

# *Saint Peter Church*

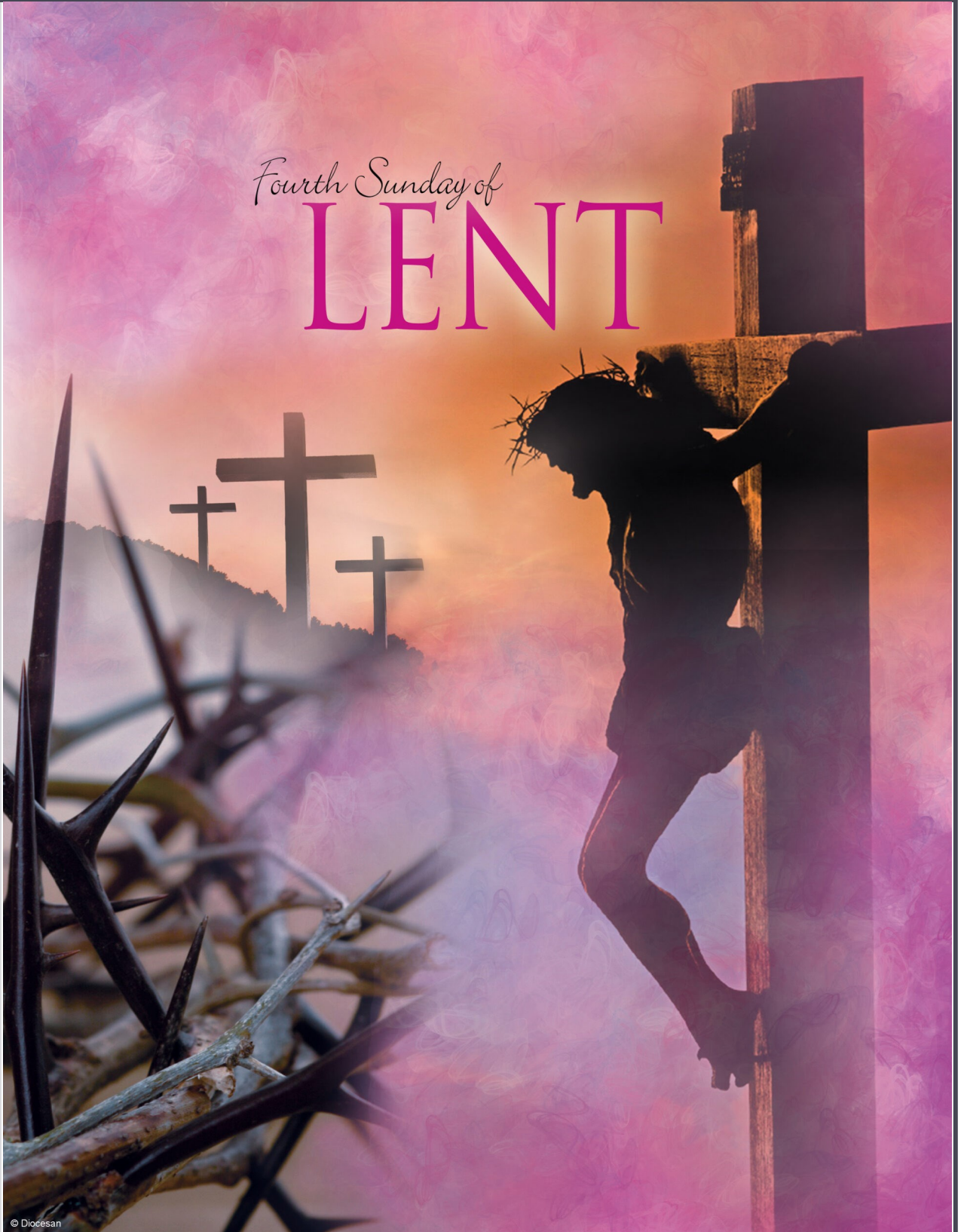
*4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037*



SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

*Fourth Sunday of*

# LENT





## 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 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

**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)

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### *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 30—April 6, 2025**

**Sunday March 30th Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32  
10:30AM James Handwerk

**Monday March 31st Lenten Weekday**

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
8:00AM No Morning Mass

**Wednesday April 2nd Lenten Weekday**

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kopfer & Mittl  
Families

**Friday April 4th Lenten Weekday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
8:00AM Michelle Tomko

**Saturday April 5th Lenten Weekday**

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11  
4:30PM John Muik, Sr.

