



Saint Peter Church

Sunday, August 24, 2025

*Strive
to enter
through
the
narrow
gate*



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

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
August 24- August 31*

Sunday August 24th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
10:30AM Holy Name Society

Monday August 25th Weekday

1Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday August 27th Saint Monica

1Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
8:00AM Patrick and Anna Yagerhofer

Friday August 29th The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
8:00AM Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.

Saturday August 30th Weekday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;
Lk 14:1, 7-14
4:30 PM Paul, Lino and Jeanette Suarez

Sunday August 31st Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Steve Steirer

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 08/17/2025

Basket collection \$10,610.00 plus online \$913.00

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 26, 2025

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

7:00 PM

August 27, 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

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of Helen Feichtl

Offered by Judy Shelak

Blessed Mother Vigil Lights

Will burn this week in memory of Matthew Besz

Offered by Maryann Medina

and

In memory of Antoinette Devigli

Offered by Carlotta Makovetz

Saint Joseph Vigil Lights

Will burn this week in memory of Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.

Offered by Beverly and Mike Sobchak

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!



Masses Said by Retired Priests

Health: Sister Harriet (3), Sister Dorothea,
Rich Goch, Debbie Marcoe



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 Nochtan, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 or email her at msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com

Back to School Prayer:

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, a place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

Come Visit Our PREP Open House! The Blessed Carlo Acutis Regional PREP

invites you to stop by our Open House on **Sunday, September 14th** between **9:00 AM and 1:00 PM** at **3008 South Ruch Street**. Meet our friendly catechists, explore our classrooms, and discover how we're journeying together to share the joy of our Catholic faith with our children. Whether you're new to PREP or a familiar face, we'd love to see you!

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

ATTENTION PLEASE!

MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning on Thursday, September 4, the Thursday Morning Mass will begin at 7:00am.

This change is to provide an early Mass for the Sisters of Saint Peter and Queenship of Mary Churches before school. This change will affect the Thursday morning Mass only.



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.

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BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Last Call : Pilgrimage to National Shrine in Washington DCOur trip will take place on **Tuesday, October 7**. Trip includes round-trip transportation from St. Peter, Coplay, Pa. Snacks refreshments on bus, driver gratuity as well as dinner on the way home at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant.

COST:\$110. per person due September 2, 2025. Please make checks payable to St. Peter R.C. Church.

Departure time to be determined.

For reservations please call Beverly Sobchak, 610-767-1887.

Knights of Columbus Council 4050 is having a take-out chicken dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 20th at Holy Trinity, Whitehall, from 4:00- 6:00 pm. The cost is \$14.00 for a delicious on-site roasted ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter. Please see details and order online at kofc4050.org, and click on the "2025 Chicken Dinner" link (or scan the QR Code). You can also email kofc4050@gmail.com or call (484) 272-5430. Order forms are also available in the church vestibule. Proceeds will be used for the Council's charitable giving. Thank you for your support!

Day of Recollection

the St. Peter Altar and Rosary Society cordially
invites all the women from Saint Peter and
Saint John the Baptist Parishes to join them for a
Day of Recollection

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30am-2:00pm (St. Peter Church Hall)

Father Matthew Kuna, Chaplain of Berks Catholic H.S. &
Chaplain of the Kutztown University Newman Center,
will be the Spiritual Director for the day.

continental breakfast and lunch will be provided
Cost is \$5.00 per person

RSVP TO BETH ANN AT 610.462.9732 NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
THE SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE DAY WILL BE FORTHCOMING

Love to sing? Want to be part of a vibrant and
welcoming community? Join our choir! All voices
are welcome, no audition required. Come experience
the joy of making music together. Choir Practice
begins on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:15pm.



Please join us on the choir loft.

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

St. John's will be holding their
next blood drive at their parish
hall on **Saturday, September
13th**. 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.

St. John the Baptist RC Church Picnic

3024 S. Ruch St. Whitehall (Stiles) will have their
Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August
31st 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, 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 from across the Diocese are invited
to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the
Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan
Wedding Anniversary Mass, to be celebrated Sunday,
September 14, 2025 at 3 p.m. Doors will open at 2
p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alfred
Schlert at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena,
1825 West Turner St., Allentown, PA 18104.
Register at allentowndiocese.org/a.



Proceeds to benefit 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