



Saint Peter Church

Sunday, December 14, 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 1sr 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.



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 December 14- December 21

Sunday December 14th Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
10:30AM Michael Yaroma

Monday December 15th Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
No Morning Mass

Wednesday December 17th Late Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
8:00AM Mary and Sam Schmidt

Friday December 19th Our Lady of Guadalupe
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25
8:00AM August Ivankovits Jr

Saturday December 20th Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
4:30PM Mary Molchany

Sunday December 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30AM Altar and Rosary Society and
Holy Name Society
Children's Liturgy



FLAME OF LOVE

December 16th, 2025

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM

December 17th, 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 DECEMBER

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of Frank Bodisch

Offered by Kathy Bodisch

Saint Joseph Vigil Light

Will burn this week in memory of Sam Schmidt

Blessed Mother Vigil Light

Will burn in memory of Mary Schmidt

Offered by Mary Beth Schmidt

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

Health: Shayne and Kerry Jones

Deceased: Helen Klucharich, John Klucsarits, John Velekei, Jeffrey Karo



Don't forget to order your Oplatki/Christmas wafers. Each wafer is \$1.00. Please call the rectory at 610.262.2417 to place your order or pick up. We have a very limited supply.

STOCKING STUFFERS



Are you in need of Stocking Stuffers or a special gift for the special people in your family? Please consider purchasing a yearly Lucky Calendar for the price of \$25 and 365 chances to win.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

Mrs. Ginny Downey, DRE
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website: www.carloacutisprep.org
610-261-0144

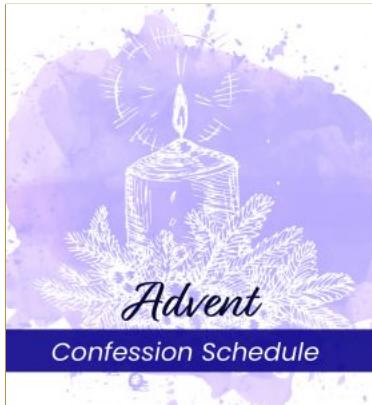
Please refer to the above website for ALL PREP information.



Give yourself the gift of encouragement for the new year. Register for the Divorce Recovery class, a national program created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced

the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Whether you are newly separated/divorced or still experiencing painful issues years later this program can help. Participants receive expert Catholic guidance to work through practical and emotional troubles brought on by the family breakdown. Topics covered include custody, court hearings and finances as well as the emotional ups and downs of anger, regret, and unforgiveness. Past participants have said they appreciate the program's deep insights of God's personal love for us and desire to heal us. This program has been running twice and three times per year since January 2023. Participants have consistently given it high marks on the end-of-class surveys.

Start date is January 12, 2026, and end date is March 16, 2026. Meetings are Mondays, 6:15 – 7:15pm for ten weeks. Location is St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall 18052 in the large Meeting room on the second floor of the parish office. The cost is free. To register, contact Jane Zingelman: jting@gmail.com.



Confession Schedule

Advent Confession Schedule

Saint Peter:

Wednesday, December 17

8:30-9:30am

Saturday, 12/20/25

3:30-4:15pm

Saint John the Baptist

Thursday, December 18 7:30-8:30am and 6:30-7:30pm (for both Churches)



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Catholic School is accepting enrollment for the 2025-26 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 Nochton, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at

msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com

Good Shepherd Catholic School is hiring! We are looking for a faith-filled, energetic Early Childhood teacher to take over in our Preschool beginning in January. Please send your resume to Mrs. Parker at mrsparkergscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com if you are interested or for more information.



COPLAY FOOD PANTRY

During the season of Advent, we will be collecting food items for

the Coplay Food Pantry.

Please make sure the items that you are donating are not outdated. They are in need of microwavable food... spaghetti sauce, rice pouches, fruit cups, tuna, Hormel meals, canned pasta, apple sauce, paper products, soaps, spam, instant potatoes, noodles, crackers, Jell-O, oatmeal, cooking oil, canned vegetables, etc. No big items please. Please drop off your donations in the containers in the vestibules.



