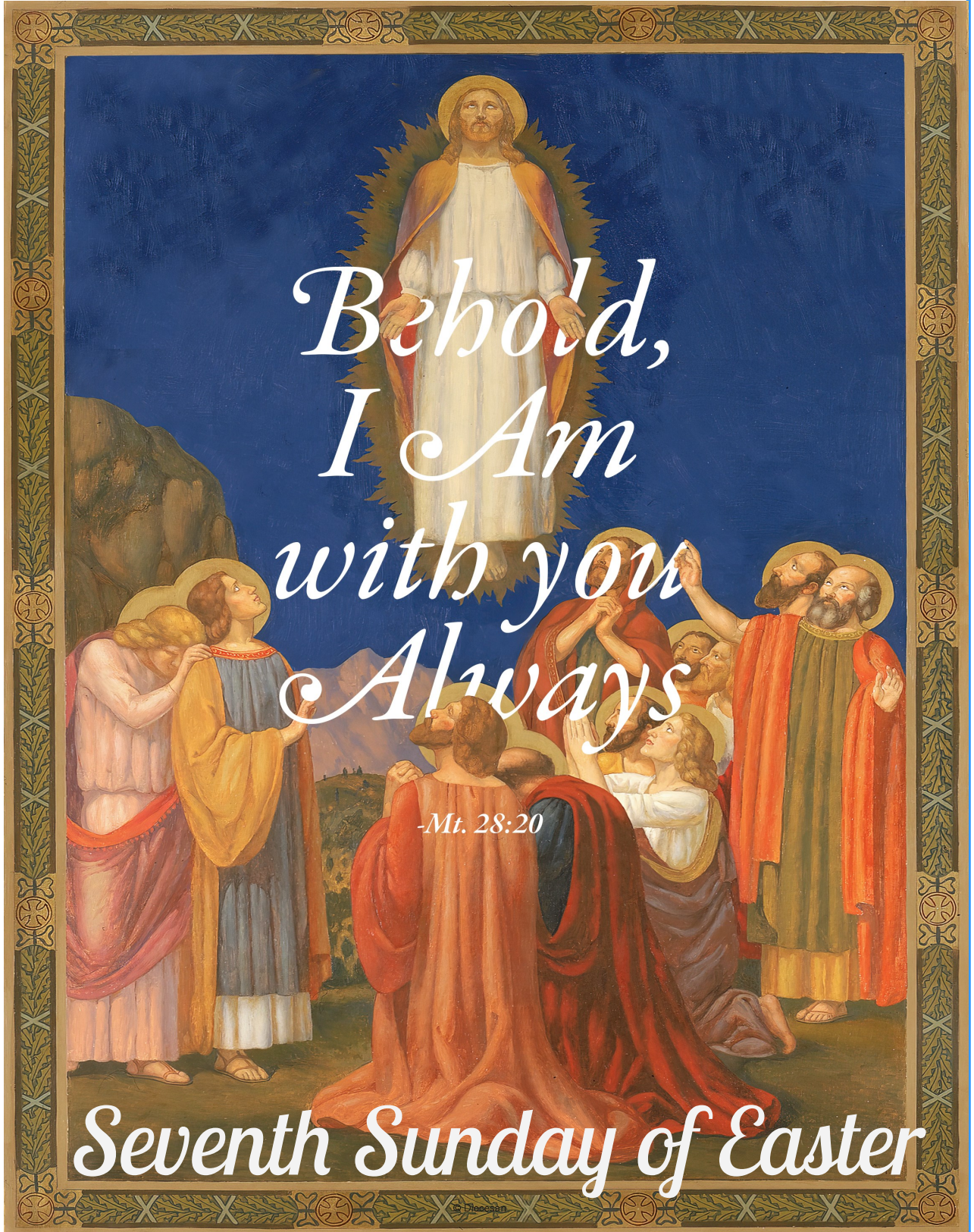


# *Saint Peter Church*

*4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037*



**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024**



*Behold,  
I Am  
with you  
Always*

*-Mt. 28:20*

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

## 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@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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[info@stpetersrccoplay.com](mailto:info@stpetersrccoplay.com)



