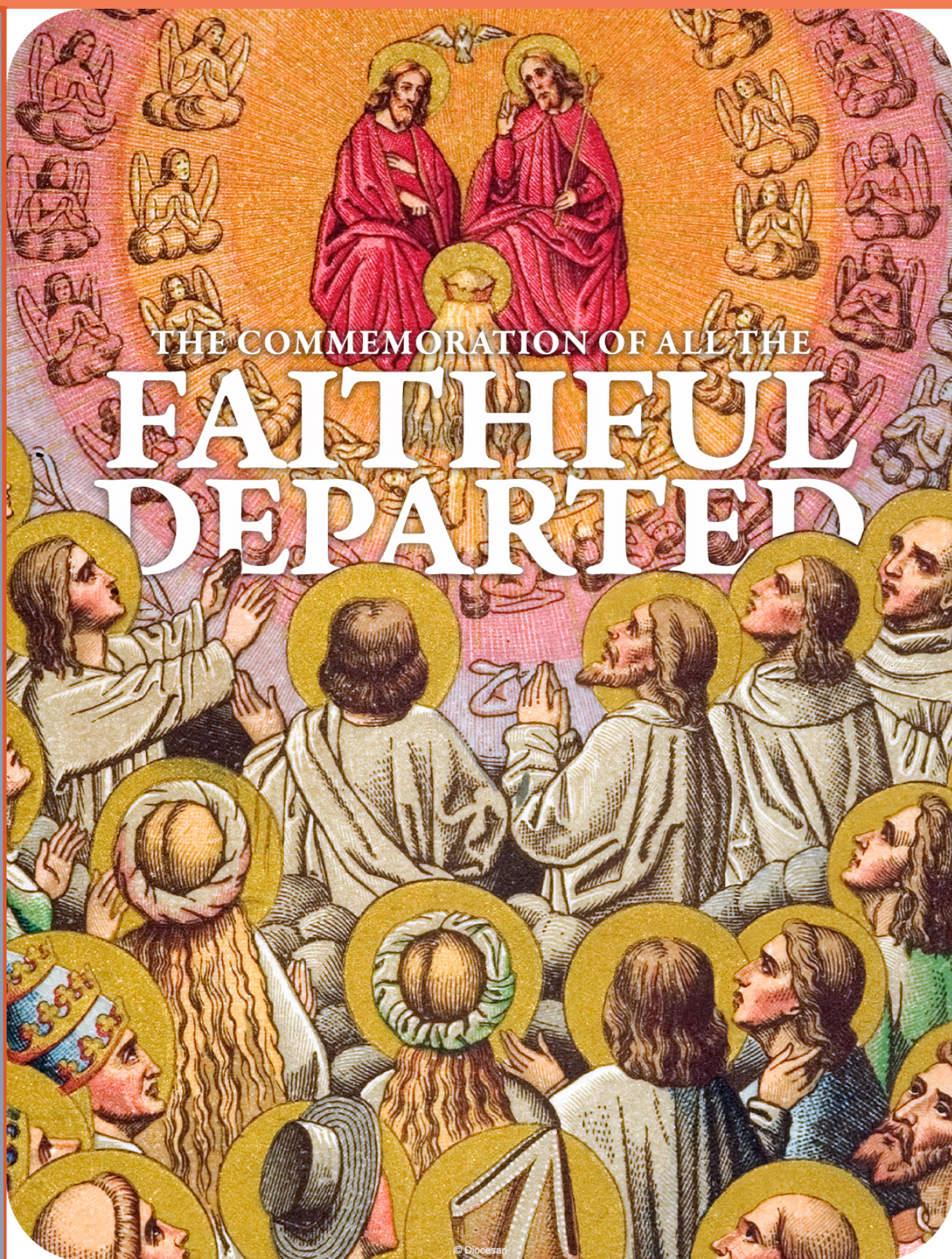




Saint Peter Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025





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 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



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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
November 2- November 9*

Sunday November 2nd All Souls Day

Macc 12:43-46, Rm 5:5-11; Mt 25:31-46

10:30AM Deceased Parishioners of Saint Peter

Monday November 3rd Weekday

Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday November 5th Weekday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

8:00AM Edward Koren

Friday November 7th Weekday

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

8:00AM Frank and Anna Dreisbach

Saturday November 8th Weekday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,12; 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

