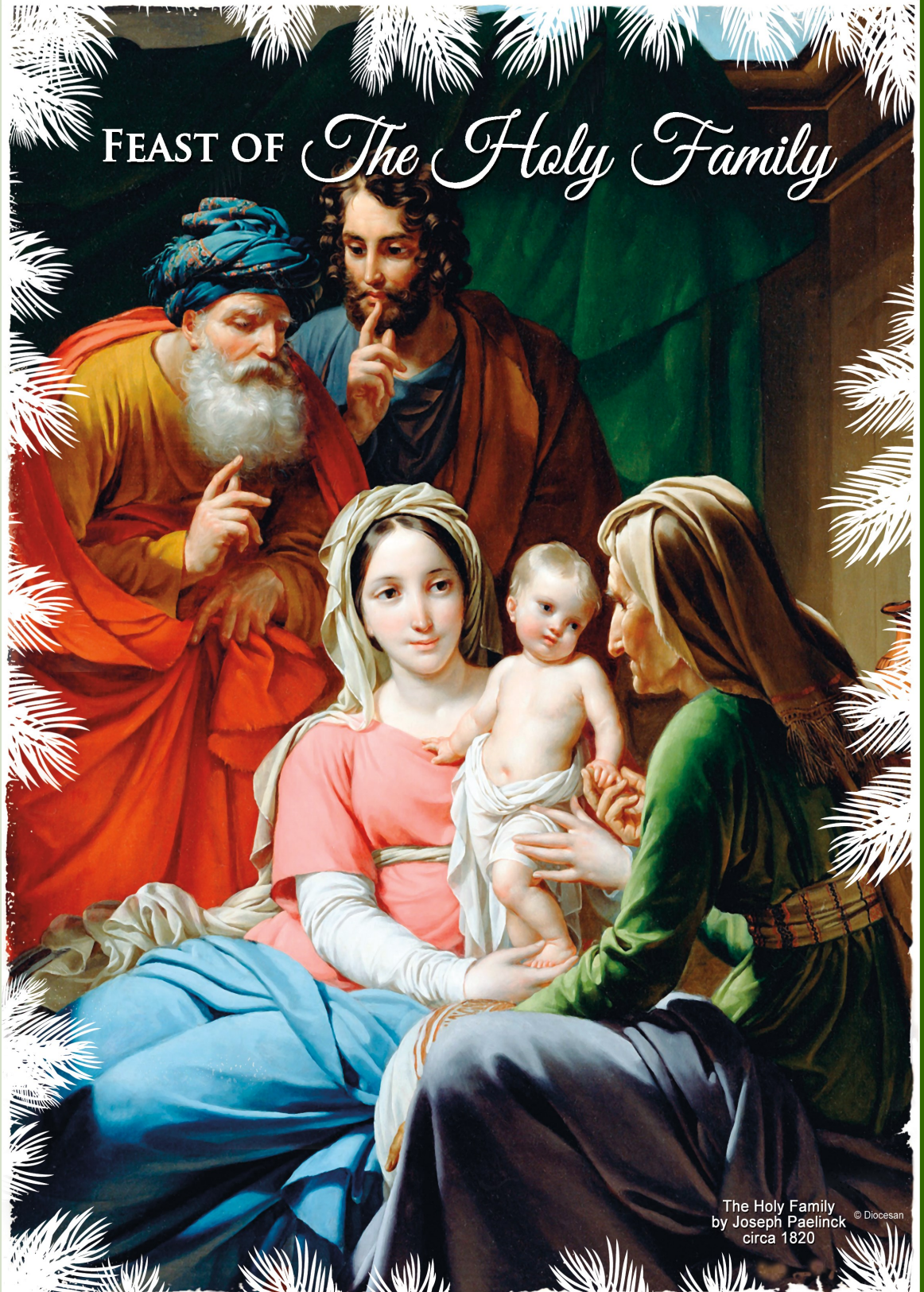


# Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025



The Holy Family  
by Joseph Paelinck  
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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:** Mrs. Michelle Ahern  
**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](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org)

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

[pruso@allentowndioocese.org](mailto: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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.



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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.*



**Mass Intentions for the week of  
December 29, 2024 - January 4, 2025**

**Sunday December 29th The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**

Is 61:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a; 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Peter and St. John  
Sylvia Marth (St. John)

10:30 AM Margaret Beers (St. Peter)  
Joseph Sagmeister (St. John)

**Monday December 30th Sixth Day within the  
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Is 55: 1:11; Mk 1:7-11  
8:00 AM No Morning Mass

**Tuesday December 31st Seventh Day within the  
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord at Saint John**

I Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28  
8:00 AM Margaret Beslanovits (St. Peter)

4:00 PM John Kropf (St. Peter)  
St. John's Memorial Members Society

**Wednesday January 1st Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God at Saint Peter**

I Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39  
9:30AM Stefan and Mary Pultz

**Friday January 3rd Christmas Weekday  
First Friday**

ISm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12  
8:00AM Joe Weber, Sr.

