

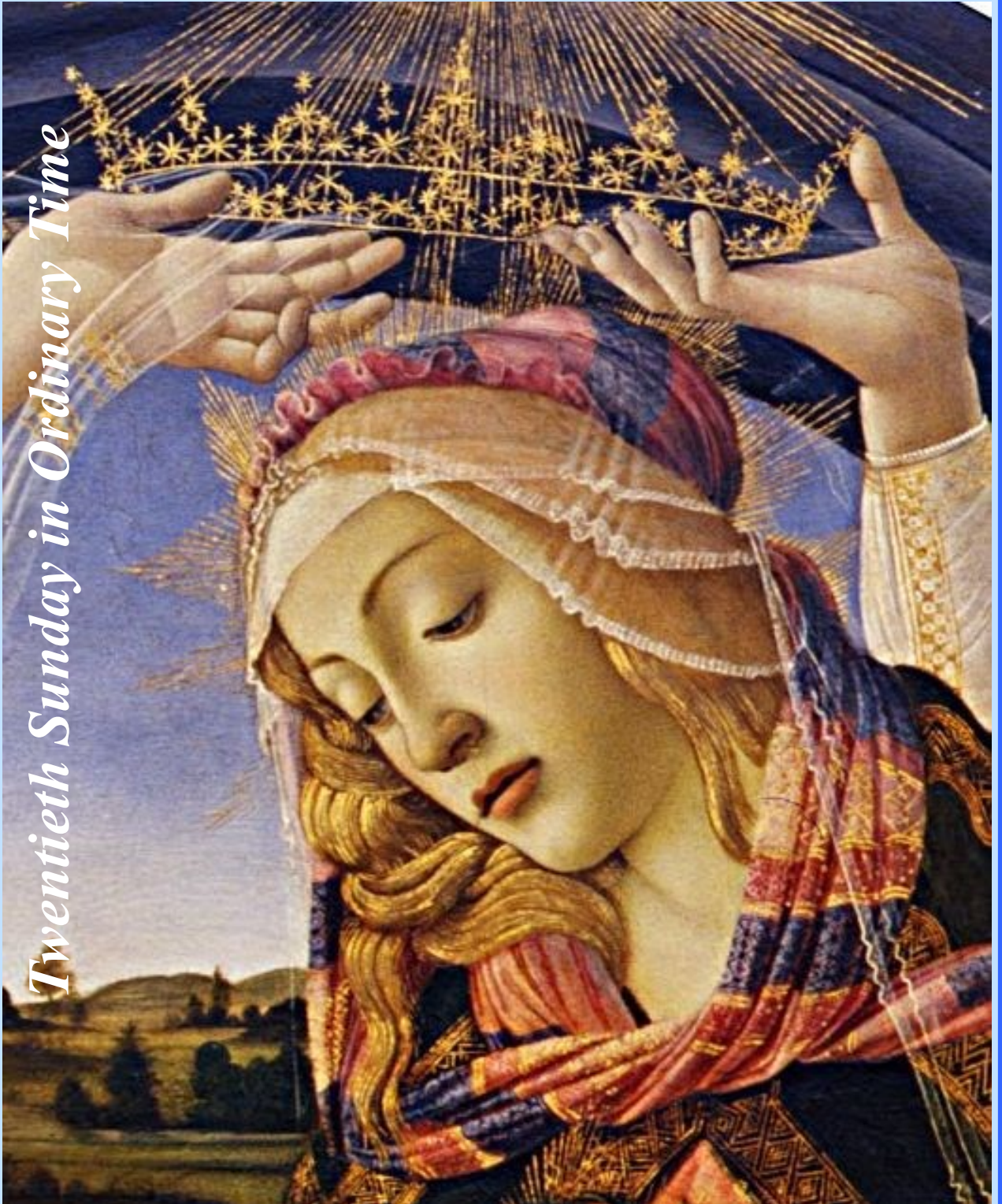
# *Saint Peter Church*

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



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023**

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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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.

**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 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)

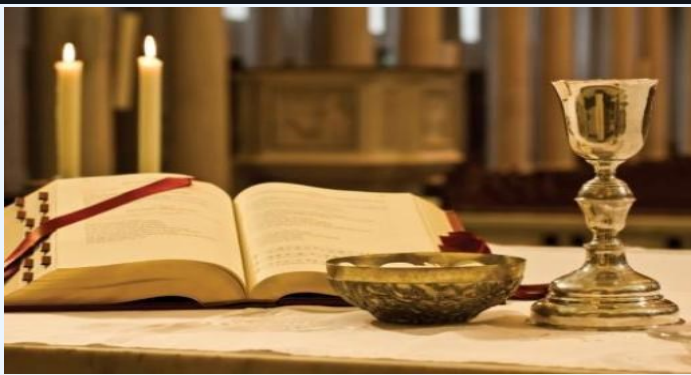
**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE** If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.



### 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 August 20th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society

10:30 AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

**Monday August 21st Saint Pius X, Pope**

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

No Morning Mass

**Tuesday August 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

8:00AM Patrick and Anna Yagerhofer

**Wednesday August 23rd Weekday**

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

8:00AM Rosa and Stephen Rengert

**Thursday August 24th Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

8:00 AM Mary T Frisch

**Friday August 25th Weekday**

Ru 1:1,3-6, 14b-16,22; Mt 22:34-40

8:00AM Steven Steirer

**Saturday August 26th Weekday**

Ru 2:1-3,8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM Jim Sedora

**Sunday August 27th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Saint Peter Parishioners

10:30AM Holy Name Society

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 08/12/2023**

**Basket collection \$5187.00 plus online \$353.00**

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  
on Wednesday, August 23, 2023



**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS**

Sanctuary Light

Will burn in memory of

Mary T Frisch

Requested by

Dorothy Holderman



**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

**SAINT PETER CHOIR**

New Year's Resolutions?

