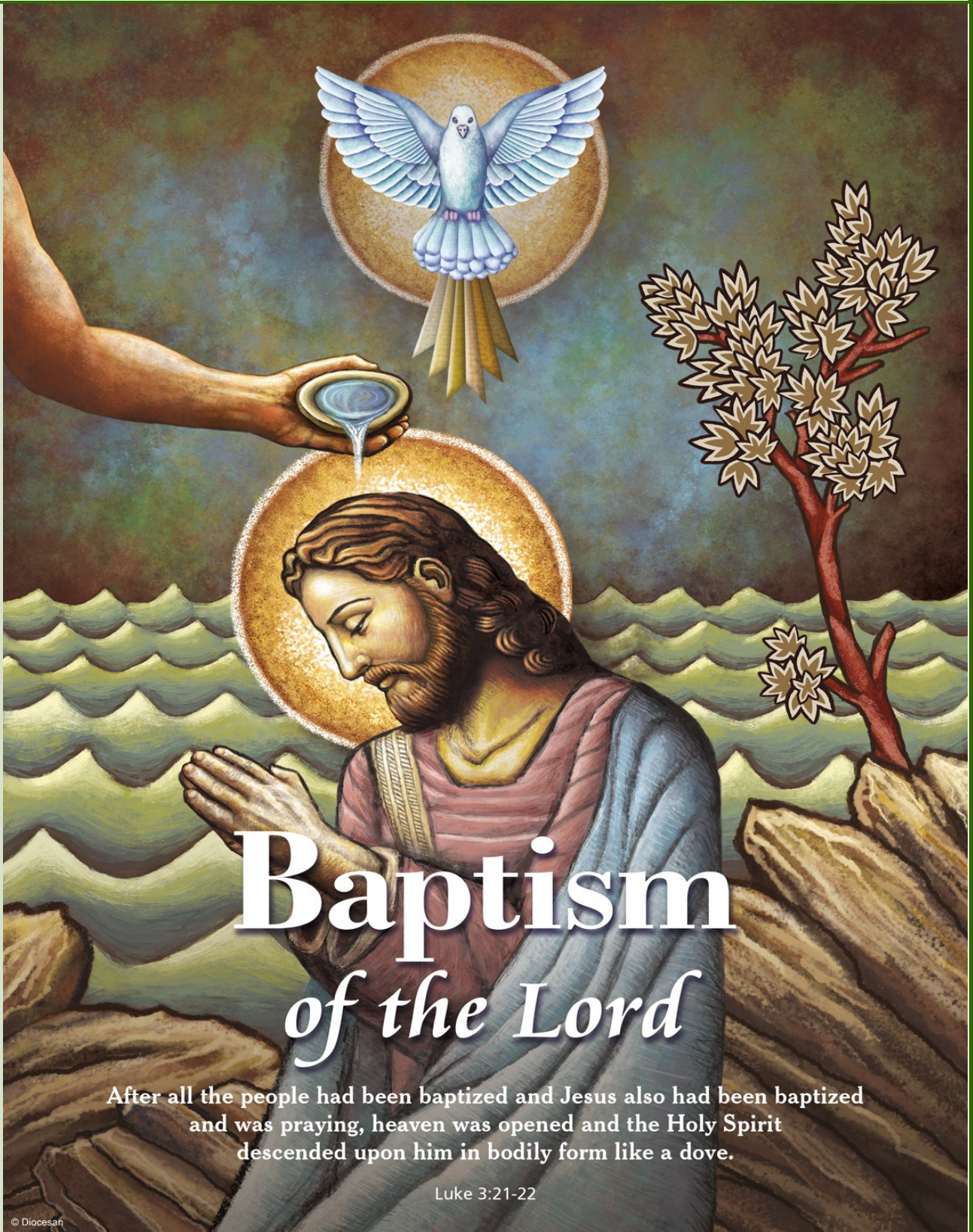


Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024



Baptism *of the Lord*

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

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@allentowndioocese.org

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



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610.262.2417



610.262.2652

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 January 7th The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 61:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a; 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 AM Charles Brensinger

10:30 AM Anna Bankos

Monday January 8th The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55: 1:11; Mk 1:7-11

8:00 AM No Morning Mass

Tuesday January 9th Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

8:00 AM Jonathan Karo

Wednesday January 10th Weekday

1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

8:00AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

Thursday January 11th Weekday

1Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM Mitzi Greb

Friday January 12th Weekday

1Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

8:00AM Alois and Mary Recker

Saturday January 13th Weekday

1Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10-1a; Mk 2:13-17

Vigil Mass

4:00 PM Bruce and Kathy Schuessler

Sunday January 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Karen Voorhees

10:30AM Joseph Weber, Sr.

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS

Deceased: Mitzi Greb, Diane Jandrasits, Alvera Sommers

Stewardship Corner

Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 12/31

Basket collection \$6097.00 plus online \$642.00

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



Online Giving

****Start giving online today!****

Visit our parish website at

<https://www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com>

Click on the online giving link

Create an account.