St. John's will be holding their next blood drive at their parish hall on Monday, December 29th.

Our goal is 40 registered donors.

We hope our friends from St. Peter's can join us in this important endeavor to save lives. We also encourage you to invite your family and friends to do the same so we may have a successful drive.

Please contact Lisa at 610-737-0847 for sign up information.



See The Annunciation
as never before this Advent.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL ADORATION EVENT

Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:00-8:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church, 740 Cherry Street, West Reading, PA 19611

GUEST SPEAKER: DEACON DOMINIC CIVITELLA

Will be our *visio divina* guide from 6-7 pm, followed by silent adoration from 7-8 pm.

What is *visio divina*, and what exactly does divine seeing mean for an ordinary Catholic?

If you've ever been in a church adorned with beautiful art or stained glass, you may already know more than you think you do!

Simply put, *visio divina* is a form of contemplative prayer that involves spiritual meditation accompanied by sacred images.

Think about how a striking crucifix becomes an invitation to encounter Our Lord's Passion more deeply. The visual image of His wounded side, pierced hands, and bloody head helps us recognize the reality of Our Lord's sacrifice. It mix up sentiments of gratitude, awe, and love. By engaging one's senses, emotions, and imagination, *visio divina* can be a fruitful way to deepen one's prayer life.

Deacon Civitella will guide the reflection on "The Annunciation," by Henry Ossawa Tanner. In a world full of images clamoring for our attention, often harmful, *visio divina* will refocus our minds and hearts this Advent season in preparation for the birth of our Savior.

There is no need to RSVP for this free event. For any questions, please contact Maggie Riggion, Executive Director of Evangelization and Formation, Diocese of Allentown via phone 610-664-0916 Ext. 2022 or email mriggion@diocesedelval.org.



This event is sponsored by the Lausus Clericorum of the Diocese of Allentown whose mission is to offer relief and the faithful in the fight against poverty and to help the elderly, the disabled, the poor, the sick, and families in need. All proceeds will be used to support the Diocese and to help the faithful of the Diocese so that such are not harmed by poverty. For more information visit www.diacles.org.



TIS THE SEASON FOR THE GIVING TREE

The tree is located in the back of the Church. Tags are placed on the tree for different items that are needed. Please take a tag, and purchase that item, and place the unwrapped item under the tree with the tag attached. If you are donating gift cards, you may drop them off in the collection baskets in an envelope labeled Gift Card or in the mail slot at the rectory. Your donations will be sent to Catholic Charities.

HelpOurMarriage.org RETRouveILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille of Delaware Valley is a Catholic-based program to help marriages that are stressed or in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped countless married couples in all stages of disillusionment or distress. Retrouvaille can help your marriage too. No marriage is beyond hope. The next program will be held at The Family Life Center at the Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA on February 6-8, 2026. All calls are confidential. For more information call 215-766-3944 or visit the web site at www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Flame of Love 6pm	3 Holy Hour 6pm	4 Communion Calls	5 Communion Calls	
7 Fellowship gathering following the 10:30 Mass	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8am Mass St. Peter 6:30pm Mass St. John Office Closed	9 Flame of Love 6pm	10 Holy Hour 6pm No confessions	11 Nativity lighting (in Front of convent)	12	
14 Bambinelli Sunday Altar and Rosary Society Christmas Luncheon 1PM	15	16 Flame of Love 6pm	17 8:30-9:30am Confessions at St. Peter Holy Hour 6pm No confessions	18 Confessions at St John 7:30-8:30am and 6:30pm-7:30pm	19	
21 Children's Liturgy	22	23 Christmas Cookies Pick-up 4-6pm Flame of Love 6pm	24 4pm Masses at both Churches 9:00pm Mass at St. Peter Office Closed MERRY CHRIST	25 9:30 am Mass at St. John Office Closed MAS	26 Office Closed	27 Blessing of Wine at 8:00am Mass at St. John Blessing of Families at 4:30pm Mass at St. Peter
28 Blessing of Families	29 DMI Meeting at 7pm	30 Flame of Love 6pm	31 NO HOLY HOUR Office Closed Happy New Year			