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 May 12th Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20  
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Mothers  
10:30 AM Living and Deceased Mothers

**Monday May 13th Easter Weekday**

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
8:00 AM No Morning Mass

**Tuesday May 14th Saint Matthias, Apostle**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
8:00 AM Mary T. Frisch

**Wednesday May 15th Easter Weekday**

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19  
8:00AM Parishioners of Saint Peter

**Thursday May 16th Easter Weekday**

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26  
8:00 AM Jerome Dancheck

**Friday May 17th Easter Weekday**

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19  
8:00AM Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.

**Saturday May 18th Easter Weekday**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 PM James Sedora

**Sunday May 19th Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society  
10:30AM William Bock



**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



**HOLY HOUR**

Holy Hour 7pm in the Church  
Wednesday, May 15th, 2024  
Confessions will be heard

**FLAME OF LOVE**  
On Tuesday, May 14th 2024



**Stewardship Corner**

**Sunday Collection Week of Sunday 5/5**  
**Basket collection \$6524.00 plus online \$1171.00**  
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



**DEVOTIONAL LAMP**

**Sanctuary Light**

Will burn in memory of  
Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.  
Offered by Mike and Beverly Sobchak

**Saint Joseph Vigil Lights**

Will burn in memory of  
John F. Toth  
Offered by Barbara Toth

**Blessed Mother Vigil Lights**

Will burn in memory of  
Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.  
Offered by Mike and Beverly Sobchak

**The Blessed Mother Vigil Lights** were burned during the week of May 5-12 in memory of Mrs. Nancy James, Mrs. Agnes James, and Mrs. Anna Etter.

**PIEROGIES**

We will be making pierogies on the 20th and 21st of May. 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 21st. Thank you for supporting this amazing fundraiser.

**CEREAL COLLECTION**

Our Monthly Cereal Collection for WCHI will take place the Weekend of May 25-26



In the past week someone claiming to be Monsignor James has attempted to defraud at least two parishioners by requesting gift cards. Monsignor James **will not** contact anyone by email or text asking for money or gift cards. If someone contacts you claiming to be Msgr. James, do not respond.  
Please notify the parish office at 610.262.2417.

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOAGIE SALE**

Thank you to all the sellers who helped with this fundraiser. All seller sheets are due this weekend after all Masses or to the rectory by Monday, May 13. All checks should be made out to Saint Peter Holy Name Society.  
Pick-up 5/18 1-5 PM in the Church Hall.

**Join us for coffee and donuts on the weekend of May 25-26 . This gathering will be to honor all U.S. military personnel who died serving in our Armed Forces, and to socialize and share camaraderie with friends and neighbors.**

Now accepting reservations for St. Peter bus trip  
Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024



to see "JOY TO THE WORLD" at American Music Theatre, in Lancaster.  
Includes R/T transportation from St. Peter, show, Family style meal at Hershey Farms, and a stop at Kitchen Kettle, refreshments & snacks on bus. Cost is \$125 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$25pp is due with names of all participants. Please make checks payable to St. Peter R.C. Church. For reservations contact Beverly M. Sobchak at 610-767-1887. Balance due no later than Sept. 10, 2024.

Mark your Calendars for our 2025 trips.

- ◆ March 7, 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show
- ◆ Dinner show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse or
- ◆ Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre,
- ◆ Penn's Peak Tribute to Johnny Cash May 14, 2025
- ◆ Noah at Sight and Sound May 21, 2025
- ◆ Christmas Show Nov. 25, 2025
- ◆ A possible cruise.

For additional information, or if you have any questions please contact Beverly at 610.767.1887



Our May Procession will be held Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in our school parking lot. All are invited to attend! We ask that you please do not park in the school parking lot. Thank you!

Get ready! Good Shepherd will be participating in the "Make A Joyful Noise" lip dub video competition again this year against other Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Allentown. Our school video will be available to view, vote & donate! Be on the lookout for the QR code, website and our school flyers!

