

# Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## PADRE PIO

September 23rd

*Lets Us Bind Ourselves Tightly to the Sorrowful  
Heart of Our Heavenly Mother*

*Padre Pio*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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## PARISH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Msgr. David L. James V.G., J.C.L.

**PASTORS EMERITI:** Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin

Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges

**PERMANENT DEACON:** Mr. Thomas Reimer

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra

**FINANCE MANAGER:** Mr. Cyrus Doyle

**DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.:** Mrs. Linda Johnson

**MASS SCHEDULE:** DAILY: 8 A.M. ~ Chapel (*except Monday & Saturday*)

Saturday Evening: 4:00 P.M. Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

**PENANCE:** Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 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 priest & Deacons perform this service monthly. 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.

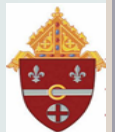
**IN MEMORIAM FUND:** After the death of a family member you are invited to have that person's name commemorated on the Church Plaque by suggesting that memorial offerings be donated to the Church in memory of the deceased person.

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE** Wendy Krisak, Direct Telephone 1-800-791-9209 Email: [victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT** Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email:

[pruso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:pruso@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.



## 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.*



**Sunday September 17th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35*

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society  
10:30 AM Bernard Schwindenhammer

**Monday September 18th Weekday**

*1Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10*

No Morning Mass

**Tuesday September 19th Weekday**

*1Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17*

8:00AM Larry Plotsko

**Wednesday September 20th Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, and Paul Chōng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

*1Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35*

8:00AM Mel and Ann Procanyn

**Thursday September 21st Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

*Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13*

8:00 AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

**Friday September 22nd Weekday**

*1Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3*

8:00AM Matilda Haddad

**Saturday September 23rd Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

*1Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49*

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM Pauline Kuchera

**Sunday September 24th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Danette Marie Koons

10:30AM Holy Name Society

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 09/10/2023**  
**Basket collection \$4300.00 plus online \$721.00**

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 ~TUESDAYS**

Rosary and Benediction 6:00-7:00PM



**HOLY HOUR 7PM**

Confessions will be heard  
on Wednesday, September 20, 2023

**MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS**

**Health:** Diane Jandrasits (2), George Pavelko,  
Maryann Miscovich

**Deceased:** Barbara Kinkle, Richard Tomchuck,  
Donna G. Price, Mary Ann Koefer, Marilyn Jean Hodge



**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

**PIEROGIES**

We will be making pierogies on Monday, September 18, and Tuesday, September 19. Volunteers are needed on both days. Please consider joining us!



**NOTE:** Pierogies will not be ready for pick-up until 1:00pm unless we are notified in advance.

Any questions or to make arrangement for pick -up please call Judy at 610.451.2375





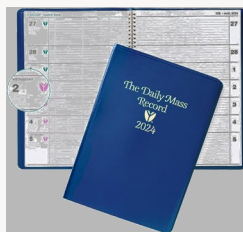
## Wine on the Rock

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Saint Peter's Wine Fest Event is back for its second year!

Please join us on Saturday, November 4th from 6-9pm for an evening of great food and wonderful wines. Featuring many of our local wineries. Tickets are \$45.00 per person (21 and older) For reservation please call 610.262.2417 or email Allen Edelman at <[aceal79@gmail.com](mailto:aceal79@gmail.com)>

Additional information to follow



Our 2024 **Mass Book** is open . The donation for each Mass remains \$10.00. You can make arrangements in person for an announced Mass at the Rectory. We will schedule up to 3 Mass intentions per family.

Our hours are 9AM – 4PM Mon. – Thurs. and 9AM-3PM Fridays. The Rectory is closed daily between 12 & 1PM



### R.C.I.A. INFORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a way of welcoming, forming and initiating new members into the Church. It is a process through which non-baptized men

and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic but have yet to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

For more information call Msgr. James at 610.262.2417

### GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL 1300 Newport Avenue Northampton



We have limited space available for students entering grades K-8, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more information regarding enrollment, or to set up a tour please call or email Ms. Erica Nochtton, Advancement Director at

610.262.9171 or [msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com)



### HOLY APOSTLES RE

[holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org](mailto:holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org) 610.261.0144

Fall Office Hours : M-Th 3:00-8:00 pm; closed

Fridays

Regular classes this week

September 21~ First Penance meeting will take place at Holy Trinity Church at 7pm

### Central Catholic High School

301 N Fourth Street  
Allentown, PA 18102



Academic Success \* Catholic Values  
Enroll today for the 23-24 School Year! Outstanding Academic opportunities in a faith-filled community. Call or email to schedule an in-person visit! Contact Cara Meskill, Director of Admissions at 610-437-4601 ext. 148 or [cmeskill@acchs.info](mailto:cmeskill@acchs.info).

Financial aid and Scholarships are available.

### GENDER IDEOLOGY: WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW

**NEW LOCATION** All parents, high school teens, and adults are invited to attend this free workshop "Gender Ideology: What Catholics Need to Know." The event will share the truth about the human person, counter misconceptions premised in gender ideology, and equip participants with facts, toolkits, resources, and talking points in light of Catholic social teaching. The workshop will take place at Notre Dame Church, 1861 Catasauqua Rd in Bethlehem at 2pm on Sunday, October 8th. Please visit [allentown-diocese.org](http://allentown-diocese.org) to register. Bring a friend! Registration will close on September 25th.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Calling all the men of our parish. This is a great organization to join. We attend Mass together as a group once a month, and meet on the last Thursday of each month. We promote reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members (from the website of the Dominican Friars). As an organization, we support various activities within St. Peter, as well as, supporting and visiting the homebound and the elderly in nursing homes of our Parish.

On Sunday, October 1st, we will be hosting the Allentown Diocese Holy Name Societies for a time of prayers, confession, Rosary, food and fellowship

Any questions or if you are interested in joining this great organization please call Al at 484.515.6204 or email [aceal79@gmail.com](mailto:aceal79@gmail.com)

## DECEMBER BUS TRIP



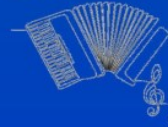
To see the Christmas Show at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster. This is a reminder to let you know that the balance is due no later than Thursday, October 12, 2023. If you have already paid in full, thank you. Please watch the bulletin for departure time and additional information. Of course, our theme will be Christmas. If you have any questions, please call Beverly at 610.767.1887.

## THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

is pleased to present the next discernment weekend retreat for young men ages 15+ will be Sept. 22-24 2023 at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA. Young men of high school age and older are welcome to attend our Come and See discernment retreat at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. The retreat will include prayer and daily Mass with the seminarians, talks and time for reflection, sports, meals, and a pilgrimage to some of the shrines in Philadelphia. Please email Fr. Searles, Diocesan Vocation Director [msearles@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:msearles@allentowndiocese.org)... with any questions. To register please visit the diocese website.

# ST. MARY'S OKTOBERFEST

122 UNION ST., CATASAUQUA  
Saturday, October 21



4:00 PM in the Church  
German Mass with a Polka Flair  
featuring Robbie Lawrence



5:00 to 9:00 PM in the Parish Center

German Themed Foods  
and Beers with live music by  
Robbie Lawrence and the SteelWorkers

**FREE ADMISSION**

For more information email: [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com)  
Visit our website: [annunciationbvm.net](http://annunciationbvm.net)

Please join us for an evening of fun  
while supporting Our Lady's Helpers mobile ultrasound unit

Hosted by  
THE DEFENDERS OF LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH



# Oktoberfest

October 21, 2023  
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Enjoy traditional Oktoberfest food, apple cider,  
cash bar (beer & wine), live music by the MountainXpress Band,  
dancing, stein holding contest, and raffle items.

Our Lady's Helpers is a newly formed Catholic pregnancy care and education organization, whose mission is to provide each pregnant, abortion-minded woman the possibility to see her baby on an ultrasound machine while in Our Lady's Helpers' mobile unit. Our hope is to assist each mother to choose life for her baby in that crucial moment.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Center  
1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, PA

Tickets: \$65/person  
Cash Bar (beer & wine)  
Email [OurLadysHelpers@proton.me](mailto:OurLadysHelpers@proton.me) to purchase tickets



**SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY** invites you to their 14th Annual Basket Social 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall on Friday, October 6 from 5-7, Saturday, October 7 from 10am-7pm and Sunday, October 8, from 8am-2pm. Food is available all three days. Advance tickets are available. Please call 610.266.0695 ext. 208 or email [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org) for an order form (\$5.00 each or buy 4 and get one free by Oct. 6)