4:30PM Joe, Theresa, John and Nancy Solderitsch

**Sunday November 9th The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**

10:30AM Raymond and Christine Nika

Mass of Thanksgiving

60th Anniversary Blessing

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 10/26/2025

Basket collection \$4750.00 plus online \$961.00

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

November 4, 2025

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM

November 5, 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



**ONLINE GIVING
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 OCTOBER 12

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of Frank & Anna Dreisbach

Offered by Veronica Horvath

Saint Joseph Vigil Light

Will burn in memory of Frank Recker

Offered by Carolyn Recker

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

DECEASED: Helen Klucharich, Mel and Ann Procanyn, Carol Steier, Cynthia Bubba, William Wolfer

LUCKY CALENDARS

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

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

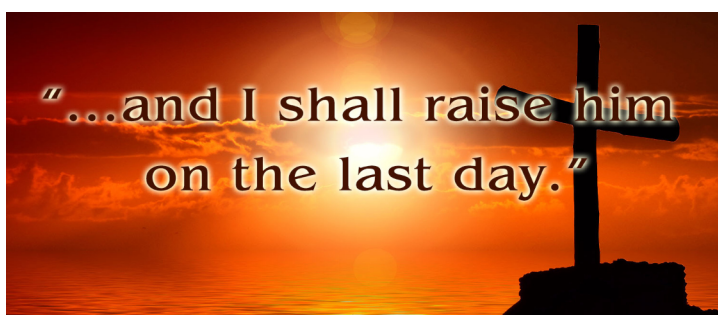
Mrs. Ginny Downey, DRE
Email—dre@carloacutisprep.org
website: www.carloacutisprep.org
610-261-0144

We're excited to announce the launch of the St. Carlo Acutis Regional Youth Group, formed by our six parishes! All students in grades 8–12 are invited to our inaugural event — Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 16 from 6:00–7:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall and Church. Come enjoy an evening of food, friendship, and faith as we kick off this exciting new ministry together. Please scan the QR code to RSVP and let us know what you will be bringing—and don't forget to bring a friend!



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

*Saint Peter Parish Forty Hours Devotions will take place on **Sunday, November 9, Monday, November 10, and Tuesday, November 11.** 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 are in the vestibule.*



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

Substitute Teachers Needed— we are currently seeking daily and long-term substitute teachers. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Parker directly at mrsparkergscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com. Substitute teachers must have all Diocesan Safe Environment requirements completed. Thank you for considering being a part of our school community!



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.

Academic Success. Catholic Values.

301 N Fourth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 | (610) 437-4601 | www.acchs.info

CASH BINGO

Proceeds to benefit Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th

St Peter's Church Social Hall 4 S 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 are greatly appreciated

Questions, please call Liz at 484.274.6687

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints' Day 8AM Mass at St. John the Baptist
2 Remembrance Mass followed by refreshments in the Hall	3	4 Flame of Love 6pm Finance Council Mtg. 7pm	5 Holy Hour 6pm	6 Communion Calls	7 Communion Calls	8 To Go Dinner Steak/ Sausage Sandwiches
9 last day to order Filling 40 Hours begins WCHI Bingo	10 40 Hours	11 40 Hours	12 No Holy Hour 6pm	13 Pastoral Council 6:30pm	14	15
16 Christmas Cookies order begins Children's Liturgy	17	18 Flame of Love 6pm	19 Holy Hour 6pm No Confessions	20	21	22
23 Ecumenical Service at Redeemer Church of God	24 8 am Mass at Saint Peter	25 No 8am Mass Bus Trip to Christmas Show	26 Holy Hour 6pm	27 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	28 Office Closed	29
30 Christmas Cookies order due						

NOVEMBER TO GO DINNER CHEESESTEAK OR SAUSAGE & PEPPER

CHOICE OF
SAUSAGE
OR
CHEESESTEAK
COLE SLAW
CHIPS
COOKIES
SODA

ONLY
\$12

PICK-UP SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2026
BETWEEN 4-6PM IN
THE CHURCH HALL

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

NAME-----

PHONE-----

CHEESESTEAK----- SAUSAGE-----

AMOUNT ENCLOSED-----CASH-----CHECK-----



St. Peter Church

October 7, 2025
Memorial of the Most Holy Rosary

Dear Parishioners,

The parish financial year ended on June 30, 2025. With the guidance of the parish finance committee, I am happy to present to you a summary of parish's financial status at the end of fiscal year. The summary is on the reverse side of this letter and will also be published in the quarterly parish newsletter, *Saint Peter Parish Post*. Your generosity throughout the year makes it possible for our parish to function and to continue to proclaim the gospel message. The many spiritual activities that Saint Peter's undertakes each year are made possible because of your financial commitment to the parish.

