

Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

INTO
the
DESERT



PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. David L. James J.C.L.
PASTORS EMERITI: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
PERMANENT DEACON: Mr. Michael Kudla
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra
FINANCE MANAGER: Mrs. Michelle Ahern
DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.: Mrs. Linda Johnson

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: 3:15 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

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

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email:
pruso@allentowndiocese.org

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 www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com



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610.262.2417



610.262.2652

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
March 9—March 16, 2025**

Sunday March 9th First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
10:30AM Gregory Klucharich

Monday March 10th Lenten Weekday

Lv19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday March 12th Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
8:00 AM Travis Szerencits

Friday March 14th Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
8:00AM Louis Stumpf

Saturday March 15th Lenten Weekday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
4:30PM Dorothea Duncan

Sunday March 16th Second Sunday of Lent

10:30AM Altar and Rosary Society

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 03/03/2025

Basket collection \$5624.00 plus online \$1198.00

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



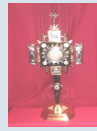
RICE BOWL

During this Lenten Season we should be attentive to the needs of the poor. Your prayers and generosity extended to the needy will bring blessings to them and Glory to God.



FLAME OF LOVE

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

Wednesday March 12, 2025
6:00PM
Followed by Lenten Series at 7:00PM



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

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- One

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- 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



SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory of Travis Szerencits
Offered by John Szerencits

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Vigil LIGHTS

Will burn in memory of Thomas Gitch
Offered by Lurana Gitch

SAINT JOSEPH Vigil LIGHTS

Will burn in memory of the Deceased Members of the Mondschein Family
Offered by Peter Mondschein

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

Health: Teddy Weiner, Richard Girard

Deceased: George Pavelko Jr., Elsie Selady, John Mikovits, Richard Sweeney, Kelly Ann Gemmell

Stations of the Cross

with Benediction

every Friday during Lent

4:30pm at St. John the Baptist
7pm at Saint Peter



In the Cross is Salvation;
In the Cross is life;
In the Cross is protection against our enemies
in the Cross is infusion of the heavenly sweetness;
In the Cross is strength of mind;
In the Cross is joy of spirit;
In the Cross is excellence of virtue;
In the Cross is perfection of holiness;
There is no salvation of souls nor hope of eternal life;
Save in the Cross



With Monsignor James and Deacon Mike Kudla



LENTEN SERIES: The Nicene Creed

Join us every Wednesday, beginning
Wednesday, March 12, at 7pm in the
Church Hall.

Please bring a Bible with you.



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(3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more in-
formation, please call the Advancement
Director at 610-262-9171



HOLY APOSTLES RE

610.261.0144 or holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org
Office Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays

Monday, March 17 No Classes

Wednesday, March 19, Stations of the Cross at 6PM
at Holy Trinity all classes attend.

March 22nd First Communion Retreat at St. Peter
From 9-12pm

COPLAY FOOD PANTRY

During the season of Lent, we will be collecting food
items for the Coplay Food Bank. Containers will be pro-
vided in the vestibule. **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, ap-
plesauce, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, crackers, paper
products, toiletries....No big items please.



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #4050



Please join us for some Lenten
meals with family & friends.

Friday March 14, 21 & 28
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
(April 4 snow make-up date, if needed)
St. John the Baptist Social Hall
(Corner of Chestnut St. & Ruth St., Whitehall)
Carry-Out available

Adult Fish Dinner	\$15.00
Pierogi Dinner	\$10.00
Child Fish Dinner	\$10.00
Child Mac & Cheese Dinner	\$5.00
Side of Pierogi	\$4.00
Side of Mac & Cheese	\$2.00

Dessert & beverage included with all dinners. Potatoes, corn,
coleslaw, applesauce & roll also included, depending on the dinner choice.

All proceeds will be donated in support of
Faith, Family, Community & Life



pilgrimage

13 days to Italy & Austria

TRAVEL WITH MSGR. DAVID L. JAMES

We will be visiting Rome, the Vatican, Assisi, Orvieto, Loretto, Florence, Siena, Padua, Salzburg, Burgenland, Eisenstadt, Vienna.

questions please call 610.262.2417

Trip includes: transportation from/to Coplay, Airfare, Taxes and fees, 4 or 5 star hotels, Transportation with luxury bus. All breakfasts and dinners, Guided tours, Luggage handling (1 carry-on and 1 suitcase)

DATE: October 12-24, 2025

COST: \$6,599.00 per person
make checks payable to:
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NOT INCLUDED: Lunch, Travel Insurance.

BOOK NOW

Due to high demands for rooms, late reservations may be housed at hotels separate from the main group.

For your convenience, registration lines are now open on the weekends.

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Assisi, Perugia province, Umbria region, central Italy. is famous as the birthplace of St. Francis, the founder of the Franciscan order. The town's most notable landmark is the Basilica of San Francesco. The two-story basilica consists of an upper church and a lower church. The crypt in the lower church was added in 1818 when the tomb of St. Francis was opened. The basilica is one of the greatest repositories of Early Renaissance fresco painting in Italy. Saint Francis is buried in the lower church Assisi was also the birthplace (1194) of St. Clare, the founder of the religious order known as the Poor Clares. The Basilica of Santa Chiara (St. Clare; 1257-65) contains her tomb. Enjoy peaceful walk on the streets of Assisi, Dinner and overnight in the town.

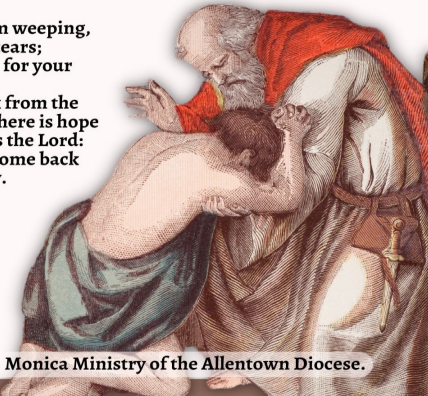
A Holy Hour of Petition and Hope

Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00pm
St. Theresa Church
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown

Please join us in asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the intercession of St. Monica for fallen-away Catholics and for those whose loved ones have left the Church.

Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work,
says the Lord:
they shall come back from the land of the enemy;
there is hope for your future,
says the Lord:
your children shall come back to their own country.

Jeremiah 31:16-17



Sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry of the Allentown Diocese.

DIVINE MERCY MISSION

Assumption BVM Church

22nd and Washington Ave.
Northampton, PA

Sunday, March 30
Monday, March 31

6:00 PM

Free Admission

Mercy Monday (Facebook Live)
in person
Monday, March 31
Queenship of Mary Church
3:00 PM



Live and in person:

Steve Angrisano

internationally recognized Catholic musician, composer, and passionate music missionary.

Join us for two evenings of his unique blend of story, song, and humor.