**Saturday January 4th Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious**

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

**Vigil Mass**  
4:30 PM Amelia Mikitka

**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



**Mass Intentions for the week of  
January 5—January 10, 2025**

**Sunday January 5th Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
10:30AM Frank Nemeth

**Monday January 6th Christmas Weekday**

IJn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25  
8:00AM No Morning Mass

**Wednesday January 8 Christmas Weekday**

IJn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
8:00 AM Father Joseph J. Ostheimer

**Friday January 10 Christmas Weekday**

IJn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
8:00AM Jonathan Karo

**Saturday January 11 Christmas Weekday**

IJn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
4:30PM Frank Jarosch



**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Will burn for the week of December 29  
In memory of Thomas S. Micklas  
Offered by the Micklas Family

Will burn the week of January 5  
in memory of Carlo Pagni  
Offered by Cecilia Kraynek

**BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHTS**

Will burn the week of January 5  
In memory of Frank and Anna Dreisbach

**SAINT JOSEPH VIGIL LIGHTS**

Will burn the week of January 5  
In memory of Joseph Horvath Jr.  
Offered by Veronica Horvath

**CONTRIBUTIONS CREDITED TO 2024**

the final date to receive credit and verifications for  
any back contributions dated 2024 that you wish to  
return is Sunday, January 19, 2025. Contribution  
letters for tax purposes will be mailed by

**REQUEST ONLY**



**Flame of Love**  
 Tuesday, January 7, 2025  
 At 6pm



**PIEROGIES**

We will be making pierogies on the 20th and 21st 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 12, 2025  
**Where:** St. Peter Church Social Hall  
 4 South 5th Street, Coplay

**Time:** Doors open at 1PM, Bingo starts at 2PM



Kitchen opens at 1PM.

**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 8 between 2 and 5:30pm). 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 January 4-5 and ending on 1/26.

**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](mailto:holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org)  
**Office Fall Hours :** M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays

First Communion Meeting on January 9 at 6:30pm at Saint Peter Church Hall.

Classes resume January 6



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 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



**Holy Hour**

Wednesday 01/8/2024  
 at 6pm

Confessions will not be heard.

**Stewardship Corner**

**Sunday Collection Weeks of Sunday 12/22 and 29  
 Will be in the next bulletin**

**Basket collection plus online** 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**



## **WHITEHALL - COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**

We will be hosting the free Community Meal on January 5, 2024. We are asking our parishioners for monetary donations to help defray some of the costs of the meal. If you are able to help, please put your donation in an envelope labeled Community Meal. You may drop off your donation in the Sunday Collection Basket or at the rectory

The community meal will take place on January 5, 2024 from  
4-6pm  
Saint Peter Church Hall  
4 S 5th Street  
Coplay, PA 18037  
Any questions, Please call 610.262.2417



## Community Meal



The Office will be closed on December 31 and January 1st  
Happy and Blessed New Year!

### *Lucky Calendars*

Sellers please make sure you return all sold and unsold tickets to the rectory as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the sellers for all your hard work and good luck to all those who purchased tickets in support of this great fundraiser!



Dear Parishioners,

It is my hope that all of you had a blessed Christmas with your families and friends.

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all those who helped prepared the church and the parish grounds for Christmas. Many thanks to Mike and Bev Sobchak for heading up the church decorating crew and Jim Semler for heading up the outdoor decorating crew. Thanks to Kathy Alonzo and the choir and cantors for their preparations for the Masses for Christmas. It is the efforts of all that make everything go so well and look so beautiful.

As we bring this year to a close, I also want to thank the parishioners of Saint Peter's for your support for me and the parish throughout the last year. Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany was celebrated as a feast before Christmas. In the ancient liturgies of the Church the Epiphany commemorated Christ's birth in Bethlehem, the Adoration of the Magi, His Baptism by St. John the Baptist, and the miracle at the wedding of Cana.

From this four-fold celebration arose the blessing of water, which was originally used for the celebration of Baptism that day, the blessing of salt, used to bless homes and added to the baptismal water, and chalk to bless homes to commemorate the visit of the Magi, fold for the making of sound vessels and incense.

Holy water, salt, and chalk will be blessed before the vigil Mass next weekend, Saturday, January 6, beginning at 3:45pm. These blessings are quite long and involved and take about a half hour to perform. You are invited to join me for these blessings. You may take the blessed chalk and holy water home with you to bless your homes. Bottles for holy water will be provided but feel free to bring your own bottles or containers if you would like to take a larger amount of water. Because of the length of this ceremony, **confessions will not be heard on Saturday, January 4, and Sunday, January 5**

God has been good to Saint Peter this year. We give thanks to Him and ask Him to continue to shed His blessings and graces upon us, so that we can be a holy people who will share the light of Christ with those around us in 2025.

May God bless you and your families.