We are fortunate to have very dedicated and stalwart members of the financial committee. George Kinek, Allen Edelman, and Frank Marth, and Kathy Betz, along with Michelle Ahern, our parish financial secretary, keep a keen eye on parish finances. They assist in reviewing spending and fundraising, the parish and cemetery investments, and the various capital improvements that keep the parish facilities in good shape. I would also like to thank Lina Abi-Samra, parish secretary, for keeping the rectory office running with the many duties of producing the weekly bulletin, keeping the parish calendar, keeping track of the members, and, most of all, keeping my calendar, which is no easy task, and many thanks to Larry Tellup, who oversees the physical plant.

During the past fiscal year, we welcomed the Evangelizing Sisters of Mercy to our parish convent. Because of your generosity over the years, we were able to renovate the convent. I want to also thank the members of the Altar and Rosary Society for providing the furnishings for the renovated rooms in the convent. The renovations to the convent were the most significant capital improvement made to the parish facilities in the last fiscal year. Because of some issues that we did not anticipate at the beginning of the project, the overall cost of the renovations was more than we planned for and resulted in the budget deficit you will see on the reverse side of this letter. Thankfully, we had the funds on hand to fully fund the deficit and since that time, the parish investments have grown so that deficit has been repaid.

During the same period of time, the parish welcomed 12 new souls through the Sacrament of Baptism. 5 children received their First Holy Communion, and 7 children were confirmed. There were 6 weddings in the parish. The Sacrament of the Sick was administered to 63 persons. 39 parishioners passed away. We added a number of persons to the homebound list, so that with the assistance of Deacon Kudla, 22 persons are visited on a monthly basis.

This past fiscal year was also significant in that it was the first year that Saint Peter Parish shared a pastor with Saint John the Baptist Parish. This twinning means that Saint Peter is responsible for only ½ of the pastor's salary and benefits. Overall, thanks to your cooperation, this transition has gone very smoothly. The most common comment that I have heard is that the Masses are full again.

As we continue on, please continue to be as generous to the parish as you can through your weekly contributions and perhaps increase it if you can. Please continue to support our fundraising events. Your contributions, prayers, and volunteer efforts will continue us to help proclaim the Gospel. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor David L. James, Pastor

Parish Financial Report

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Income

Sunday Collection	311,764.00
Other Collection	40,200.00
Christmas & Flowers Collection	19,252.00
Easter & Flowers Collection	12,259.00
Memorials/Donations	23,472.00
Stole Fees	11,260.00
Fundraising	161,516.00
AD Times	884.00
Votive Candles	2,395.00
Building Rentals	11,362.00
Miscellaneous	45,974.00
Capital Improvements	23,517.00
Total	\$ 663,855.00

Expenses

Administration	198,704.00
Religious Education	18,516.00
Good Shepherd School Subsidy	106,269.00
Church and Social Hall	101,465.00
Rectory	36,521.00
Convent	16,903.00
Insurance & Taxes	34,497.00
Diocesan Assessments	56,472.00
Fundraising	79,961.00
Capital Expenditures	78,261.00
Total	\$ 727,569.00

Total Income	\$ 663,855.00
Total Expense	\$ (727,569.00)
Net	\$ (63,714.00)

Cemetery Financial Report

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Income

Lots	16,373.00
Crypts/Niche Sales	14,484.00
Foundations	802.00
Inscriptions	515.00
Internments/Entombments	18,200.00
Endowed Care	5,543.00
Miscellaneous	29,075.00

Total	\$ 84,992.00
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Expenses

Administration	1,341.00
Maintenance	30,893.00
Capital Improvements	-

Total	\$ 32,234.00
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Total Income	\$ 84,992.00
Total Expense	\$ (32,234.00)
Net	\$ 52,758.00

Get ready for our

FILLING & Pickled Cabbage SALE

ORDERS DUE
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Filling \$8.00 per 2 lb. containers
Pickled Cabbage \$5.00 per 1 lb. containers

Pick-up in the Church Hall
Tuesday, November 25 between 3 & 6PM

Name:-----

Phone:-----

Filling:-----@\$8.00

Pickled Cabbage:-----@\$5.00

Total Enclosed:-----Check #-----

