoral needs of the parish. It serves as a stable means by which the faithful may make known to their pastor their needs and desires.

The First Synod of Allentown convoked by Bishop McShea in 1968 called for the establishment of parish councils in the parishes of the Diocese of Allentown. This was reiterated by Bishop Cullen in 2007 after the conclusion of the Second Synod of Allentown. Bishop Barres specifically mandated that each parish have a pastoral council to assist the pastor.

Saint Peter Parish has had parish pastoral council, following the guidelines provided by Bishop Barres. After seeking the input of the members of the council and after prayerful consideration, I have appointed the following parishioners to the Parish Pastoral Council:

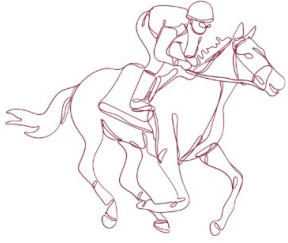
*Kyle Kern; Christina Libricz, Paula Yoo, Susan Ehrritz Rick Hess, Mary Smith, Kim Ann Meyers, Zyan Globosits.*

I have also reappointed: *George Kinek, chairman, Jessica Ciewicz, Olivia Lopez.*

After many years and with many thanks for their service, the following members are retiring from the Council:

*Edward Kosciolek, Joe Herman, Audrey Hess, Carlotta Makovetz, Rich Legath.*

Please pray for the members of the Council that they will bring a pastoral perspective and sage advice to my administration of Saint Peter Parish.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**A  
NIGHT  
AT THE  
RACES**

*AN EVENING OF FRIENDS, FOOD AND FUN at...*

*SAINT PETER CHURCH*

*WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026*

*WHERE: SAINT PETER PARISH HALL*

*TIME: 6-10pm*

**50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVANGELIZING SISTERS OF MARY**

The Evangelizing Sisters of Mary, who reside in Saint Peter Convent will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of their order. Each house/convent of the order is having a local celebration. Sister Veronica and Sister Dorothy will be holding their celebration on Sunday, July 5, 2026. Bishop Schlert has graciously accepted their invitation to celebrate the 10:30am Mass on that Sunday. Plans are underway to have a celebration for them after Mass in the church hall. All parishioners are most welcome to attend the Mass and the celebration to follow. It will be a weekend of celebration as we all celebrate the 250th anniversary of American Independence the day before. Please mark your calendars so you will be able to attend this event and show your support for the Sisters.

**A Simple Way to Make a Difference - Eucharistic Ministry Invitation**

Some members of our parish family are unable to attend Mass due to illness, age, or mobility challenges. A short visit and the gift of Holy Communion to those who are home-bound or in care facilities can mean more than you may realize.

Our parish is inviting parishioners to consider serving as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to the home-bound. You can bring comfort and joy to someone who misses being at Mass and help keep them connected to the love of Jesus Christ through offering the Eucharist, prayer, and a reminder that they remain a cherished part of our parish community.

If you are a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation and are interested in learning more, please contact the parish office at 610.262.2417. Training will be provided.



**SAINT PETER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

On June 16, 2027, Saint Peter Parish will observe the 100th anniversary of its founding. The official observance of this anniversary will take place on Sunday, June 13, 2027, with a solemn Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., Bishop of Allentown. This Mass will be

followed by a dinner for the parishioners and guests.

A 100th Anniversary Committee has been formed, with Mr. George Kinek as chairman.

We will celebrate the anniversary with various events from June 2026 to June 2027.

The committee is in the very early stages of planning for these events. More details will be forthcoming in the coming months.