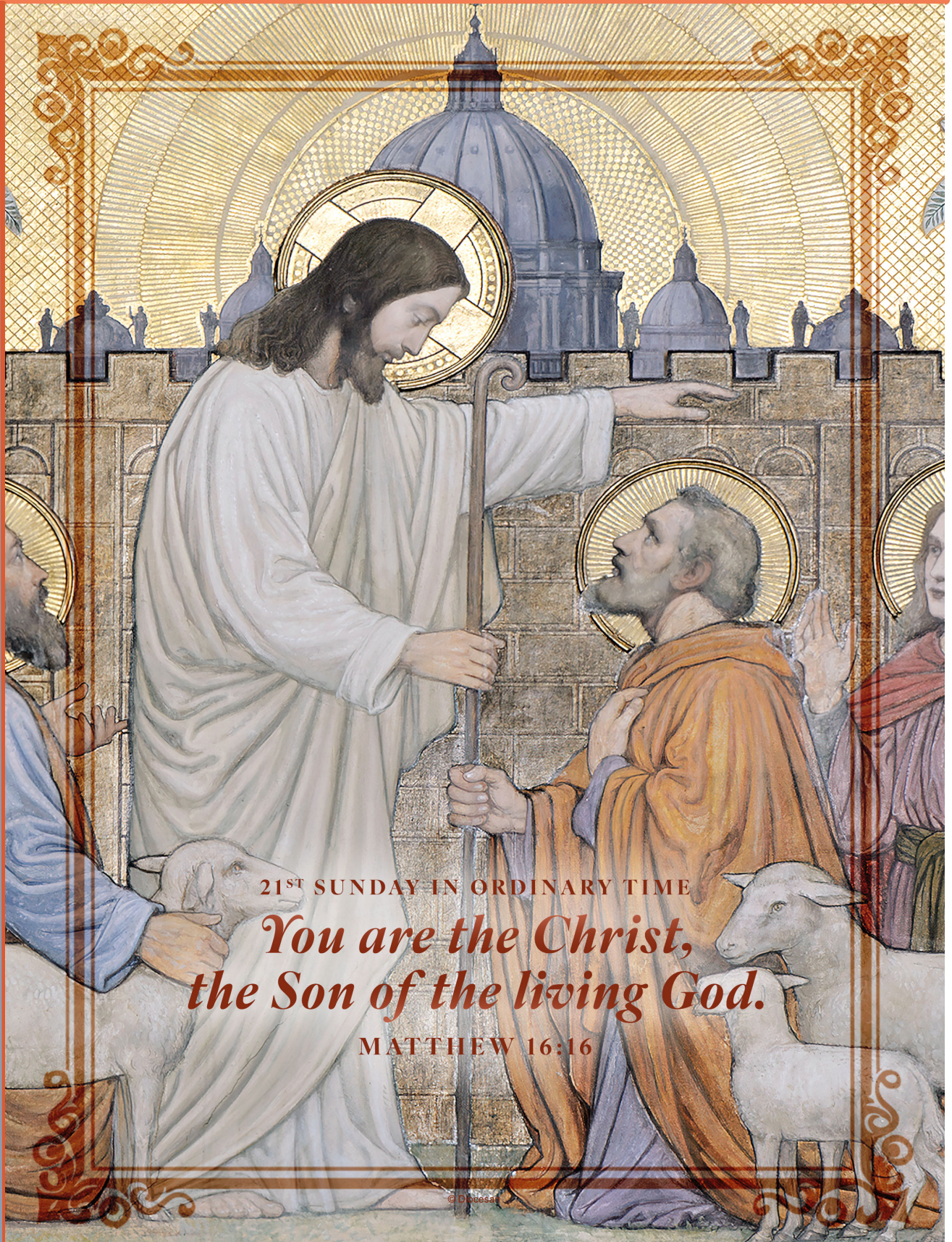




Saint Peter Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.*

MATTHEW 16:16



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 Saint 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

 610.262.2417

 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
August 23- August 30*

Sunday August 23rd Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

10:30AM Holy Name Society

Monday August 24th Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

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

No Morning Mass

Wednesday August 26th Weekday

2Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

8:00AM Paulino and Jeanette Suarez

Friday August 28th Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1; Mt 22:34-40

