

# Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

World Day of Prayer  
for the **Care  
of Creation**

*Praised be my Lord God with all creatures;  
and especially our brother the sun,  
which brings us the day, and the light;  
fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor;  
O Lord, he signifies you to us!*

*~ St. Francis's Canticle of the Sun*



## PARISH STAFF

**PASTOR:** Rev. Msgr. David L. James 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:** Mrs. Michelle Ahern  
**DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.:** Mrs. Linda Johnson

**MASS SCHEDULE:** DAILY: 8 A.M. (*Wednesday and Friday*)

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 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 St., 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.



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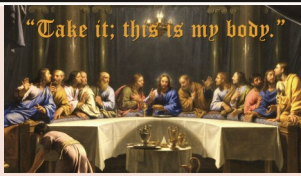
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610.262.2652

### *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 September 1st Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 4:2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

8:00 AM Anna Deiter (St. Peter)  
Mary Christoff (St. John)

10:30 AM Deceased Members of Helmstetter and Rodgers Families (St. Peter)

**Monday September 2nd Weekday**

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

8:00 AM No Morning Mass

**Tuesday September 3rd Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church at Saint John**

1Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

8:00 AM Anna Marie Becker (St. Peter)  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Luiser and Family (St. John)

**Wednesday September 4th Weekday at SAINT PETER**

1Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

8:00AM Helen Bischof

**Thursday September 5th Weekday at Saint John**

1Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Peter and St. John Parishes

**Friday September 6th First Friday at SAINT PETER**

1Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

8:00AM William and Anna Spaits (St. Peter)  
Peter Keim, Jr. (St. John)

**Saturday September 7th First Saturday at SAINT JOHN**

1Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

8:00 AM John Unitis (St. John)

**Vigil Mass at SAINT PETER**

**Confessions: 3:45-4:15PM**

4:30 PM Joseph Felix (St. Peter)  
Sylvia Marth (St. John)

**Sunday September 8th Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM at **SAINT JOHN**

Charles Frisch (St. Peter)  
Agnes Varna (St. John)

10:30 AM at **SAINT PETER**

Dominic Anthony (St. Peter)

**Stewardship Corner**

**Sunday Collection \$3691.00 plus online \$809.00**

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**

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• **Click on select this church on bottom of screen**

• **Click allow**

• **Follow instructions on screen to open app and make your donations**



**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



**FLAME OF LOVE**

On Tuesday, September 3, 2024



**HOLY HOUR**

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024

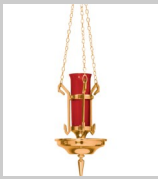
**Masses Said by Retired Priests:**

Deceased: Mel and Ann Procanyn, Charles Wagner, Margaret Masters, George Dvoyscak, Joe Groller

**PIEROGIES**

We will be making pierogies on the 16th and 17th of September. Volunteers are needed both days.

Please consider donating some of your time & talent to help out with this fundraiser. Pick up begins at 1pm on Tuesday the 17th.



**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS  
SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Will burn this week in memory of  
Deceased Members of Mondschein  
Family  
Offered by Peter Mondschein*

**BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHTS**

*Will burn this week in memory of  
Deceased Members of Szerencits & Sauerzopf  
Families  
Offered by Szerencits*

**SAINT JOSEPH VIGIL LIGHTS**

*Will burn this week in memory of  
Raymond Sommers  
Offered by Theresa Sommers*



**Good Shepherd Catholic School** is looking to add some new amazing members to our team. GSCS is looking to hire an Upper Elementary Teacher and a Middle School Teacher. If interested, please send cover letter and resume to Mrs.

Parker @ [mrsparkergscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:mrsparkergscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com) Our summer office hours will be Tuesday – Thursday 9am-11am. . Grocery card sales will take place on the following Tuesdays during the summer. August 20,27. School begins on Monday, August 26 for grade K-8 and August 27 for Pre-School and Pre-K.

**HOLY APOSTLES RE**

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

Fall Office Hours :

Monday-Thursday 3-8pm

Friday: Closed

We are looking for volunteer teachers for grades 1,2, & 6th. If interested please call the office at 610.261.0144

Grade 7 parent meeting 9/4 at 6PM at the Center.  
Grade 1 parent meeting 9/5 at 6PM at the Center.  
Classes begin September 9.



*pilgrimage*

*13 days to Italy & Austria*

**TRAVEL WITH MSGR. DAVID L. JAMES**

We will be visiting Rome, the Vatican, Assisi, Orvieto, Loretto, Florence, Siena, Padua, Salzburg, Burgenland, Eisenstadt, Vienna.



**Trip includes:** transportation from/to Coplay, Airfare, Taxes and fees, 4 or 5 star hotels, Transportation with luxury bus. All breakfasts and dinners, Guided tours, Luggage handling (1 carry-on and 1 suitcase)



**DATE:** October 12-24, 2025

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**BUS TRIP REMINDER:**

*If you have already paid in full...THANK YOU.*

*If not, the balance of the Christmas Show:*

*JOY TO THE WORLD on Thursday, November 7, 2024*

*at the American Music Theatre is now due. Please make your check payable to ST. PETER CHURCH. You may mail it or drop it off at the rectory no later than Tuesday, September 10.*

*If your plans have changed or if you have any questions, please feel free to call Beverly at 610-767-1887. Thank you for your participation in this fundraiser.*



**OFFICE CLOSING**



*The office will be closed on Monday 9/2 in observance of Labor Day.*

For additional info., please call the rectory at 610.262.2417

## 2024 PICNIC WRAP-UP MEETING

Tuesday, September 17 at 7 PM  
in the Church Hall.  
Every one is welcome to attend.



Proceeds to benefit Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

SUNDAY September 8th

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

**MASKS OPTIONAL**

Items for the food pantry greatly appreciated.  
List can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/WCHIPantryList>

If you have questions, you can email or call  
484-274-6687

## MASS BOOK



Our 2025 **Mass Book** will open Wednesday, Sept. 18th. 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.



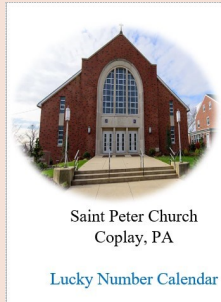
## Blood Drive!

For the 1<sup>st</sup> time since February 2019, St. John the Baptist in Stiles will be holding their next blood drive at their parish hall on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. We're excited for the opportunity to have onsite drives going forward. However, to do so, we need as many people as possible to show up and register on October 5<sup>th</sup> so Miller will return to the hall in December and beyond. If we don't have a high number of participants, it will not be worth for Miller to show up again and we'll have to return to Adopt-A-Week.

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

## CALENDARS



Our 2025 Lucky Lottery Calendars sale begins Wednesday, September 11.

Sellers will be contacted by Kathy B. with information on when they may pick up their envelopes.

Beginning September 14-15 sellers will be in the vestibules following all weekend Masses. If anyone is interested in being a seller, please call the office at 610.262.2417.

We hope to count on the generosity of all our parishioners to make this year's fundraiser our most successful yet.

## CHOIR NEWS



Dates for choir rehearsals for the month of September are:

Mon. 9/9; Mon. 9/16; Mon. 9/30  
Rehearsals start at 6:15 P.M.

New members are welcome