

# *Saint Peter Church*

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



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023



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## PARISH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Msgr. David L. James V.G., J.C.L.

**PASTORS EMERITI:** Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin

Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges

**PERMANENT DEACON:** Mr. Thomas Reimer

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra

**FINANCE MANAGER:** Mr. Cyrus Doyle

**DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.:** Mrs. Linda Johnson

**MASS SCHEDULE:** DAILY: 8 A.M. ~ Chapel (*except Monday & Saturday*)

Saturday Evening: 4:00 P.M. Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

**PENANCE:** Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 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 priest & Deacons perform this service monthly. 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)

**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](http://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.*



**Sunday May 14th 6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21  
8:00 AM Edward and Theresa Koren  
10:30 AM Jerome Dancheck

**Monday May 15th Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a  
No Morning Mass

**Tuesday May 16th Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11  
8:00AM Saint Peter Parishioners

**Wednesday May 17th Easter Weekday**

Acts 17:15,22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15  
8:00AM Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.  
6:30PM James Sedora

**Thursday May 18th Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11 ; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20  
8:00 AM Saint Peter Parishioners

**Friday May 19th Easter Weekday**

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23  
8:00AM Mary T. Frisch

**Saturday May 20th Easter Weekday**

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM William Bock

**Sunday May 21st 7th Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society  
10:30AM Holy Name Society

**Masses said by Retired Priests and Missionaries:**

**Deceased:** Charles Frisch, Frank Bodisch,  
Joe Fatul, Mel and Ann Procanyn, Walter Kenkel

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 05/07/2023**

**Basket collection \$5620.00 plus online \$570.00**

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 ~TUESDAYS**

Rosary and Benediction 6:00-7:00PM



**HOLY HOUR**

Confessions will be heard.

Wednesday 05/17/2023

7:00-8:00pm



**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS**

The Sanctuary Light

will burn this week in memory of  
Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed., Jr.

Blessed Mother Vigil light

will burn in memory of  
Frank and Mary Klepeiss

Gary Green

Saint Joseph Vigil Light

Will burn in memory of  
William Bock

Gary Green



**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



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Everyone is invited to join the members of the Altar and Rosary Society as they lead us in reciting the Rosary before all weekend Masses during the month of May.

**Pierogies**

*Calling all Volunteers*

We will be making pierogies on the 15th and 16th of May.

Pick up will be Tuesday, May 16 after 1PM





**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL 1300 Newport Avenue Northampton**

We are accepting enrollment for the 23-24 school year for students entering grades K-8, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years Old). For more information regarding enrollment, or to set up a tour please call or email Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi, Advancement Director at 610.262.9171 or [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com)

Good Shepherd Catholic School will be part of the Diocesan **Make a Joyful Noise** Contest. This contest will run from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. We need your votes! [www.weloveourcatholicchools.com](http://www.weloveourcatholicchools.com) beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> to cast your vote please visit . Videos will be posted on the school and parish website as well. Thank you for your votes!



**HOLY APOSTLES RE** 610.261.0144 or [holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org](mailto:holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org)

Office Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays Office Hours remain the same until 6/18/2023

No Classes Summer Break

Any questions or to volunteer please call Linda at 610.261.0144

We are looking for volunteers for next school year, if you are willing to donate some time please call the Office.



**OFFICE CLOSING**

In observance of The Ascension of the Lord, the office will be closed on

Thursday, May 18.

We will see you on Friday, May 19.

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC**

On this Mother's Day weekend please remember all mothers in every circumstance, Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves, who are managing busy schedules, dealing with outside influences and may have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese for assistance. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org)

**2023 LUCKY CALENDARS**

Are still available at the parish office. Each \$25 calendar is a winner when it matches the PA Lottery evening Pick-3 number. They are ideal birthday gifts. Calendars are valid for all drawings after the date of purchase.



**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**

Place: Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church  
3300 7th St. Whitehall

Phone: 610.434.8661

Time: 4-6PM

Meals are guaranteed for the first 100 guests.

Sit Down Only!



**THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS**

Council 4050

Is hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Cay Galgon Life House in Bethlehem whose mission is to prepare pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance. On your way out of the Church please see one of the Knights and pick up a bottle or two and fill them with your donations. The bottles will be collected the week-end of May 20-21 and May 27-28

The Knights of Columbus appreciate and thank you for your support. If you have any questions or need more information, please call 610.751.3645 or email [Galfano162@aol.com](mailto:Galfano162@aol.com)

**FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE**

Hosted by: Annunciation BVM Church  
122 Union St. Catasauqua

Date: May 21, 2023

The day begins at 7:45 with a Formal Procession into Church. Masses at 8 and 10:30AM, Eucharistic Adoration at 9 and 11:30, Confessions at 9:10, Rosary at 10, 12:30PM Speaker, Rosary and Fatima Prayers, Blessing of Scapulars, 1:15PM Closing Benediction. 1:30-5:00PM Private devotion



Dear Parishioners,

*As part of the Diocese of Allentown, we mourn the death of Bishop Edward P. Cullen, the third Bishop of Allentown. Bishop Cullen was 90 years old and until recently remained active, exercising regularly, and writing on spiritual topics, especially the Holy Spirit. I had the honor of working with Bishop Cullen from 2005, when he appointed me to be the General Secretary of the Second Synod of Allentown, and later as Vicar for Synod Implementation until his retirement in 2009. Please pray for his eternal rest and the consolation of his family and those who worked with him both in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and here in the Diocese of Allentown.*

*The Committee for the Corpus Christi Procession met last week, and planning is under way. The Holy Name Society will carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament. Members of the Altar and Rosary Society will lead the recitation of the Rosary during the procession. I would ask that the parish lectors and Eucharistic Ministers would also take part in the procession. We will also need members of the choir and parish cantors to help lead the singing during the procession and during the three Benediction ceremonies. We will need the assistance of all the parish altar servers for the procession. More details will be coming.*

*If your children or grandchildren would be interested in taking part, we would like to have children scatter flower petals before the Blessed Sacrament, which is an old custom. Another custom associated with the procession are chalk drawings of various religious symbols drawn on the sidewalk along the route of the procession. Any children who would like to participate in either of these activities should contact Mrs. Linda Johnson, our DRE at 610.261.0144 . This is a good opportunity to complete service hours for Confirmation.*

*Please put your statues of the Blessed Mother in your windows the week before to implore Mary's intercession for good weather. Our weather guru, Jim Kern, has checked his weather prediction sites and has predicted good weather. But we need all the help we can get.*

*Finally, I am happy to announce two parishioners have generously donated the cost of the two adoring angel statues that will be placed next to the tabernacle. We welcome donations to defray the cost of the two pedestals that the angels will rest on, as well as the new lowering mechanism for the sanctuary lamp. Each pedestal will cost \$3000.00. They will be made of oak and will match the wood of the pews. The lowering mechanism (counterbalance) will cost \$1500.00. If you would like to make a donation to cover the cost of any of these items, in whole or in part, please contact the rectory. Thank you for your generous support for the beautification of the church.*

*May God continue to bless you and your families.*

*"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best."*