Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020

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
Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org
DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE:
Ms. Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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 intended wedding date. The normal day for weddings is Saturday between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M.

ANOINTING 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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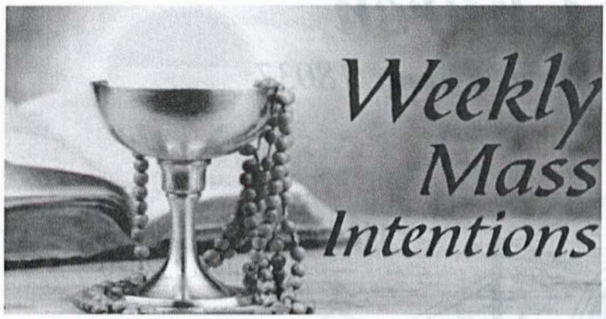

Sunday July 12th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55: 10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
8:00AM- *Holy Name Society*
10:30AM- *Joe Alban III*

Monday July 13th: Weekday
Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1
8:00 AM- *Eduard Dirnbeck*

Tuesday July 14th: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
8:00AM- *Richard Solderich (Anniversary)*

Wednesday July 15th: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
8:00AM- *Hilda Yandresitz*

Thursday July 16th: Weekday
Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30
8:00 AM- *No Morning Mass*

Friday July 17th: Weekday
Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8
8:00AM- *Eric Bodish*

Saturday July 18th: Weekday
Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Vigil Mass
4:00 PM- *Betty Handwerk*

Sunday July 19th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM- *Altar and Rosary Society*
10:30AM- *Deceased Members of Rodgers Family*

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

Stewardship Corner
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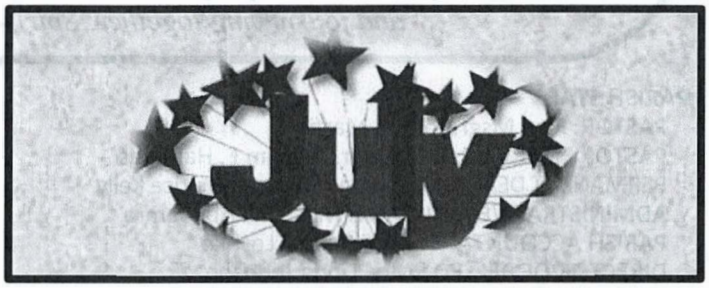
Please continue your weekly or monthly giving to our parish. Your contributions are vital in order for us to meet our obligations. If unable to attend during the Yellow Phase Kindly send your envelopes through the mail or drop them in the rectory mail slot. I thank you for your kind and generous response ***Monsignor Martin***

Masses Said by Retired Priests and Missionaries
Deceased: Kathryn Hacker, Joseph Weber, Joseph Alban III, Frances Alban, Joseph Horvath, Charles Deutsch



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

Altar and Rosary Society
We will have our monthly meeting in the Church Basement, following the 8:00 AM on Sunday, 19 July 2020

Back to Church with Caution
Please continue to wear a mask during Mass and maintain social distancing

PARISH DATABASE UPDATE!!!
please take a moment to fill out the census form. They are available in the vestibules of the church as well as on our website.
Thank you to all those who have returned their census forms. Please do not hesitate to call the office at 610.262.2417 with any questions.

Because We Are Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all who pledged their support to the 2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Our parish goal is 100% participation! Remember every gift counts, if you have any questions call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org.
Thank you for your support!

Mark your Calendar

First Communion Practice will take place on Thursday August 13th at 6:30PM and First Communion will be on Friday August 14th at 6:30PM
Any questions please call the Religious Ed Office at 610-261-0144 Hours: 10AM-5PM Tuesday-Thursday

GSCS NEWS

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates! The students participated in a special liturgy followed by a graduation ceremony on June 12. Congratulations also to Mrs. Joan Wilvert & Ms. Gabriella Urban on their retirement. We thank them for the many years of service to Catholic Schools & to our Diocese.
We are accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for grades kindergarten -8th, preschool 3, & Pre-K 4. To schedule a tour or for info please contact Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi, Advancement Director, at 610.262.9171 or mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com
We are looking for elementary and middle school teachers, as well as a music teacher. If you are interested in applying, please contact Mrs. Susan Parker, principal, at 610.262.9171 or mrsparkergscs@gmail.com

Food Distribution by Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

7/13 and 7/27 from11AM-Noon and 6-7PM at Redeemed Christian Church of God 5 N. 3rd St., Coplay and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 835 3rd St., Whitehall Must be a Whitehall- Coplay resident (IDs required) One distribution per family per day please

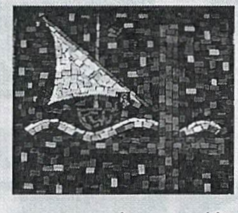
Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Couples learn communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help with marriage problems, difficulties, and crises. The next program begins on 8/14-15 at the Family Life Center, Malvern. Pa. for more information or to register visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215.766.3944 or 800.470.2230
All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Church Picnic

Unfortunately, the Pandemic of Covid 19 has caused numerous cancelations of various events. Our parish festival for 2020 is another. Due to the uncertainty and the possible limitations put on large group gatherings we must cancel the 2020 parish festival. There may be follow-up opportunities to purchase picnic food in the future but for now, our festival for August 2nd is cancelled. Stay tuned to the parish bulletin and website for dates to be determined. It is important to note that other than the regular Sunday envelopes supporting our St. Peter Parish, the annual festival is the 2nd largest function to provide funding for our parish. Please consider a monetary donation in lieu of the actual picnic.

Thank you, Enjoy your quiet Summer!



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.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 610.262.241

Catholic Charities Food Drive

July 18 and 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church (4456 Main St. Whitehall, PA 18052). Many families are in need of basic food necessities, baby formula and diapers. Please contact Jim Friend at 610.574.6406 or jfriend@allentowndiocese.org Please place items in your trunk for contactless unloading of your donation.

St. Joe's, St. Thomas More, St. Elizabeth & St. Mary's in Kutztown have come together to offer a month of Virtual Bible School. Preschool-grade 6. For info go to: https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/97f94908-a585-4965-99de-f4e011231681

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