For the majority of us, they have fallen by the way-side many moons ago.

To appease your conscience, think about a new one that starts after Labor Day. If you can sing – join the choir – you'll go home with a feeling of accomplishment – and perhaps even humming a tune!

Practice dates and times to follow.





### **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 Ms. Erica Nochton, Advancement Director at 610.262.9171 or [msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com) Summer office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9am-1pm*



### **HOLY APOSTLES RE**

[holypostlesre@holypostlesre.org](mailto:holypostlesre@holypostlesre.org) 610.261.0144

Office Hours : M-W 10-5; Th 12-6; closed Fridays

Service Hours: Help set up at the Ed Center & St. Peter Pierogi making.

*The Center will be closed from 7/27-8/9*

*Please drop off your registration forms in the drop box at the Ed. Center.*

*Grades 4, 6, 7, Monday Classes are closed.*

*We are still looking for teachers for grades 3 on Wednesday, and grade 6 on Monday please call the office if interested.*

*Call the office if interested in Confirmation Service Hours at the Center on 8/14 and 8/16.*



### **HELP MINISTRY**

*We are a volunteer group trying to help and serve our elderly parishioners in need of transportation to Church, doctors' appointments,*

*shopping, etc...If you would like to help, please call Tom Schwindy at 610.261.3640 (H) or 484.747.2315 (C)*

*"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others...When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"*

*Pope Francis*

### **For God and Country Concert**

*Join in a medley of patriotic music and songs by the choirs of the Cathedral Parish. Scripture, patriotic readings and reflection. First responders are welcome and invited to wear their uniforms. A free will offering will be taken. Sunday, September 10, 2 PM Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on 18th & Turner Streets, Allentown.*

### **Central Catholic High School**

**301 N Fourth Street**

**Allentown, PA 18102**

**Academic Success \* Catholic Values**

**Enroll today for the 23-24 School**

**Year! Outstanding Academic opportu-**

**nities in a faith-filled community. Call**

**or email to schedule an in-person visit! Contact Cara**

**Meskill, Director of Admissions at 610-437-4601 ext.**

**148 or [cmeskill@acchs.info](mailto:cmeskill@acchs.info). Financial aid and**

**Scholarships are available.**



### **Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage**



*Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for*

*marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.*

### **YOUR TREASURE'S MYSTERIES UNLOCKED AT THE CATHEDRAL**

*Be a spectator or have an in-depth evaluation of your keepsakes at the Antique Treasure Show. 5:30 to 9:30 PM on Saturday, Sept. 23rd in the Walson Center, 210 N. 18th St. Allentown, PA. Enjoy wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres, desserts & coffee. Plus, Silent & Live Auction of Unique Items. Benefits Maintenance & Repairs at Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena. Tickets at door \$30; \$25 in advance. For more Information visit [Cathedral-church.org](http://Cathedral-church.org), or*

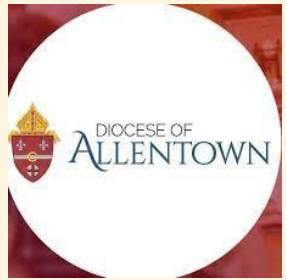






### ST. JOSEPH IN THE HILLS RETREAT FOR MEN

Men in the Diocese of Allentown are invited to a period of refreshment, release, calming, learning, concentrating on the most important gift: your life, a gift from God. The retreat called 'St. Joseph in the Hills' will take place at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. The Lehigh Valley men's retreat group, dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, would like to invite you to experience the same excitement and awe that we feel on our yearly weekend. Learn, reflect, and increase your personal communion with the Lord. Join us on the weekend of **August 25, 26, & 27, 2023**, Friday night to Sunday morning. To register, contact Anthony Scarselletti of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group by phone (610-393-4671) or by email: [OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com)



Each year, the Diocese of Allentown celebrates the Vocation of Marriage by offering a Mass for married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary. The couples are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass held each September.

### SAVE THE DATE!

The 2023 Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2023** at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown. If you are celebrating a special anniversary, we welcome you to register visit [allentowndiocese.org](http://allentowndiocese.org).



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 - 2 - 4:30 PM**

Presented by Blue Star Mothers - Lehigh Valley Chapter PA201

Wescosville Recreation Center

**5047 Hamilton Blvd. Allentown, PA 18103**

**\$25 per person in advance/\$30 at the door**

**15 Games + Specials**

**Doors open at 12:30**

**Food and Drinks available for purchase**

**Call Judy - 610-428-0778 or Sandy - 610-504-3336**



### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST RC CHURCH

3024 S Ruch St. Whitehall (Stiles) will have their Annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 3rd** from 1PM to 9PM on the parish grounds. Music provided by :

**The Pennsylvania Villagers 1-4PM & Joyous 5-9PM.**

All are invited to join us for delicious foods, including homemade pierogies, children's games, raffles, refreshments, and Bake Sale. Bring your lawn chair or use our tables and chairs under the tents. Free Parking. Rain or Shine



### Feast of St. Monica Holy Hour and Dinner with Bishop Schlert

On Sunday, August 27th, the Feast of St. Monica, the Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown, will preside at a Holy Hour for the members of the St. Monica Ministry. The Holy Hour will take place at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, beginning at 4:00pm. A buffet will follow in the parish center. All are welcome to take part in this very special evening of prayer and fellowship. For more information or to register, please email Celeste Behe at [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)