

Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

JOY

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit

Third Sunday of Advent





PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. David L. James J.C.L.

PASTORS EMERITI: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin

Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges

PERMANENT DEACONS: Mr. Michael Kudla

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

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email: 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 or by calling 800-276-1562.



www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com



info@stpetersccoplay.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.

MASS INTENTIONS
December 15 - December 21, 2024

Sunday December 15th Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

8:00 AM Altar and Rosary Society (St. Peter)
Edward and Anna Parvel (St. John)

10:30 AM Louis Klucharich (St. Peter)

Monday December 16th Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-4, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

No Morning Mass

Tuesday December 17th Advent Weekday at St

JOHN

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

8:00 AM William Malitsch (St. Peter)
Stephen Burkner (St. John)

Wednesday December 18th Late Advent Weekday

at

ST PETER

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:00AM Mary Walker

Thursday December 19th Late Advent Weekday at

St JOHN

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

7:00 AM Michael Yaroma (St. Peter)
Dennis Leitgeb (St. John)

Friday December 20th Late Advent Weekday at St

PETER

Is 48: 17-19; Mt 11:16-19

8:00AM Parishioners of St. Peter and St. John
Robert Petrosky (St. John)

Saturday December 21st St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church at St JOHN

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

8:00 AM Michael Tauber (St. John)

Vigil Mass at St PETER

Confessions: 3:45-4:15PM

4:30 PM August Ivankovits (St. Peter)
Theresa Perl (St. John)

Sunday December 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM at **SAINT JOHN**

Frank Bodisch (St. Peter)

Frank Kroboth (St. John)

10:30 AM at **SAINT PETER**

Holy Name Society (St. Peter)

Margaret Unitis (St. John)

Stewardship Corner

Sunday Collection \$3785.00 plus online \$1611.00

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

OUR PROVIDER HAS A NEW 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**

• **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, December 17th, 2024
at 6pm in the Chapel



HOLY HOUR

On Wednesday, December 18th, 2024
at **6PM** in the Church
Confessions will **NOT** be heard.



STOCKING STUFFERS

Are you in need of Stocking Stuffers or a special gift for the special people in your family? Please consider purchasing a yearly calendar for the price of 25 for a 365 chances to win.

MASSES SAID BY RETIRED PRIESTS:

Deceased: Hilda Stumpf, Elsie Selady, George Pavelko, Jr., Stephen March, Frank Kroboth



**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS
SANCTUARY LAMP**

*Will burn this week in memory of
Mary T. Frisch
Offered by Richard Frisch*

BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

*Will burn this week in memory of
Louis Klucharich
Offered by Dorothy Klucharich*



BUS TRIPS

NOAH Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster. It's the "30th Anniversary" of the show. The cost is \$175 per person includes:

transportation from St. Peter, a stop at Kitchen Kettle, Dinner at Shady Maple, Driver Gratuity, Snacks & Refreshments on the bus. **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$25pp** is due with the names of all participants. Balance due by March 26, 2025 Please make checks payable to St. Peter Church.

FLOWER SHOW: Friday, March 7, 2025 is \$100 per person. Non- Refundable deposit of \$25 pp is due with names of all participants no later than 01/15/2025. The bus will depart St. Peter at 9:30 AM. If you already signed up for either bus trip, now is the time to send your deposit or drop it off at St. Peter Rectory to ensure your seat. For reservations or info, contact Beverly 610-767-1887.



**GOOD SHEPHERD
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

1300 Newport Ave,
Northampton, PA
610-262-9171

e-mail: altngs@ptd.net

<https://www.goodshepherd-catholic.com>

School Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-3pm.
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! For more info regarding enrollment, please call Erica Nochtton, Advancement Director or email her at msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com. Visit our website: goodshepherd-Catholic.com

