

# Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,  
and Joseph  
December 29, 2019

## 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.*

### PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin  
PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges  
PERMANENT DEACONS: Thomas Reimer, Maurice Kelly  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra  
PARISH ACCOUNTANT: Mr. Michael Leshko  
DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.: Mrs. Linda Johnson  
DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:  
Ms. Wendy Krisak, Direct Telephone 1 800-791-9209  
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Sr. Meg, S.S.J.M.S., LMFT 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**DAILY: 8 A.M.** (No morning Mass Thursday & Saturday)  
Saturday Evening: 4:00 P.M. Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
Holy Days Vigil: 6:30 P.M.  
Holy Days: 8:00 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

### PENANCE:

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.  
During Advent and Lent, Communal Penance Services are celebrated. Arrangements can always be made by appointment.

### BAPTISM:

Contact the rectory for an appointment.  
Baptism is scheduled on Sunday after the 10:30 A.M.  
Mass at 11:30 A.M. 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

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:** Notify the rectory when someone at home becomes seriously ill, or weak on account of old age, so that the person might receive this Sacrament.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** The priests and Eucharistic Ministers 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 at each of the Valley hospitals is #171.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** New members should make an appointment with the pastor at the rectory. Any change of an address, notify the rectory.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Allentown Central Catholic, 4th & Chew Sts., Allentown 18102 (School Office: 610-437-4601)

### ELEMENTARY:

Good Shepherd Catholic School  
Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed. Principal  
1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067  
610-262-9171

**CCD PROGRAM:** Classes conducted at the Holy Apostles Catholic Education Center, 3008 Ruch St., Whitehall. 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

Rectory: 610-262-2417 Fax: 610-262-2652

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**Sunday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21, 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

**8:00AM-** Stefan and Mary Pultz

**10:30AM-** Henry Lokay

**Monday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

*1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40*

**8:00 AM-** John Schoch

**Tuesday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

*1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18*

**8:00AM-** Margaret Yellen

**Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**4:00PM-** John Kropf

**Wednesday Jan 1<sup>st</sup>: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

*Nm 6:22-27; Lk 2:16-21*

**9:30AM-** Thomas Micklas, Sr.

**Thursday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs. of the Church**

*1Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28*

**No Morning Mass**

**Friday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>: First Friday**

*1Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34*

**8:00 AM-** Pat Petrasovits

**Saturday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

*1Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18*

**Vigil Mass**

**4:00 PM-** Deceased Mbrs. of the Dragovits Family

**Sunday Dec 29<sup>th</sup>:**

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**10:30AM-** Henry Lokay

*Sanctuary Lamp  
Will burn this week in memory of  
Cecelia Kraynek*



**Masses said by Retired Priests and Missionaries:**

**Health:** Fran Nagy

**Deceased:** Pauline Walakovits, Robert Cesanek, Adolph and Genevieve Sommers, Sr., Marie and John Sauerzopf

**Stewardship Corner**

**December 22, 2019**

**\$5535.00**

*Thanks to those who have made a commitment during our increased offertory process. May our renewed stewardship be to the honor and glory of the Lord*



**Flame of Love Tuesdays-** Rosary and Benediction in the Chapel from 6-7:30PM

**Bible Study Thursdays 6:30PM** in the Heritage Center.  
Will resume on 1/9/2020



**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**  
Remember that the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Wednesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Vigil Mass on Tues. 12/31 at 4PM**  
**Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30AM**

**Office Closing**

*The Rectory Office will be closed 12/31, and 1/1. All our staff here at St. Peter Parish wish you and your families a blessed and happy Christmas and New Year!*

### **Whitehall-Coplay Free Community Meals**

Saint Peter will be hosting the free Community Meal on January 5, 2020. We are asking our parishioners for monetary donations in lieu of food items 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

### **School News**



#### **GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

1/2 School reopens

1/3 Mass 9:15

During the weekend of January 10-12 we will be holding our basket social to help

raise fund for our school. In order to make ours a success, we are asking for help in obtaining donations for this event. If you would like to donate gift baskets, gift cards, monetary donations towards creating baskets or prizes, you may drop them off in the office. We are aiming for 200 baskets. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen with food prep and serving. Please contact Michelle Milisits at 610.972.6777 or [michellemilisits@gmail.com](mailto:michellemilisits@gmail.com) to volunteer or questions.

#### **ALLENTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC H.S.**

1/6 School reopens

#### **HOLY APOSTLES RELIGIOUS ED**

No classes 12/23-1/1

Regular classes resume 1/6-8, 2020

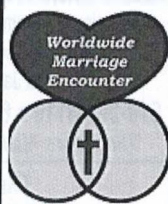
Please note date change:

1/9 First Communion Parents Mtg. 6:30 PM St. Peter

### **Area Events**

Immaculate Conception Church, Allentown is looking to fill a part-time Secretarial position. It Requires Computer skills (Windows 10 & Microsoft Office). Answer phones, detail oriented, and must work well with others. Interested please call 610-433-4404

Holy Trinity Church 4102 S. Church St. Whitehall invite you to join their parishioners Julie and Chris Moakley on a trip to "Ireland- Traditions of the Emerald Isle." June 15-25, 2021~~Information night is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00PM in Holy Trinity Parish Hall where details will be provided.



As we celebrate the FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love we have for each other in our family. Why not encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a WORLDWIDE

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend For info call 610-449-1859 or [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org).



#### **'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING**

Remember to take a tag(s) from our Giving Tree located in the main vestibule. Donations will be sent to Catholic

Charities. Please drop off your unwrapped gifts in the boxes, and gift cards may be dropped off in the collection basket. The wonderful generosity of our parishioners is greatly appreciated by all those in need.



Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

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"Nothing in the definition of charity can set a limit to its growth, for it is a sharing in the limitless charity of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, its agent of growth is God with unlimited power. And even on our side, each increase in charity produces an even greater increase in our capacity to grow—our heart is enlarged." St. Thomas Aquinas



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