Schedule your recurring gifts



Flame of Love

Tuesday, January 9, 2024



Holy Hour

Wednesday 01/10/2024

at 6pm



Devotional Lamps

Sanctuary Light

Will burn this week in memory of

Anthony and Marie Gutleber

Offered by Larry and Helen Gutleber



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

CONTRIBUTIONS CREDIT TO 2023

the final date to receive credit and verifications for any back contributions dated 2023 that you wish to return is Sunday, January 14, 2024. Contribution letters for tax purposes will be mailed by

REQUEST ONLY



PIEROGIES

We will be making pierogies on the 15th and 16th of January. Volunteers are needed both days. Please consider donating some of your time and talent to help out with this fundraiser.

Cash Bingo

When: Sunday, January 14, 2024

Where: St. Peter Church Social Hall
4 South 5th Street, Coplay

Time: Doors open at 1PM, Bingo starts at 2PM
Food is available for purchase.

Cost: \$15 admission gets 2 boards (4 faces)



\$5 book purchase

Proceeds to benefit Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

Chips and daubers are available for purchase
Items for the food pantry are greatly appreciated.

List can be found at

<https://tinyurl.com/WCHIPantrylist>

If it snows, bingo will be canceled

If you have any questions, please call Liz at 484.274.6687

HOLY NAME SOCIETY SUPER BOWL HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

Given the outstanding support from parishioners for our last hoagie sale, St Peter Holy Name Society will have a Super Bowl Hoagie Sale (pickup Saturday, February 10 between 1 and 5pm). 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 1/14 and ending on 2/4. 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.



Good Shepherd Catholic School

is accepting enrollment for students entering grades K-8 in 2024-2025, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more information, please call the Advancement Director at 610-262-9171



Holy Apostles RE

610.261.0144 or holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org

Office Fall Hours : M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays

Regular Classes begin on January 8, 10

January 15, 17 No Classes

Confirmation tests, 2/19, 21 6-8pm

Confirmation Interviews 2/22 6-8pm

Confirmation practice 3/3

Confirmation 3/5 4:30pm at St. Peter Church

We are in need of 3rd and 8th Grade teachers

MAKE STEWARDSHIP YOUR RESOLUTION

Making an estate plan is an act of care for yourself, your loved ones, and your community. By creating your plans, you can outline important financial and healthcare decisions for the future, provide for your loved ones, and ultimately, act as a steward of everything God has placed in your care.

Through our new partnership with **FreeWill**, you can complete this important act of care. Free Will is a secure online platform that can walk you through the process of creating your estate plan 100% free of cost. visit our website [Giving/Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown \(allentowndiocese.org\)](http://Giving/Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown (allentowndiocese.org)) to begin.

A Prayer for the New Year

O GOD of new beginnings

And wonderful surprises,

Thank You for the gift of a new year.

May it be a time of grace for me,

A time to grow in faith and love,

A time to renew my commitment

To following Your Son, Jesus.

May it be a year of blessing for me

A time to cherish my family and friends.

A time to renew my efforts at work,

A time to embrace my faith more fully.

Walk with me, please, in every day

And every hour of this new year,

That the light of Christ might shine

Through me, in spite of my

weaknesses and failings.

Above all, may I remember this year
that I am a Pilgrim on the sacred path to you.

Amen

LUCKY CALENDARS

Are still available at the parish office. Each \$25 calendar is a winner when it matches the PA Lottery evening Pick-3 number. They are ideal birthday gifts. Calendars are valid for all drawings after the date of purchase.

ARE YOU CONFIRMED, PRACTICING CATHOLIC INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH?

Consider being a lector. Lectors proclaim the First and Second Readings at Mass and the Prayers of the Faithful in the absence of a Deacon. Scheduling is done in advance and is flexible. If you are interested in learning more about this role, please contact the office at 610.262.2417

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE ALTAR SERVERS

We want our young people to be actively engaged and involved in our parish. This is their spiritual home. We especially love seeing our young people serve Christ and His Church through our parish in many ways, especially in the context of altar serving. Altar serving at Sunday Mass is a great honor and blessing. Our parish is in great need of more altar servers who can serve Sunday Masses. We're looking for young people between 3rd grade and Senior Year in high school who would like to become altar servers for our parish. If your children are interested or have any questions, please call Msgr. James at 610.262.2417. Thank you so much for encouraging your children to get involved in our parish and to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church in this beautiful way!



Cooks with Collars

COOKS WITH COLLARS starting January 12!

Monsignor David L. James needs your help!

Monsignor David L. James will represent Saint Peter Parish in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see Monsignor James and your other favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions.

Vote early and vote often!
(deadline February 12) for our Diocesan top chef!

All voting proceeds benefit our parish.
Thanks for making Monsignor James and Saint Peter Parish a winner!

