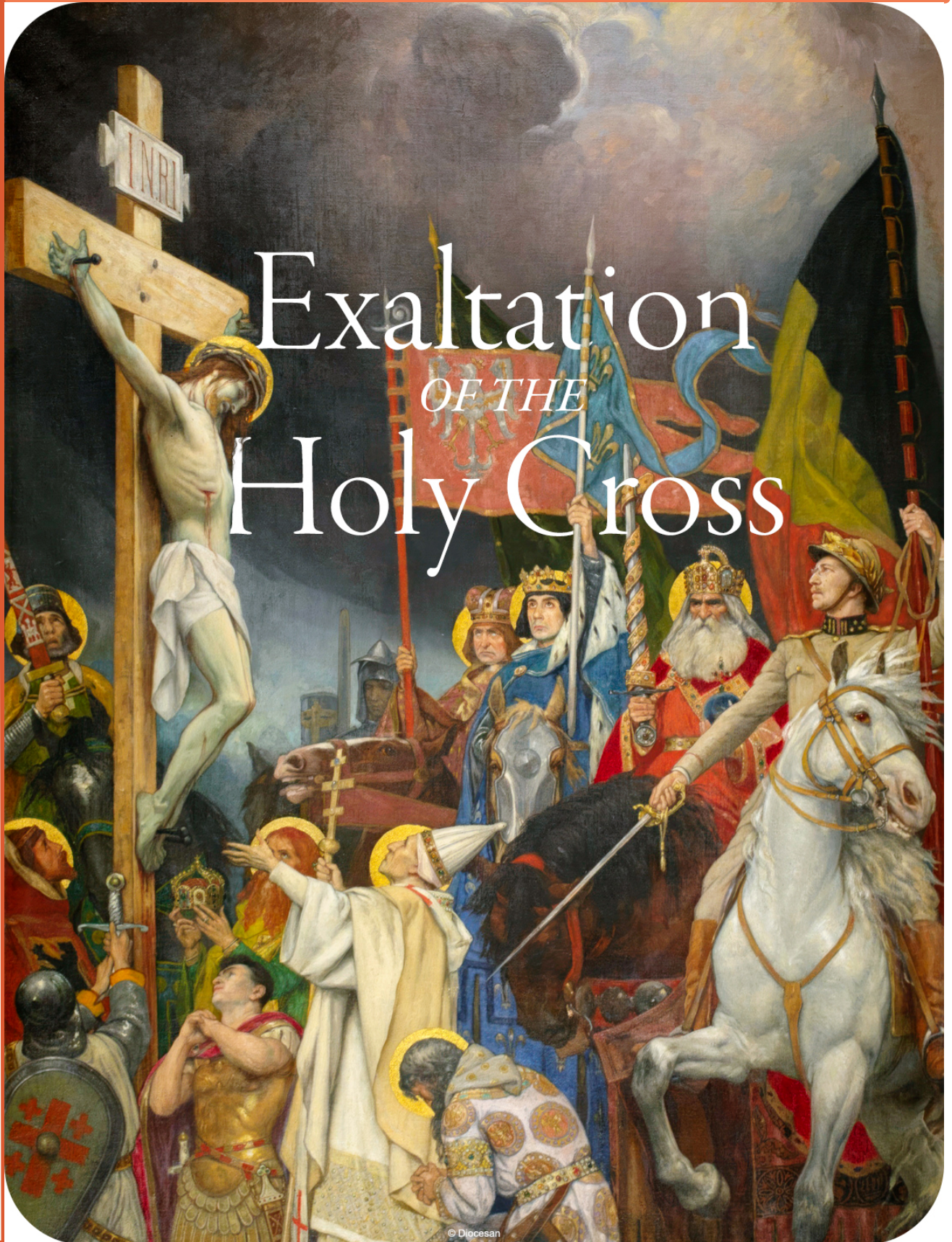




Saint Peter Church

Sunday, September 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.

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 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

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.



www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com



info@stpetersrccoplay.com



610.2062.2417



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
September 14- September 21*

Sunday September 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
10:30AM Dominic Anthony

Monday September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

1Tim 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27
8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday September 17th Weekday

1Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
8:00AM Rosa and Stephen Rengert

Friday September 19th Weekday

1Tim 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
8:00AM John Toth

Saturday September 20th Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
4:30 PM Ellen Harrigan

Sunday September 21st The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:30 Altar and Rosary Society and
Holy Name Society

*****Children's Liturgy Hour*****

**Stewardship Corner
Week of Sunday 09/7/2025**

Basket collection \$5400.00 plus online \$890.00

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



If you are a visitor at our Masses, please take a minute to sign our Guestbook. It is located in our main lobby in the right outer corner, near the Suggestion Box. Thank you for choosing to celebrate Mass with us!



FLAME OF LOVE

September 16, 2025

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

7:00 PM

September 17, 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 SEPTEMBER 14-21

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of Dominic Anthony
Offered by Lisa and Greg Anthony

Blessed Mother Vigil Lights

Will burn this week in memory of John Toth
and

In memory of Helen and Anthony Covely

Offered by Barbara Toth

Saint Joseph Vigil Lights

Will burn this week in memory of Gary Green
Offered by Kristina Libricz and Family

Pierogies

We will be making pierogies Monday, September 15, and Tuesday, September 16. Pick up will begin on Tuesday, September 16 at 1PM. We need volunteers to help with the clean up on Wednesday, Sept. 17

Masses Said by Retired Priests

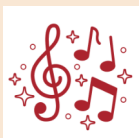
Deceased: Joseph Tiwold , John Kropf,
Frank Jarosch (4)

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

PREP classes begin the week of September 21, and registration is still open. Please visit our website www.carloacutisprep.org for more information.

