



# Saint Peter Church

Sunday, December 14, 2025

JOY

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*





## 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](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT** Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email: [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.



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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  
December 14- December 21*

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

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

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

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

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

**Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30AM Altar and Rosary Society and  
Holy Name Society**  
**\*\*\*Children's Liturgy\*\*\***

**Stewardship Corner  
Week of Sunday 12/07/2025**

**Basket collection \$5963.00 plus online \$1673.00**  
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**



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.



**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



**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 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

**MASSSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS**

**Health:** Shayne and Kerry Jones

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



**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](http://www.carloacutisprep.org)  
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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: [jtzing@gmail.com](mailto:jtzing@gmail.com).*



### **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 Nochtton, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at

[msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto: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 [mrsparkegscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:mrsparkegscs@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.*



GIVE  
BLOOD.  
GIVE  
LIFE.

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 *vizio divina* guide from 6-7 pm, followed by silent adoration from 7-8 pm.


What is *vizio divina*, and what exactly does *divina* seeing mean for us ordinary Catholics?  
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, *vizio divina* is a form of contemplative prayer that involves prayerful 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 stirs up sentiments of gratitude, awe, and love. By engaging one's senses, emotions, and imagination, *vizio 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, *vizio 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 Higgins, Executive Director of Evangelization and Formation, Diocese of Allentown via phone 610-866-0976 Ext. 3022 or email [maggie@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:maggie@allentowndiocese.org).

This event is sponsored by the Laus Dei Committee of the Diocese of Allentown whose mission is to effectively call the faithful to the light against pornography through formation, education, encouragement, and resources. Allentown clergy, religious, individuals, parents, spouses, children, and families the Committee wants to ensure and protect the dignity given us by God while striving to provide freedom, protection, and healing to the faithful of the Diocese so that souls are not harmed by pornography. For more information visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org).

*The Giving Tree* 

**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

**RETROUVAILLE**

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](http://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	13 
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			