Voting will take place between May 1st and 31st. Thank you for making GSCS a winner! Good Shepherd Catholic School will now be selling GSCS Family Prayer Cards. Each card is \$5.00. You can enroll deceased family members or friends, or someone for health and blessings. Prayer cards are available for purchase during school hours, and before and after our school Masses.

Good Shepherd Catholic School Family members will be acknowledged in the following ways: A votive candle will be lit in their honor. Their name will be written in our intention book. They will be remembered every day in the prayers of all the children during morning prayer. Good Shepherd Catholic School Prayer Family members will be remembered at every school Mass. This card is not a Mass Card, rather a Prayer card where a general intention inclusive of all Prayer Family Members will be mentioned.

Good Shepherd Catholic School has limited space available for students entering grades K-8, Pre-K (4 years old) and Preschool (3 year old). We are now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year for all grades. Classrooms are filling up fast! Don't wait! For more information regarding enrollment, please call Erica Nochtan, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171, email her at [msnochtong-scs@goodshepherd-catholic.com](mailto:msnochtong-scs@goodshepherd-catholic.com) or visit our school website at [www.goodshepherd-catholic.com](http://www.goodshepherd-catholic.com)!



### **Holy Apostles RE**

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

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00am-5pm  
Thursday: 12Noon-6:00pm  
Friday: Closed

This month's St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour will take place Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00pm, at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown. Presiding will be Rev. Frans Berkhout, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bethlehem. Please join us in asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Immediately following the Holy Hour, a meeting and book discussion will take place in Friendship Hall. All are warmly invited to attend. For info: [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)



The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish

support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift today at :

[www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org)

Saint Peter's Goal: \$46,881.00 pledged to date \$26,484.00.

Last year we raised through gifts and pledges: \$47,500.00

Thank you to all who donated so far!

### 2025 JUBILEE

Travel with Msgr. David James, Pastor of Saint Peter's Parish, Coplay, PA on our Pilgrimage to Italy and Austria.



**WHERE:** Rome, Orvieto, Loreto, Assisi, Siena, Pisa, Florence, Padua, Vienna, Eisenstadt, Burgenland, Salzburg

**TRIP DATES:** October 12-24, 2025

**COST** \$6599.00 Airfare and ALL-Included

To register, please contact (855) 842.8001 or (508) 340-9370. You can also register online at

[www.proximotravel.com](http://www.proximotravel.com)

For any questions please call the office at 610.262.2417

### MOTHERS' DAY CARDS

Mother's Day Mass cards are available in the Main vestibule, please drop your donations in the Collection Basket. HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!



### CORPUS CHRISTI



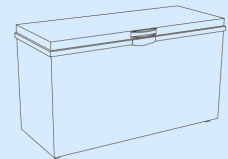
The Annual Corpus Christi Procession will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at 1pm. We will begin in the Church. Please mark your calendars for this special event.

During the month of May the rosary will be recited before all Masses and the Miraculous Medal Novena will be recited during our weekly Holy Hour.

Please join us for this great devotion to our Blessed Mother.

All Parishioners may join in the recitation of the Rosary. This devotion is not reserved to the members of the Altar and Rosary Society only.

A Mid-size chest freezer is available free for anyone. If interested please call the rectory at 610.262.2417 Must provide labor to haul.



### Saint Francis of Assisi Basket Raffle 2024

May 18, 2024 from 11 am to 6 pm

May 19, 2024 from 9 am to 2 pm

There will be baskets for EVERYONE – Women/Men/Kids and the littlest ones!

Adult beverage baskets and Gift Cards will be available!

Tickets – 1 sheet (25 chances) is \$10  
3 sheets (75 chances) are \$20

Tickets may be purchased in ADVANCE AT THE OFFICE or at the EVENT

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - ALL ARE WELCOME



The Saint Francis Kitchen will be open and delicious food will be AVAILABLE FOR DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!!!!

ORDER FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE



You do not need to be present to win! All baskets are worth \$50 or more! Winners will be drawn at approximately 2 pm on Sunday.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Hall  
1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18102  
Corner of Cedar and 11<sup>th</sup> Street (610) 433-6102