



Saint Peter Church

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*“You who are my messenger,
in you I place my absolute trust.”*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sunday, October 4, 2026



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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 Saint 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.



 www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com

 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
October 4-October 11*

Sunday October 4th Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

10:30AM John Wechsler

1:00PM Pet Blessing (behind the convent)

Monday October 5th Weekday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

No Morning Mass

Wednesday October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11: 1-4

8:00AM Larry and Anna Tellup

Friday October 9th Weekday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

8:00AM Marion Wiessner Figley

Saturday October 10th Weekday

Is 25: 6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22: 1-14

4:30PM Bill and Eleanor Ehritz

Sunday October 11th Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30AM Paul Schoch

Masses Said by Retired Priests

Deceased: Juliana Strisofsky (2)

Health: Diane Besz

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Week of Sunday 9/27/2026

Basket collection \$3632.00 plus online \$1093.00

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

OCTOBER 6, 2026

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD

OCTOBER 7, 2026

at 6 pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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 OCTOBER 4

SANCTUARY LIGHT

In loving memory of Marion Wiessner Figley

Offered by Joseph and Rosemary Geosits

SAINT JOSEPH LIGHT

In loving memory of Joseph Herman, Sr.

Offered by Evelyn Herman



SAINT PETER HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Will have a Fall Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, October 24 after 2pm). 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.

Hallow

Mark your Calendars

Our Parish is joining Hallow's Parish Week: Rebuild My Church, a nationwide seven-day prayer challenge running October 5-11. Inspired by Christ's call to St. Francis of Assisi to "rebuild my Church," this week will invite us-together with parishes across the country to grow closer to Christ, rediscover the sacraments, and strengthen our parish community. The waitlist opens September 23rd, and you can join tight from our parish page on the Hallow app. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more details on how to take part!



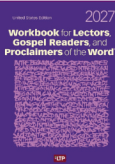
40 Hours Devotion
October 18, 19, & 20

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*Saint Peter Parish Forty Hours Devotions will take place on **Sunday, October 18, Monday, October 19, and Tuesday, October 20.** The devotions will begin*

each night at 7:00PM. We invite you to attend the evening devotions and if your schedule permits to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the vestibule.

Father Dominic Civitella will be our guest homilist. The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole.



LECTORS' WORKBOOKS

The lectors' workbooks are available to be picked up in the Sacristy.

OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026 in observance of Columbus Day.

LUCKY CALENDARS

This fundraiser is underway. Calendars will be available for sale following all weekend Masses and at the office.

OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate the month is by praying the Rosary together before all weekend Masses beginning Sunday, October 4. Anyone in need of a rosary please contact the office at 610.262.2417



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

Good Shepherd CYO Winter Sports Signups Now Open!

Basketball Grades K-8
High School Basketball Grades 9-12

Did you know?

You can play CYO sports even if you don't go to Good Shepherd School as long as you are enrolled in a P.R.E.P. at one of our affiliated parishes!

Use the QR code to access our CYO website to register by October 31st.



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

Mrs. Ginny Downey, DRE

Email—dre@carloacutisprep.org
website: www.carloacutisprep.org
Phone 610-261-0144

Please refer to the above website for ALL PREP information.

St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN 8TH-12TH GRADE

Pumpkin Painting

Sunday, Oct. 4

6:00 PM-8:30 PM

Pumpkins and paint will be provided, but please bring additional decoration items to share (ex. glitter, pom poms, etc)!

Register Here!



Kneeling for Holy Communion

The posture when receiving Holy Communion has followed the Tradition of the Church. In the early church, the faithful stood for the reception of Holy Communion. That has remained the practice in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches to this day. Over the passage of time and the development of the theology of the Holy Eucharist in the Western (Latin) Church, the tradition developed of kneeling for the reception of Holy Communion. This was the common practice from the at least the Middle Ages (if not earlier) to the 1960's, when after the Second Vatican Council and the revision of the Mass, standing for the reception of Holy Communion was again permitted but not forbidden. In recent years, with a reinvigoration of devotion to the Holy Eucharist, especially after Covid, there has been a resurgence of a desire to kneel for the reception of Holy Communion. This option has been confirmed by the Holy See in response to a American Bishop who tried to forbid the faithful to kneel for Holy Communion. Bishop Schlert has permitted those who wish to kneel for Holy Communion at Diocesan Masses to do so and places a kneeler at his Communion station. We are fortunate at both St. John the Baptist and St. Peter Churches that the Communion rails were not removed. I am happy to assist anyone who wishes to kneel for Holy Communion at either church. Those who wish to receive in this way, should simply approach the altar rail at the Lamb of God and kneel down. The deacon and I will distribute Holy Communion to these persons first, then to those who stand for Holy Communion. Also remember that the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand are both permitted, even when kneeling.

