



Saint Peter Church

Sunday, December 28, 2025

FEAST OF THE Holy Family

The child grew and
became strong, filled
with wisdom;
and the favor
of God was
upon him.

Luke 2:40



by Raphael
Holy Family with the Lamb
1504



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 1sr 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

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email: 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 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.

*Mass Intentions for the week of
December 28- January 4*

Sunday December 28th The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
10:30AM Mary and Edward Gavalla

Monday December 29th Fifth Day within the
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
No Morning Mass

Wednesday December 31st Seventh Day within the
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
8:00AM Michael Baver

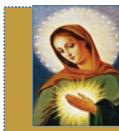
New Year's Eve Mass at Saint John the Baptist
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
4:00PM John Kropf

Thursday January 1st Solemnity of Mary, Mother
of God
At Saint Peter:
Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
9:30AM Stefan and Mary Pultz

Friday January 2nd St. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the
Church
1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
8:00AM Irene Ferreira

Saturday January 3rd Christmas Weekday
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
4:30PM John Augustine, Sr.

Sunday January 4th The Epiphany of the Lord
10:30AM Ella Greb



FLAME OF LOVE
December 30th, 2025
At 6:00PM



NO HOLY HOUR
December 31st, 2025



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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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 WEEK OF DECEMBER 28

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of Thomas S. Micklas
Offered by Kim and Tom Micklas

Blessed Mother Vigil Light

Will burn in memory of Michael Baver
Offered by Theresa Baver

CONTRIBUTIONS CREDIT 2025

The final date to receive credit and verification for any back contributions dated 2025 that you wish to return is Sunday, January 18, 2026. Contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed by
REQUEST ONLY

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS
Deceased: Louis Miklos, Mary Ann Muik,
Efstatia Mihalopoulos, Pauline Pammer

Stewardship Corner
Week of Sunday 12/21/2025
Basket collection \$.00 plus online \$.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

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.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOAGIE SALE 2026**

St Peter Holy Name Society will be selling our famous 9" hoagie for your Super Bowl nourishment. Sales begin the weekend of January 3rd-4th, through January 25th. See SPHNS members after masses these weekends. Sale price is still \$6.00 ea. cash due at time of order. **Pickup DATE SATURDAY, February 7th**.

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!

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Good Shepherd Catholic School is accepting enrollment for the 2025-26 for students entering grades K-8 and Pre-K (4 years old). For more

information regarding enrollment, or to set up a tour please call Ms. Erica Nochton, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at

msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com

Good Shepherd Catholic School is hiring! We are looking for a faith-filled, energetic Early Childhood teacher to take over in our Preschool beginning in January. Please send your resume to Mrs. Parker at mrsparkergscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com if you are interested or for more information.

The flyer for Allentown Central Catholic Open House. It features a group of five students in green uniforms standing in front of a brick wall. A circular seal in the top right corner says "2026 NICHE BEST SCHOOLS". The text on the flyer says "Allentown Central Catholic OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, FEB. 1, 2026, 2-4PM". It also includes a QR code, the school's logo, and the text "PRE-REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE AND ENTER A CHANCE TO WIN A \$500 TUITION CREDIT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!". At the bottom, it says "Meet our Principal and Administrators, tour the campus with our Student Ambassadors, and learn about our clubs and activities. Contact our Admissions Director Lisa Schultz at lschultz@acchs.info with questions. Academic Success. Catholic Values. 301 N Fourth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 | (610) 437-4601 | www.acchs.info ENROLL TODAY FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR!"

Whitehall - Cosplay Hunger Initiative Free Community Meal

We will be hosting the free Community Meal on January 4, 2026. We are asking our parishioners for monetary donations to help defray some of the costs of the meal. If you are able to help, please put your donation in an envelope labeled Community Meal. You may drop off your donation in the Sunday Collection Basket or at the rectory

The community meal will take place on January 4, 2026 from 4-6pm
Saint Peter Church Hall
4 S 5th Street
Cosplay, PA 18037
Any questions, Please call 610.262.2417

BUS TRIP REMINDER

We are now accepting reservations for our bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to see "Joshua" on Thursday, May 21, 2026. If you have never experienced a show at Sight and Sound you are in for a treat of a 300 ft. Wrap around viewing stage production where the bible comes to life.

The cost will be \$180.00 per person and it includes: round-trip transportation from Saint Peter Church, a stop at the Kitchen Kettle, your show ticket, smorgasbord dinner at Hershey Farms, tax, driver gratuity, as well as snacks and refreshments on the bus.

If you have already signed up. Now is the time to send your \$25.00 per person non-refundable deposit to St. Peter Church

Balance will be due no later than March 23, 2026

Whitehall/ Coplay Hunger Initiative

Cash Bingo

Sunday, January 11, 2026

St. Peter Church Social Hall

4 S. 5th Street, Coplay

\$15 admission gets 2boards (4 faces) \$5 book specials

Chips and daubers available for purchase

Doors open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm

Kitchen is open.

Items for the food pantry are greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please call Liz at 484.274.6687

Bingo will be canceled if it is snowing.

The Office will be closed on December 31 and January 1st
Happy and Blessed New Year!



Dear Parishioners,

It is my hope that all of you had a blessed Christmas with your families and friends.

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all those who helped prepared the church and the parish grounds for Christmas. Many thanks to Mike and Bev Sobchak for heading up the church decorating crew and Jim Semler for heading up the outdoor decorating crew. Thanks to Kathy Alonzo and the choir and cantors for their preparations for the Masses for Christmas. It is the efforts of all that make everything go so well and look so beautiful.

As we bring this year to a close, I also want to thank the parishioners of Saint Peter's for your support for me and the parish throughout the last year. Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany was celebrated as a feast before Christmas. In the ancient liturgies of the Church the Epiphany commemorated Christ's birth in Bethlehem, the Adoration of the Magi, His Baptism by St. John the Baptist, and the miracle at the wedding of Cana.

From this four-fold celebration arose the blessing of water, which was originally used for the celebration of Baptism that day, the blessing of salt, used to bless homes and added to the baptismal water, and chalk to bless homes to commemorate the visit of the Magi, fold for the making of sound vessels and incense.

Holy water, salt, and chalk will be blessed before the vigil Mass next weekend, Saturday, January 3, beginning at 3:45pm and 7:00am. These blessings are quite long and involved and take about a half hour to perform. You are invited to join me for these blessings. You may take the blessed chalk and holy water home with you to bless your homes. Bottles for holy water will be provided but feel free to bring your own bottles or containers if you would like to take a larger amount of water. Because of the length of this ceremony, **confessions will not be heard on Saturday, January 3, and Sunday, January 4.**

God has been good to Saint Peter this year. We give thanks to Him and ask Him to continue to shed His blessings and graces upon us, so that we can be a holy people who will share the light of Christ with those around us in 2026.

May God bless you and your families.

Monsignor David L. James