**Sunday April 6th Fifth Sunday of Lent**

10:30AM Jerome Dancheck

**Stewardship Corner**

**Week of Sunday 03/23/2025**

**Basket collection \$6479.00 plus online \$813.00**

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**



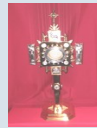
**SAVE THE DATE!!**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington DC, will take place on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, in

this Jubilee Year of Hope. Saint Peter Parish will be sponsoring a bus to visit the Shrine. Further details to follow in future bulletins.



**FLAME OF LOVE**  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025  
At 6:00PM



**HOLY HOUR**  
Wednesday April 2, 2025  
6:00PM  
Followed by Lenten Series at 7:00PM



**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
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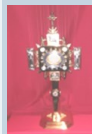


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(no period after St) and click find my church



- 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 James Handwerk  
Offered by Evelyn Handwerk

**Saint Joseph Vigil Lights**

Will burn in memory of M/M Joseph James  
Offered by Monsignor James



**LENTEN SERIES:**

The Nicene Creed  
Join us every Wednesday, beginning  
Wednesday, April 2, at 7pm in the  
Church Hall.

Please bring a Bible with you.

**PARISH HALL**

The parish hall is available for rent to parishioners.  
Anyone interested, please call the office at  
610.262.2417

# Stations of the Cross

with Benediction

every Friday during Lent

4:30pm at St. John the Baptist  
7pm at Saint Peter



In the Cross is Salvation;  
In the Cross is life;  
In the Cross is protection against our enemies  
in the Cross is infusion of the heavenly sweetness;  
In the Cross is strength of mind;  
In the Cross is joy of spirit;  
In the Cross is excellence of virtue;  
In the Cross is perfection of holiness;  
There is no salvation of souls nor hope of eternal life;  
Save in the Cross



With Monsignor James and Deacon Mike Kudla



## 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



### HOLY APOSTLES RE

610.261.0144 or [holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org](mailto:holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org)

Office Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays

Regular classes for grades 1-7

Thursday, April 24, First Communion practice  
6:30-7:45pm

Sunday, April 27, First Communion at 10:30am

### 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, applesauce, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, crackers, paper products, toiletries....No big items please.



**CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP**  
To Prepare for Easter please remove the following No later than 4/11

- 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.

### ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



Please join us as we pray the Rosary before the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 13,  
We will not be meeting on Sunday, April 20.  
Happy Easter!!

### LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE



**Penance Service:** Thursday, April 3 at 6:30pm  
Tuesday, April 8, between 8:30 and 9:30AM at Saint John the Baptist

**Wednesday, April 9, between 8:30 and 9:30AM at Saint Peter**

**Wednesdays during Holy Hour April 9 and 16.**  
This is your last chance before Easter!

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOAGIE FUNDRAISER



**Hoagie Sale!** St Peter Holy Name Society will have a Spring Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, May 17, between 2 and 5:30pm). As promised, we will again be offering our high quality 9-inch hoagies for \$6.00 each. Holy Name members will be available to take your pre-paid orders beginning the weekend of April 5-6 and ending May 3-4.



# pilgrimage

13 days to Italy & Austria

TRAVEL WITH MSGR. DAVID L. JAMES

We will be visiting Rome, the Vatican, Assisi, Orvieto, Loretto, 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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## TOUR OF PADUA

Visit Saint Anthony of Padua Shrine



Padua claims to be among the oldest cities in northern Italy. It has two UNESCO World Heritage entries: the Botanical Garden which is the world's oldest and its 14th-century frescoes, situated in many buildings in the town. Padua is also home to one of the oldest universities in the world, the university of Padua, founded in 1222. We will visit Saint Anthony of Padua Shrine and then drive to Salzburg. Explore Salzburg's beautiful streets and historic areas. Dinner and overnight in Salzburg.



**When:** Sunday, April 13, 2025

**Where:** St. Peter Church Social Hall  
4 South 5th Street, Copley

**Time:** Doors open at 1PM, Bingo starts at 2PM

Food is available for purchase.

**Cost:** \$15 admission gets 2 boards (4 faces)  
\$5 book purchase.

Proceeds to benefit Whitehall-Copley Hunger Initiative.

Chips and daubers are available for purchase.

Items for the food pantry are greatly appreciated.

List can be found at

<https://tinyurl.com/WCHIPantrylist>

If you have any questions, please call Liz at



# Join us at Viking Nation!

## ENROLL TODAY FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

Contact Admissions Director Cara Meskill at [cmeskill@acchs.info](mailto:cmeskill@acchs.info) with questions or to tour the campus.

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