Change to Parish Bulletins

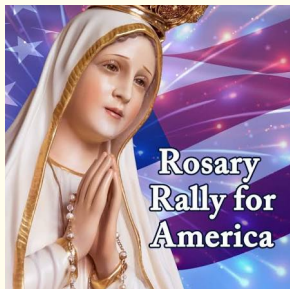
- Beginning on Sunday, November 1, Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Churches will have a combined Sunday Bulletin!!!! This has been made possible because the current contract for Saint John's bulletin is due to expire. We have been able to increase the number of pages in Saint Peter's bulletin to accommodate the news from both parishes and with the help of Lina Abi-Samra and Charlotte Minnich, our crackerjack parish secretaries, we have designed a layout that will provide space for the parish news from both parishes, Saint Carlo Acutis PREP, Good Shepherd Regional Catholic School, and items from the Diocese and other parishes. Both parish bulletins cost nothing to the parishes because the advertisements on the back pay for them. Please patronize our advertisers and tell them you saw their ads on our bulletins. If your organization needs to put something in the bulletin, please continue to contact Lina or Charlotte, respectively for each parish. The deadline for the bulletin submission to the printer will be Tuesday morning. Please submit your bulletin items to Lina or Charlotte no later than Monday afternoon (Friday afternoon would be better) so that it can be included in the following week's bulletin. Please check with Lina and Charlotte for special deadlines around the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. We hope that this combined bulletin will help all parishioners to stay in touch with all the news without having to pick up two bulletins. This does not indicate a combining of parishes, just a combination of a parish service that is more efficient.
- Beginning Wednesday, October 7, 2026 Holy Hour will begin at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm.



HOLY TRINITY BASKET PARTY

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall, will hold their annual Basket Party on Sat., October 24 from 10am-7pm (Sat. 9-10am reserved for guests with disabilities) and Sun., October 25 from 8am-1pm. Tickets - 25 for \$5 on sale at door. Homemade food and baked goods will be on sale. Only committee members may be present for the drawing. Winners will be called and prizes will be available for pickup Sunday, October 25 evening and Monday, October 26 afternoon. Questions: email holytrinityrcc@gmail.com or call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.

Annual Rosary Rally



All parishioners from St. Peter and St. John the Baptist Churches are invited to participate in the Annual Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 12 Noon. We will gather in front of the

Blessed Mother Shrine at Saint Peter's to pray the rosary. We ask God to save our nation through the rosary of His Holy Mother. Please join us in prayers. Anyone in need of a Rosary, please call the office at 610.262.2417

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative Cash Bingo

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH

St Peter's Church Social Hall
4 South 5th St, Coplay

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

Chips and daubers available for purchase
Doors open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm.

Food available for purchase

Items for the food pantry greatly appreciated.
If you have questions, you can email or call Liz at 484-274-6687

THE WHITEHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Will host their annual Cash Bingo on Friday, October 2, 2026 in Saint Peter Parish Hall. Get your dabbers, gather your chips, bring your good luck Charms...It's Bingo Time....

Doors open at 5:30pm, calling begins at 6:30pm. Cost is \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Call the WHPS office at 610.776.7280 for tickets

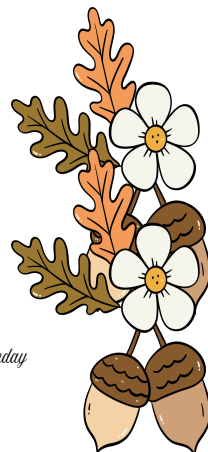
and please leave a message. Basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Refreshments will be available.



October



2026



<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
5 	6	7	1	2 First Friday Communion Calls Whitehall Historical Soc. Bingo 2-9	3 First Saturday	4 Lion's Club Bingo
12 Office Closed	13 Flame of Love 6:00pm	14 Holy Hour 6pm	8	9	10	11 WCHI Bingo 2-5 DOORS OPEN AT 1PM
19 Pierogies 8 am Mass 40 Hours Devotions	20 Pierogies NO Flame of Love 40 Hours Devotions	21 No Holy Hour 6pm	15	16 Pork and Sauerkraut To Go Dinner 4-7 pick up	17 KOFC Rose Campaign	18 40 Hours Devotions begin Altar & Rosary Society Mtg Children's Liturgy KOFC Rose Campaign
26 Parish leadership 7pm	27 Flame of Love 6:00pm	28 Holy Hour 6pm	22	23	24 Holy Name Society Hoagie pick up	25 Holy Name Society Mtg Cemetery Service 1pm
29	30	31	29 Finance Council Mtg 7pm	30	31 Happy Halloween	



SAINT PETER CHURCH

To Go ONLY October Dinner

4:00-7:00PM

Friday, October 16, 2026

pork and sauerkraut
apple sauce
apple, cherry, or
pumpkin pie

or

turkey, filling,
vegetables
apple, cherry, or
pumpkin pie

Price \$17.00 Per Person Take Out ONLY

please return bottom portion to the office no later than Monday October 11, 2026

NAME:-----

Phone:-----

Number of meals:-----@ \$17.00 check #-----or cash

Take out only

Pork and Sauerkraut ☐

Turkey and Filling ☐