8:00AM Jeffery Gober

Saturday August 29th The Passion of Saint John The Baptist

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16-21

4:30PM Robert and Clare Porvaznik

Sunday August 30th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30AM Dorothy Klucharich

Masses Said by Retired Priests

Deceased: Juliana Strisofsky, Mel and Ann Procanyn, Dorothy Najpauer, Anna Adams (2), Thomas Coughlin

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Week of Sunday 8/16/2026

Basket collection \$6195.00 plus online \$925.00

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

August 25, 2026

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD

August 26, 2026

at 7pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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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- 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 AUGUST 23RD

SANCTUARY LIGHT

in loving memory of Matthew Besz

Offered by Family Friend

SAINT JOSEPH VIGIL LIGHT

in loving memory of Raymond Sommers

Offered by Theresa Sommers

BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

in loving memory of Paulino and Jeanette Suarez

Offered by Beth Ann Suarez

Mass Schedule Changes

There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on **Saturday, August 29, 2026.**

AND

Beginning on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**, the Thursday Morning Mass will begin at 7:00am.

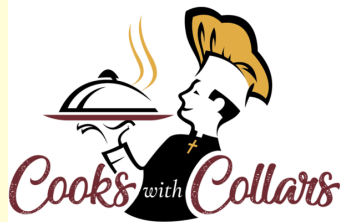
MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 8, 2025. We will be in the **CHURCH HALL** between 9:00am and 12 noon. We will schedule 3 Mass intentions per family, one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses. The stipend for each Mass intention is \$10. Requests will be honored on a first come first serve basis, and will be granted as close to the requested date as possible, if the requested day is not available. We will accept cash or check (made payable to St. Peter Parish). The Sanctuary Light, the Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph's Vigil Lights will be available for a donation of \$10.00 each.

PARISH MEETING SPACE

As we all know, parish meeting space is limited. Before a parish committee or organization schedules a meeting or event for the parish hall, church, or the rectory meeting room, the space must be reserved. Please contact Lina, our parish secretary, at least two weeks in advance so that we can schedule the event and place it on the parish calendar. This policy is designed to maintain safety on the parish grounds (so we know who is around) and avoid scheduling conflicts. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!



Once again Monsignor James will represent Saint Peter and Saint John the Baptist Parishes in the COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online platform, to raise funds for our parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.

Every dollar of your votes will go to our churches.

You may pay and vote as often as you like. Voting begins **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**. Please visit www.CooksWithCollars.com and vote often. or drop them off at the rectory. This year's delicacy is Sauerkraut Let's make Msgr. James and Saint Peter winners!

Stay Tuned!



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1300 Newport Ave, Northampton, PA
610-262-9171
e-mail: altngs@ptd.net

<https://www.goodshepherd-catholic.com>
School Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am-3pm
For more info regarding enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, please call Erica Nochtan, Advancement Director, or email her at msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com.
Visit our website: GoodShepherd-Catholic.com

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

Mrs. Ginny Downey, DRE
Email—dre@carloacutisprep.org
website: www.carloacutisprep.org
Phone 610-261-0144
Please refer to the above website for ALL PREP information.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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Wired for Heaven.

1ST-8TH GRADE
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
TO LEARN MORE VISIT CARLOACUTISPREP.ORG.

REGISTER HERE



QUESTIONS? EMAIL
DRE@CARLOACUTISPREP.ORG



HALLOW CORNER

Our First Milestones for Hallow:

- 159 of 550 parishioners on the parish page
- 36 parishioners joined **14 Days of Prayer** in May -- more than Lent, Holy Week, or Easter
- Even over the summer, daily use has kept increasing. On any given day in June or July, **24 parishioners** have prayed with Hallow.



Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica

The Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert
Celebrant

Thursday, August 27, 6:00pm

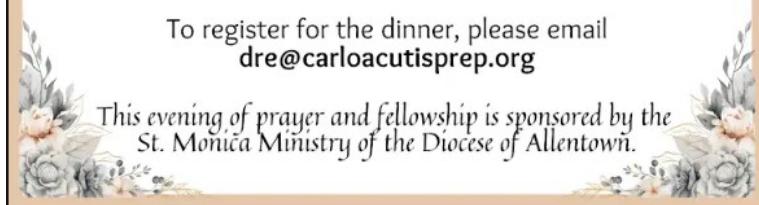
Queenship of Mary Church
1324 Newport Avenue
Northampton, PA 18067

**Please join us in prayer for our
loved ones who have left the Church.**

Mass will be followed by a buffet dinner.
Cost is \$15 per person.

To register for the dinner, please email
dre@carloacutisprep.org

*This evening of prayer and fellowship is sponsored by the
St. Monica Ministry of the Diocese of Allentown.*



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PICNIC

St. John the Baptist RC Church, 3024 S Ruch St. Whitehall (Stiles) will have their Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 6th from 1PM to 9PM on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers 1-4PM and Joyous 5-9PM. All are invited to join us for delicious foods, including homemade pierogies, children's games, raffles, refreshments, Basket/gift card raffle stand and Bake Sale. Bring your lawn chair or use our tables and chairs under the tents. Free Parking.
Rain or Shine

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Married couples across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Matrimony during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Doors will open at 2 p.m. so couples may receive their certificates. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert. During the Mass, the couples will receive a special blessing and will have the opportunity to renew their vows publicly. Couples will be presented with a Wedding Anniversary Certificate as a token of appreciation. Family members are invited to take part in the celebration to show their support and celebrate the unwavering commitment of the couples on this significant occasion. The registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 7. Register online at Allentowndiocese.org/events/anniversarymass.



ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES

SCHOOL OF HEALING

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL
& HEALING SERVICE

AUG. 28 - 29
St. Francis DeSales Parish
320 N. Church St., Robeson, PA 19551

Jesus promised, "These signs will accompany those who believe...They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." (Mark 16:17) Jesus has called us to do what he did, and that includes healing the sick. The event is a two-day conference to teach, impart and activate Christians to be a more effective minister of Jesus' healing in the world! Are you going to give him the chance?

SESSIONS Faithful to Catholic Teaching.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	THEOLOGY OF HEALING	ROLE OF FAITH & PRAYER MODEL FOR HEALING	OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT & UNDERSTANDING IMPARTATION	THE POWER OF PEACE	HEALING SERVICE* <i>This session is free & open to the public</i>
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Training Includes:

- Praise & Worship
- Powerful Sessions
- Opportunities to pray for and receive prayer for physical healing

encounterschool.org/



Friday, August 28
5:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday, August 29
9:00am - 10:00pm

Healing Service*
August 29 @ 7:30pm
*This portion is free and open to the public



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ESM New Jersey Campus



DCN. JOE COOLEY
ESM Boston Campus



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SAINT PETER PARISH

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6,
FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM MASS. COME AND ENJOY
COFFEE AND TREATS

OUR PARISH FELLOWSHIP

WHEN

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH
FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS

WHERE

CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

WHAT

COFFEE AND SWEETS
AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO
CONNECT WITH FELLOW
PARISHIONERS

WHO

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



COME AND MEET
MRS. GINNY DOWNEY DIRECTOR
OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS PREP.

ST. PETER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

100th Anniversary Commemorative Rosary

100 St. Peter's anniversary committee has contracted with Ghirelli Co., the official rosary supplier to the Vatican, to produce a limited number of custom rosaries commemorating the parish's 100th anniversary.

The "Our Father" beads are images from our church: St. Peter statue, relief of Jesus and St. Peter above the tabernacle, Blessed Mary statue and the stained glass image of the boat and cross. The decade beads are dark blue Bohemian glass with an aurora borealis finish. The blue color was chosen to represent St. Peter's by incorporating the parish logo color, while the white beads symbolize the white granite of the altar.

We anticipate delivery of the rosaries this October. We will withhold the sale of a few rosaries from the October shipment for those who want to look at the rosary before they order. We will be placing a second order for delivery in 2027 if there is enough demand.

Price: \$90 each

We are accepting pre-orders. Please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office along with your payment. **Cash or check only** – sorry, we cannot take credit card payments. Please make checks payable to St. Peter Church.



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

☐ NUMBER OF ROSARIES (\$90 EACH) AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK # _____

