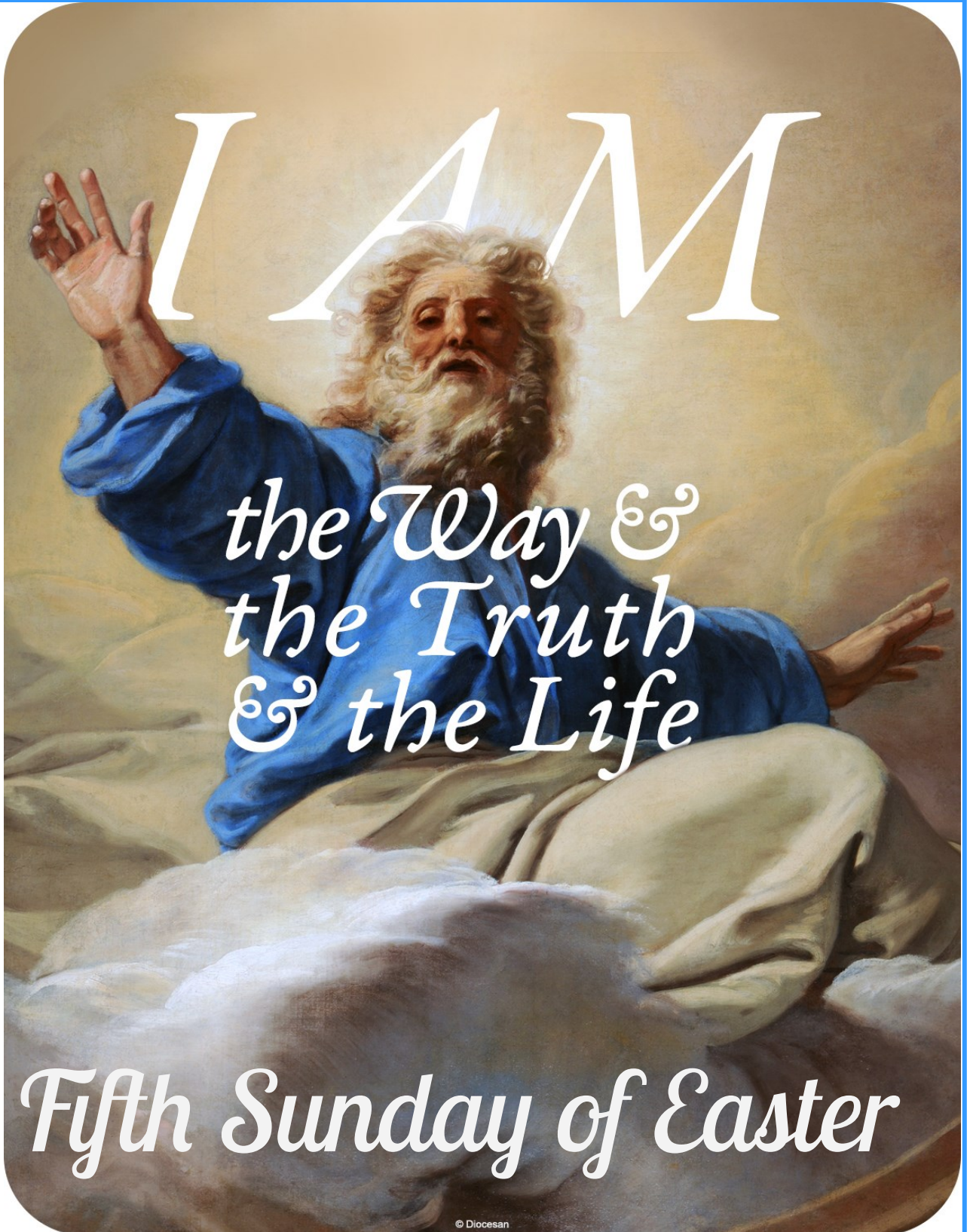


# *Saint Peter Church*

*4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037*



**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**



## 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:** Mrs. Michelle Ahern  
**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](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

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



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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.*



**Sunday April 28th Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:26-31; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8  
8:00 AM Jeffrey Gober  
10:30 AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

**Monday April 29th Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
8:00 AM No Morning Mass

**Tuesday April 30th Easter Weekday**

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a  
8:00 AM Margaret Yellen

**Wednesday May 1st Easter Weekday**

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
8:00AM Anna Schoch

**Thursday May 2nd Saint Athanasius, Bishop National Day of Prayer**

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11  
8:00 AM Lance Nothstein

**Friday May 3rd Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

1Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14  
8:00AM Richard and Mary Ann Sommers  
"60th Wedding Anniversary"

**Saturday May 4th Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.

**Sunday May 5th Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Theresa Meixner  
10:30AM Edward and Theresa Koren



**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

**Stewardship Corner**

**Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 4/21**  
**Basket collection \$4819.00 plus online \$496.00**  
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**



