

# *Saint Peter Church*

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024**



**SAINT MONICA FEAST DAY AUGUST 28**



## 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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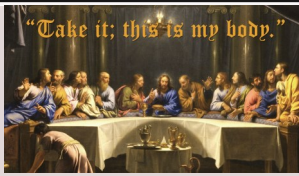
610.262.2417



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 August 25th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jos 24:1+2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 AM Bert Roma (St. Peter)  
Anna Seier (St. John)

10:30 AM Holy Name Society (St. Peter)

**Monday August 26th Weekday**

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

8:00 AM No Morning Mass

**Tuesday August 27th Saint Monica at Saint John**

2Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

8:00 AM Anette Velekei (St. Peter)  
Rosa Margarita Kalil (St. John)

**Wednesday August 28th St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church at SAINT PETER**

2Thes 3:6-10; Mt 23:27-32

8:00AM Parishioners of St. Peter and St. John Parishes

**Thursday August 29th The Passion of Saint John The Baptist at Saint John**

1Vor 1:1-19; Mk 6:17-29

8:00 AM Raymond Sommers (St. Peter)  
Monica Sherry (St. John)

**Friday August 30th Weekday at SAINT PETER**

1Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

8:00AM Stanley Belock (St. Peter)

**Saturday August 31st Weekday at SAINT JOHN**

1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

8:00 AM Mary Ann Harkins (St. John)

**Vigil Mass at SAINT PETER**

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

4:30 PM Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed. Jr. (St. Peter)  
Bill Hackett (St. John)

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

8:00 AM at **SAINT JOHN**

Anna Dieter (St. Peter)  
Mary Christoff (St. John)

10:30 AM at **SAINT PETER**

Deceased Members of the Helmstetter and Rodgers Families

**Stewardship Corner**

**Sunday Collection \$4831.00 plus online \$1098.00**

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**



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**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, August 27, 2024



**HOLY HOUR**

On Wednesday, August 28, 2024

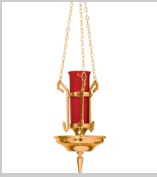
**FOR SALE**

Cases of water (40 bottles/case) for \$3.00 each  
Cases of soda (24 bottles/case) for \$10.00 each  
They will be available for sale after all weekend Masses in the Church Hall. Everyone is encouraged to use the elevator.

**CEREAL COLLECTION**

Our Monthly Cereal Collection for WCHI is now in progress until the end of the month.  
Thank you to all who donate!

## DEVOTIONAL LAMPS



**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
Will burn this week in memory of  
Rosa Lentz  
Offered by Cecilia Kraynek

**BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHTS**  
Will burn this week in memory of  
Edward and Theresa Mayer and Ed Jr.  
Offered by Mike and Beverly Sobchak

**SAINT JOSEPH VIGIL LIGHTS**  
Will burn this week in memory of  
Dick Rodgers  
Offered by Liz Rodgers



**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

Fall Office Hours :

Monday-Thursday 3-8pm  
Friday: Closed

We are looking for volunteer teachers for grades 1,2, & 6th. Your help is greatly appreciated. If interested please call the office at 610.261.0144  
Registrations have been mailed, if you have not received yours please contact the office.  
Confirmations students can get service hours by volunteering at the Religious Ed. Center. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Johnson at 610.261.0144 or [holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org](mailto:holyapostlesre@holyapostlesre.org)



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*13 days to Italy & Austria*

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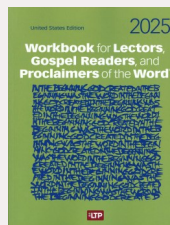
If not, the balance of the Christmas Show:

**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.

## LECTORS



The 2025 workbooks are available to be picked up in the sacristy.

For additional info., please call the rectory at 610.262.2417

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

During this past Lenten Season, the faithful across the Diocese of Allentown participated in the Disciple Maker Index, a survey of the faithful's assessment of their parish. The results of the survey will be announced on the weekend of September 14-15. This will mark the beginning of the next phase of the process, which will include the setting of parish goals and the establishment of a steering committee to assist and advise the pastors with the implementation of new initiatives and the attainment of the parish goals. A committee will be formed at St. John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parish in the near future.

The Parishioners of St. John's invite you to our

## Annual Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPT 1, 2024 \* 1:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Delicious homemade foods!

Fantastic entertainment!

Performances by:

The Pennsylvania Villagers 1:00-4:00 PM

Joyous 5:00-9:00 PM

COME FOR THE FOOD AND STAY FOR THE FUN!

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3024 South Ruch Street, Whitehall, PA 18052

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## MASS TIME CHANGES

Good Shepherd School, Northampton, the Catholic Elementary School that serves Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parishes has been blessed to have Sr. Josephine Wagner, a daughter of the Cathedral Parish and a graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School, assigned to teach 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the 2024-2025 school year. She joins Sr. Bernadette McCauley on the faculty (There are not too many schools that are blessed to have two sisters on the faculty). The six parishes that operate and support Good Shepherd School are responsible for providing the opportunity for the sisters to attend daily Mass before they begin the school day. Over the past few years this has been accomplished by providing the sisters with Mass at the convent on Mondays for their community. On the other days of the week, the assignment of a teacher's aide has made it possible for the sisters to attend the 8am Mass at one of the area parishes. This year, due to a change in the availability of a teacher's aide, another solution had to be found to provide a Mass for the sisters on Wednesday and Thursday. So as not to add another daily Mass to any of the parish schedules, Saint John the Baptist will have Mass at 7:00am on Thursday mornings and Assumption BVM will have 7:00am Mass on Wednesday mornings.

This change will become effective beginning on September 4 and 5.

I understand that this may not be convenient for those who attend daily Mass at St. John the Baptist. Holy Trinity Parish in Egypt and Saint John Fisher in North Catasauqua will continue to offer an 8:00am Mass on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Anyone who has placed a Mass intention at Saint Peter or Saint John the Baptist on Thursdays and would like it moved to another day that is more convenient, may simply contact the rectories and we will happily transfer the intention to another day for you. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

## MASS FOR THE MEMORIAL OF ST. MONICA

Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate a Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica at 6:00pm on Tuesday, August 27, at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown. Please join us as we pray for the return to the Church of our fallen-away loved ones. Mass will be followed by a buffet dinner in Friendship Hall. Tickets for the dinner are \$7 per person. R.S.V.P. at [stmonicaministry27@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicaministry27@gmail.com) This special evening of prayer and fellowship is being sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry.