

# Saint Peter Church

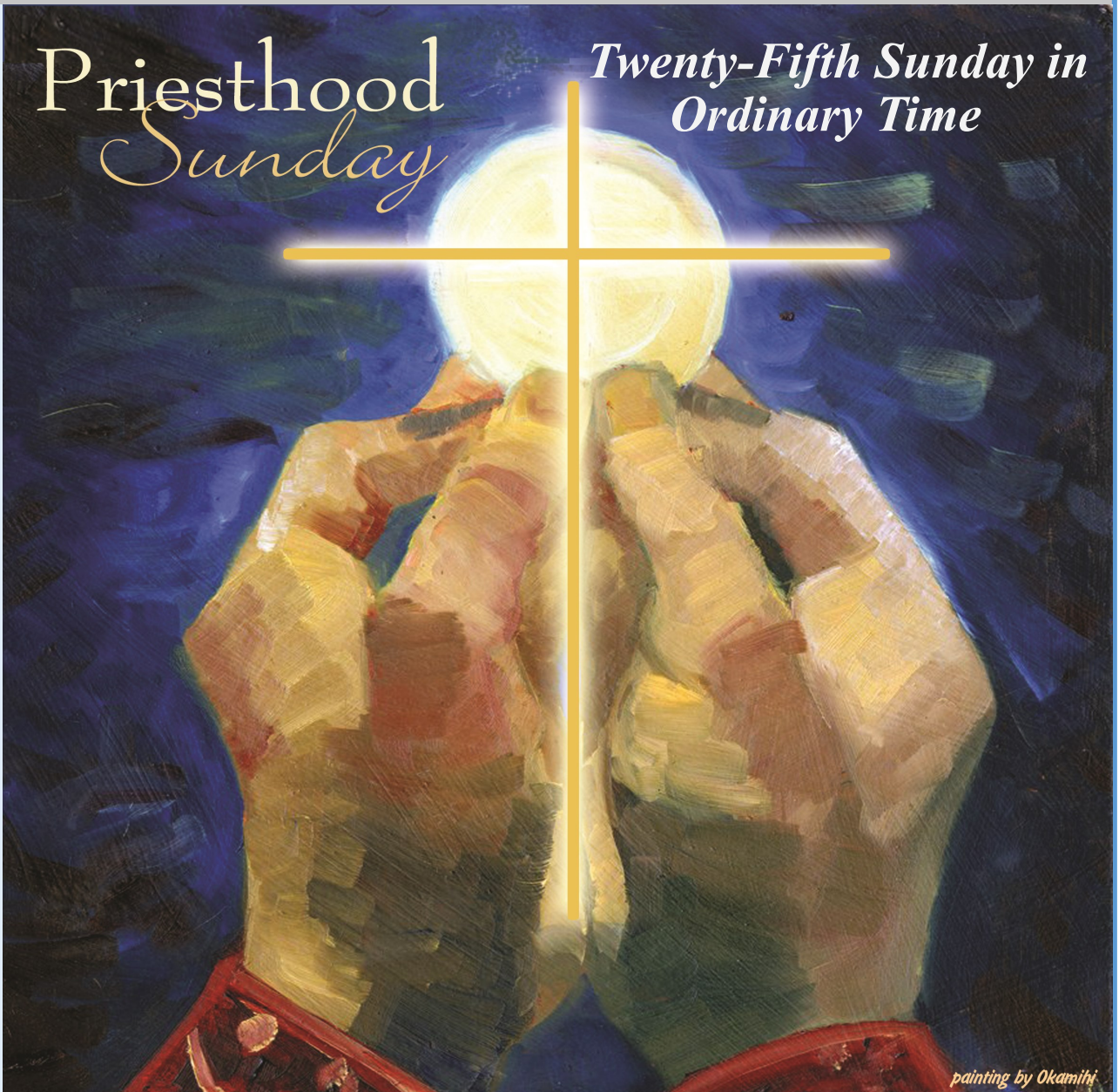
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Priesthood  
Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



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How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?  
I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Lord, I am your servant.

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Psalms 116:12-14, 16a



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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 24th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

8:00 AM Danette Marie Koons

10:30 AM Holy Name Society

**Monday September 25th Weekday**

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

No Morning Mass

**Tuesday September 26th Weekday**

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

8:00AM Father Opps

**Wednesday September 27th Saint Vincent De Paul, Priest**

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

8:00AM Frank Bodisch

**Thursday September 28th Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

8:00 AM Cecilia Yellen

**Friday September 29th Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

8:00AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

**Saturday September 30th Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM Mary Molchany

**Sunday October 1st Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Ida Simon

10:30AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 09/17/2023**  
**Basket collection \$6128.00 plus online \$742.00**

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 27, 2023

Beginning October 4, 2023 Holy Hour will move to 6pm

**UPCOMING OCTOBER DINNER**

**We will be serving Pork and Sauerkraut, and back by popular demand, Turkey and Filling**  
**The dinner will feature a basket raffle**  
**Order sheets will be available in next week's bulletin.**



**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



**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS**

Blessed Mother Vigil Light

Will burn this week in memory of Mary and Frank Klepeiss

**BAPTISM**

*Juliana Rose Jankowski*

daughter of Douglas and Kayla Jankowski, who was baptized last Sunday, September 17, 2023. May the Lord give his angels charge over you to guide you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11



*First Wedding Banns  
Miss Rachel Edelman  
And  
Mr. Andrew Elliott*

## **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

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



*Wine on the  
Rock*

*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*



### **OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH**

*The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate the month is by praying the Rosary together before all weekend Masses beginning Sunday, October 1.*



### **ROSARY RALLY**

*On Saturday Oct. 7th<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, we will gather in front of the Blessed Mother Shrine 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*



*Will take place on Sunday, October 8, at 1PM on the Heritage building grounds. Please make sure your animals are on a leash.*

## **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*



### **ST PETER HOLY NAME HOAGIE SALE**

*Given the outstanding support from parishioners for our last hoagie sale, St Peter Holy Name Society will have a Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, October 28). As promised, we will again be offering our high quality 9-inch hoagies at January 2019 prices of \$6.00 each. Holy Name members will be available to take your pre-paid orders beginning the weekend of 9/30 and ending on 10/22. We are again making seller sheets available to all who are interested. The reverse side of the seller form contains all necessary information. Please consider helping us with this fundraiser and pick up a form after all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support.*

### **FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**

*Saint Peter Parish Forty Hours Devotions will take place on **Sunday, October 22, Monday, October 23, and Tuesday October 24.** The devotions will begin each night at **7:00PM.** Father Stephan Isaac, Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, and chaplain at Allentown Central Catholic High School will be the homilist each evening.*

*We invite you to attend the evening devotions and if your schedule permits to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Sign up sheets will be in the main vestibule.*

*How good it will be to renew ourselves in the Presence of Blessed Sacrament.*

## 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.*

## LUCKY CALENDARS

*Will be available for sales following all weekend Masses and at the office. Please consider supporting this great fundraiser.*



## SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BURGENLAND, AND STRUDEL

November 11 is the Feast Day of Saint Martin of Tours. Saint Martin was Roman soldier who was born in Pannonia which was an area that covered parts of present-day Austria, Hungary, and Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. He served in the Roman army in present-day France. As a catechumen (a person preparing for baptism as an adult) on cold morning he met a beggar at the gate of the city of Amiens. The beggar had been ignored by many passing by him and moved with pity Martin, who had nothing with him but his cloak and sword, raised his sword and cut his soldier's cloak in two and gave half to the beggar. That

night, Christ appeared to him in a dream holding the part of the cloak he had given to the beggar. This led to his baptism, and he became a hermit near the city of Tours, under the guidance of Saint Hillary of Poitiers. Both men were great defenders of the true faith against the Arian heresy that denied the divinity of Christ. Eventually he was prevailed upon to become the Bishop of Tours, although upon hearing that he had been chosen for this office he ran away. The story goes that he hid on a farm but when those seeking him came near, the geese on the farm betrayed him by their honking (more about geese in a moment). Saint Martin led his flock diligently and his sanctity became well known. Upon his death in 397AD, his reputation spread throughout Europe, and he became the first non-martyr saint in the Church. Many churches were dedicated in his honor, especially in England. The oldest existing church in England bears his name. His feast day is November 11. Is it just a coincidence that feast day of the man who is patron of soldiers is also the day of the Armistice ending the First World War and celebrated here as Veterans Day? The "Bloodless Victory of Worms" between the Roman army and the Germanic tribes that was ended before it began is attributed to his intercession.

Many customs arose around his feast day. Because it falls in early November, a warm stretch of weather after the first frost, is known as St. Martin's Summer, akin to what we call Indian Summer. His feast was also important liturgically. At that time in the Church, it was customary to baptize catechumens on the Epiphany. (The Epiphany at that time, celebrated not only the adoration of the Magi but also Christ's birth and his baptism.) A penitential season was observed prior to the Epiphany, as we celebrate Lent. Saint Martin's feast day was the beginning of that season, and his feast was celebrated with feasts, much like we celebrate Mardi Gras on the day before Ash Wednesday. It is customary to eat roast goose on St. Martin's Day—he had his revenge over those geese!

Saint Martin of Tours is the patron saint of Burgenland, the homeland of many of the founding members of Saint Peter Parish. When the present capital city of Burgenland was established, it was given the Latin name of "Martin minor," in German Kleinmartinsdorf. In 1960 when the Diocese of Eisenstadt was created, the diocese as placed under the patronage of Saint Martin and the church that is now the Cathedral is known as Dom Saint Martin.

Perhaps someday we may have a parish dinner on that day with roast goose in honor of this great saint (Jimmy and his crew can start plucking the geese) but until then, we would like to celebrate Saint Martin's Day in some way.

So, **LET'S CELEBRATE WITH STRUDEL!** In this week's bulletin, you will find an order form for strudel. The strudel will be provided by Mattie's Strudel Haus in Bath. We will offer several types of strudel—breakfast, savory, and fruit. The strudel will be frozen and delivered on Saturday, November 11. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.