**ONLINE GIVING**

**\*\*Start giving online today!\*\***  
Visit our parish website at  
<https://www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com>  
Click on the online giving link  
Create an account.  
Schedule your recurring gifts



**FLAME OF LOVE**

On Tuesday, April 30th 2024



**HOLY HOUR**

Wednesday, May 1st in the Church at 7PM



**DEVOTIONAL LAMP**

**Sanctuary Light**  
Will burn in memory of  
Margaret and Jim Yellen and  
Jeffrey Gober  
Offered by Yellen and Gober Families

**Saint Joseph Vigil Light**  
Will burn in memory of  
Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.  
Offered by Beverly and Mike Sobchak

**MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS:**

**HEALTH:** Katheryn Wechsler

**DECEASED:** Helen Boger, Mary Walker, Cecilia Dunphy, Diane Jandrasits

*Congratulations  
to St. Peter's Children on receiving their  
First Holy Communion*

*Quinn Benson  
Lane Buritts  
Grayson Cerami  
Luke Charles  
Michael Gower  
Ryan McCrory  
Michael Quinones*

*May God's love fill your heart today and always*

*Now accepting  
reservations for St.  
Peter bus trip  
Date: Thursday,  
November 7, 2024*



*to see "JOY TO THE WORLD" at American Music  
Theatre, in Lancaster.  
Includes R/T transportation from St. Peter, show,  
Family style meal at Hershey Farms, and a stop at  
Kitchen Kettle, refreshments & snacks on bus. Cost  
is \$125 per person. A non-refundable deposit of  
\$25pp is due with names of all participants. Please  
make checks payable to St. Peter R.C. Church. For  
reservations contact Beverly M. Sobchak  
at 610-767-1887. Balance due no later than Sept.  
10, 2024.*

*Mark your Calendars for our 2025 trips.*

- ◆ *March 7, 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show*
- ◆ *Dinner show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse or*
- ◆ *Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre,*
- ◆ *Penn's Peak Tribute to Johnny Cash*
- ◆ *Christmas show Nov. 13, 2025*
- ◆ *A possible cruise.*

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOAGIE SALE**

*Holy Name members are available after all weekend  
Masses to take your pre-paid orders for their deli-  
cious hoagies. We are again making seller sheets  
available to all who are interested. The reverse side  
of the seller form contains all necessary infor-  
mation. Please consider helping us with this fund-  
raiser and pick up a form after all Masses. Thank  
you in advance for your support. Prices remain at  
\$6.00 per hoagie. All proceeds will benefit Saint  
Peter's shut-ins.*

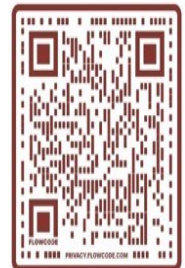


**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE  
starting May 1!**

*Good Shepherd Catholic School  
needs your help!*

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

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](http://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 May 31st!**

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](mailto:holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org)  
Office Hours: M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays  
**April 29** End of Year Service St. John the Baptist at  
6pm

**May 5th** May Procession 1:00 pm



The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift today at : [www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org)

## WHITEHALL COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE CEREAL COLLECTION



It's that time again, we will be collecting boxes of Cereal (hot and cold) in support of Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative. Containers are located in the main vestibule and the elevator vestibule. This collection will take place now



SAINT PETER PARISH

# PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The Year 2025 will mark another Holy Year or Jubilee Year. The concept of the Holy Year is biblical in its origins and commemorates the "Year of Favor" that was celebrated every seven years. The first Holy Year was called and opened by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 AD.

Since then, Holy Years have been generally celebrated every 25 or 50 years. In the 20th Century, Holy Years were celebrated in

1925, in 1933 to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, in 1950, in 1954 honoring Mary, in 1966 to mark the closing of the Second Vatican Council, in 1975, in 1983 to mark the 1500th anniversary of Our Lord's Passion, Death, and in 2000 celebrating the millennium. 2015-2016 was an extraordinary jubilee called by Pope Francis to mark the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has called the next Holy Year in 2025 which will mark the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325AD. The Council corrected the heresy of Arianism and professed that the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, was of the same substance as the Father: "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light True God from True God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father."

**As part of the Holy Year celebration, pilgrims are invited to visit Rome and they're to pray in the four major basilicas, St. Peter, St. Paul outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, and St. John Lateran. Through these visits and the recitation of the prescribed prayers a plenary indulgence is gained for the remission of our sins or the sins of the faithful departed.**

**I am happy to announce that in celebration of the Holy Year, Saint Peter Parish will sponsor a pilgrimage to Rome in October 2025. In addition to Rome, plans are in the works to visit Assisi, Florence, Siena, Padua, and then...we will go to Austria to visit Salzburg (the home of Mozart, and the filming site of the Sound of Music), Vienna, and Burgenland, the ancestral homeland of many of our parishioners. More details will be forthcoming shortly.**