*****Please Note: NEW DATE *****

Join our choir!



All voices are welcome, no audition required. Come experience the joy of making music together. Choir Practice begins on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:15pm. Please join us on the choir loft.

BUS TRIP TO MOUNT HOPE ESTATE AND WINERY

Calling all amateur Sleuths!!

Now accepting reservations for our Bus Trip to Mr. Hope Estate and Winery, Manheim, PA. On Wednesday, March 4, 2026. It's an interactive culinary "Who-Done-It" Murder Mystery experience. Theme is taking place in 1876 and Celebrating America's 100th Birthday. Opportunity to become a detective, interrogator or suspect while enjoying a 4 course dinner.

Trip includes transportation, Show and Dinner, wine tasting, refreshments and snacks on the bus, Driver gratuity. Limited Seating-

Cost: \$130/PP. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is due at time of reservation. Balance is due no later than January 22, 2026. For reservations or if you have any questions, please call Beverly Sobchak, 610-767-1887.

Annual Rosary Rally

All parishioners from St. Peter and St. John the Baptist Churches are invited to participate in the Annual Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 11 at 12 Noon. We will gather in front of the Blessed Mother Shrine at Saint Peter's to pray the rosary. We ask God to save our nation through the rosary of His Holy Mother. Please join us in prayers. Anyone in need of a Rosary, please call the office at 610.262.2417



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Catholic School is accepting enrollment for the 2025-26 school year 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



Join us at
Viking Nation!

**ENROLL TODAY FOR THE
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Contact Admissions Director Cara Meskill at cmeskill@acchs.info with questions or to tour the campus.

Academic Success. Catholic Values.

301 N Fourth Street, Allentown, PA 18102 | (610) 437-4601 | www.acchs.info

Gaza Strip Collection

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked Catholics in the United States to assist in addressing this humanitarian crisis in Gaza and neighboring areas, by donating to a special collection on September 27-28. The funds realized will be forwarded to the Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Near East Association to support their continued work in the form of food, clean water, medical supplies for the sick and the wounded as well as cash assistance in Gaza and the surrounding areas.



Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

SUNDAY September 14th

St Peter's Church Social Hall

4 South 5th St, Coplay

\$15 admission gets 2 boards (4 Faces) \$5 book specials

Chips and daubers available for purchase

Doors open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm.

Food available for purchase

Items for the food pantry greatly appreciated

The Holy Cross Ember Days

Will be observed on Wednesday, September 17, Friday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20.

The Ember Days are observed four times a year (Autumn/ September-Holy Cross; Winter/December-Saint Lucy; Spring/Lent-First Week; Summer/Pentecost Week).

These are days fast and abstinence. Until 1970 they were mandatory; now they are voluntary. Bishop Schlert asks the faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to observe them and pray on those days to offer special prayers for more priestly vocations for our Diocese. They are observed the same way that we observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: No meat or foods based on meat products, such as soups with meat or poultry, one full meal and two smaller meals which do not amount to a full meal combined. Please Join Bishop Schlert and me in observing these special days to implore God to send us more priestly vocations.

Fun Fact: The Japanese Catholics who observed the Ember Days used to eat only vegetables. To make the vegetables more palatable, they coated them in batter and fried them, thus creating what we know as Tempura. The word "tempura" came from the Latin word "tempus" meaning time because they were observed four times a year at the changing of the seasons. The next set of Ember Days will December 17, 19 and 20, after the Feast of Saint Lucy on December 13th



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with some minor painting and cleanup around the Church. We have exterior doors that need some sanding, priming, and painting. Additionally, we need a two person crew to pressure wash some exterior areas at the Church. We have the power washer. You may volunteer on weekdays or the weekends, or anytime during the day. For more information, or to volunteer please contact Larry Tellup at 484.661. 7992 or Al Edelman at 484.515.6204



St Peter Holy Name Society

Will have a Fall Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, October 25). As promised, we will again be offering our high quality 9-inch hoagies for \$6.00 each. Holy Name members will be available to take your pre-paid orders beginning the weekend of September 27-28 and ending October 12. Additional information to follow in the Upcoming bulletins.



MSGR. JAMES
is representing St. Peter in
the online competition
100% of proceeds to
benefit St. Peter Parish

to vote and donate on line please visit:

www.cookswithcollars.com

You can also see Msgr. cook his famous
Grilled Eggplant



For those who are not able to use the online portal, please use the form below to submit your cash or check donation made out to St. Peter Church

Name:-----

Amount:-----

Message optional:-----

Thank you for making St. Peter a Winner

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua

will hold their Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 20th from 5:00-9:00 in their Parish Center and outside on Union Street if weather permits. Robbie Lawrence and the Steelworkers will be on stage all evening playing your favorites ("Ticky Tocky, Ticky Tocky, Oi Oi Oi!"). Our kitchen will be selling your German favorites: Bratwurst, Krainerwurst, Pulled Pork, Spätzle, Chicken Schnitzel and more. German beers along with everyday favorites will be available for purchase as well. Weather permitting Union Street will be closed with outdoor seating. The parking lots will be open and parking is available at Rock Hill (top of Union St. off of Howertown Rd. or Second St.) or behind the Biery House along the towpath (bottom of Union St. off of Front St.). Admission is free however no outside food or drinks of any kind are permitted.