HOLY APOSTLES RELIGIOUS CENTER

610.261.0144 or

holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org

3008 S. Ruch St. Whitehall, PA 18052

Fall Office Hours : Monday-Thursday 3-8pm

Friday: Closed

Christmas Break: 12/23-1/5



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
COST: \$6,599.00 per person
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First Stop: Rome the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Wall
When Paul the Apostle was executed in the first century AD in Rome, his followers built a shrine over his grave. In 324 a small church was consecrated on the same grounds, which was later demolished to make space for the construction of a larger and more beautiful basilica, completed in 395. The monastery's striking cloister was built between 1220 and 1241 it is one of the few parts of the Basilica which survived the fire of 1823. After the fire, many countries made donations for the restoration of the church, which was reopened in 1840. The temple was later declared a national monument. The interior of the Basilica of St. Paul is magnificent, with enormous marble columns and beautiful gold mosaics. Unfortunately, because of the fire of 1823, few parts of the Medieval basilica remain intact. However, the church still houses some mosaics from the thirteenth century, a large twelfth-century chandelier, and the marble tombstone under which the remains of St. Paul lie. The atrium located in the exterior is made up of 150 columns, and from here, visitors can see the façade of the Basilica covered by an enormous golden mosaic built between 1854 and 1874. The centre of the portico houses a colossal statue of St. Paul. It is one of the best churches in Rome.



WINE SALE

We have a nice selection for sale left from the Wine Fest. We will be selling wine after the 4:30 and the 10:30 Masses the week-ends in the Church Hall. For additional information, please contact Al at 484.515.6204

OPLATKI



Don't forget to order your Oplatki/Christmas wafers. Each wafer is \$1.00. Please call the rectory at 610.262.2417 to place your order or pick up. We have a very limited supply.

IT IS THE SEASON FOR THE GIVING TREE



The Program this year is accepting gift cards to Target, Walmart, or any grocery store.

Please donate to brighten someone's Christmas! you may drop them off in the collection baskets in an envelope labeled Gift Card or in the mail slot at the rectory. Your donations will be sent to Catholic Charities

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed"



COPLAY FOOD PANTRY

During the season of Advent, we will be collecting food items for the Coplay Food Pantry.

Please make sure the items that you are donating are not outdated. They are in need of microwavable food... spaghetti sauce, rice pouches, fruit cups, tuna, Hormel meals, canned pasta, apple sauce, paper products, soaps, spam, instant potatoes, noodles, crackers, Jell-O, oatmeal, cooking oil, canned vegetables, etc. No big items please. Please drop off your donations in the containers in the vestibules.

DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 First Sunday of Advent	2	3 Flame of Love 6pm Putz Lighting at Convent 7:15pm	4 Holy Hour 6 pm Communion Calls	5 communion calls	6 communion calls	7
8 Second Sunday of Advent	9 The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses are 8am at St. Peter 6:30pm at St. John	10 Flame of Love 6pm	11 Holy Hour 6 pm	12	13	14
15 Gaudete Sunday	16	17 Cookie pick-up 3-6pm Flame of Love 6pm	18 Holy Hour 6 pm	19	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	23	24 4pm Mass at St. John & St. Peter 9pm at St. John office closed	25 9:30 AM Mass at Saint Peter office closed	26 office closed	27	28
29	30	31 4pm Mass at St. John office closed	9:00AM Mass at St. Peter			

ST. PETER ROCKS OUT MARDI GRAS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025



5:30 PM til 10 PM

St. Peter R. C. Church,
4 So. 5th. Street, Coplay, Pa



*\$40. pp includes New Orleans inspired menu along with
Traditional favorites as well as Beer, Soda, Water, Coffee, Tea
Mardi Gras Beads, Masks and Prizes*

*Join us for this fun event, doors open at 5:30 pm
Festivities begin shortly after opening parade followed by
Buffet dinner and Dancing to the Josef Kroboth Band til 10pm
Limited Seating, * for Tickets contact:
Bev & Mike Sobchak (610-767-1887)
Sue & Ron Rabenold (610-730-4655)*

*Guaranteed table sales of groups of 8 to 10 as well as
individual ticket sales start NOW until event sells out.*

*Payment required with names of all guests
Payable to St. Peter RC Church, 4 So. 5th St. Coplay, PA 18037
Hope you can Come, enjoy the Food, Music, Fun and maybe win a Prize
Wear your Coolest, Prettiest, Funniest, most Outrageous Costume
(Optional) use your imagination*

*"LASSER LE BON TEMPS ROLLER"
"LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL"*

**ST. PETER PARISH
FUND RAISER**

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MUST BE 21+**

