



Saint Peter Church

Sunday, September 21, 2025

No servant can serve two masters.



**He will either hate one
and love the other,
or be devoted to one
and despise the other.**

You cannot serve both God and mammon.



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.

ANOIDING 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

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



610.2062.2417



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
September 21-September 28*

Sunday September 21st Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; 1Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
10:30AM Altar and Rosary Society
Holy Name Society

*****Children's Liturgy Hour*****

Monday September 22nd Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday September 24th Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
8:00AM Helen Feichtl

Friday September 26th Weekday

1Tim 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
8:00AM Matilda Haddad

Saturday September 27th Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
4:30PM William and Anna Spaits

Sunday September 28th Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30AM Helen Bischof

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 09/14/2025

Basket collection \$4200.00 plus online \$916.00

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

Welcome, Visitors!

If you are a visitor at our Masses, please take a minute to sign our Guestbook. It is located in our main lobby in the right outer corner, near the Suggestion Box. Thank you for choosing to celebrate Mass with us!



FLAME OF LOVE

September 23, 2025

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

7:00 PM

September 24, 2025

Confessions will be heard



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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OUR PROVIDER HAS A NEW
MOBILE APP**

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 SEPTEMBER 21-28

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of

John and Maria Walakovits

Offered by Dorothy Holderman

Blessed Mother Vigil Lights

Will burn this week in memory of

William and Pauline Kuchera

Offered by the Kuchera Family

PIEROGIES

Mark your Calendars:

October Pierogi making will take place on Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7, With pick on Tuesday, Oct. 7 after 1pm. We need help with clean-up on Wednesday, October 8.

MASSSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

DECEASED: Joan Delpizzo, Anna Schoch, Frank Nemeth, Edmund Chandler, Mel and Ann Procanyn

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

PREP classes begin the week of September 21, and registration is still open. Please visit our website www.carloacutisprep.org for more information.

Join our choir!



All voices are welcome, no audition required. Come experience the joy of making music together. Choir Practice is on Monday at 6:15pm. Please join us on the choir loft.

BUS TRIP TO MOUNT HOPE ESTATE AND WINERY

Calling all amateur Sleuths!!

Now accepting reservations for our Bus Trip to Mr. Hope Estate and Winery, Manheim, PA. On Wednesday, March 4, 2026. It's an interactive culinary "Who-Done-It" Murder Mystery experience. Theme is taking place in 1876 and Celebrating America's 100th Birthday. Opportunity to become a detective, interrogator or suspect while enjoying a 4 course dinner.

Trip includes transportation, Show and Dinner, wine tasting, refreshments and snacks on the bus, Driver gratuity. Limited Seating-

Cost: \$130/PP. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is due at time of reservation. Balance is due no later than January 22, 2026. For reservations or if you have any questions, please call Beverly Sobchak, 610-767-1887.

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 11 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



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Catholic School is accepting enrollment for the 2025-26 school year 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 Nochtton, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com



Join us at
Viking Nation!

ENROLL TODAY FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

Contact Admissions Director Cara Meskill at cmeskill@acchs.info with questions or to tour the campus.

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LECTORS' WORKBOOKS

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

LUCKY CALENDARS

Will be available for sale following all weekend Masses and at the office.

GAZA STRIP COLLECTION

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Catholics in the United States to assist in addressing this humanitarian crisis in Gaza and neighboring areas, by donating to a special collection on September 27-28. The funds realized will be forwarded to the Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Near East Association to support their continued work in the form of food, clean water, medical supplies for the sick and the wounded as well as cash assistance in Gaza and the surrounding areas.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with some minor painting and cleanup around the Church. We have exterior doors that need some sanding, priming, and painting. Additionally, we need a two person crew to pressure wash some exterior areas at the Church. We have the power washer. You may volunteer on weekdays or the weekends, or anytime during the day. For more information, or to volunteer please contact Larry Tellup at 484.661. 7992 or Al Edelman at 484.515.6204

ST PETER HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Will be having a Fall Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, October 25). 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 September 27-28 and ending October 12.

Parents are truly
the primary catechists of their children

THE WHITEHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Will host their annual Cash Bingo on Friday, October 3, 2025 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 refreshments will be available.

PET BLESSING

Deacon Mike Kudla will be blessing the animals on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 12 Noon on the Church grounds (behind the convent) of Saint Peter in Coplay. Please make sure your animals are on a leash. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the office at 610.262.2417



MSGR. JAMES
is representing St. Peter in
the online competition.
100% of proceeds to
benefit St. Peter Parish

to vote and donate on line please visit:
www.cookswithcollars.com
You can also see Msgr. cook his famous
Grilled Eggplant



For those who are not able to use the online portal, please use the form below to submit your cash or check donation made out to St. Peter Church

Name:-----

Amount:-----

Message optional:-----

Thank you for making St. Peter a Winner



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