

Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021

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.

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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)

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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

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Week of February 14th

Sunday February 14th: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv13:1-2,44-46; 1Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

8:00AM- Holy Name Society

10:30AM- Deceased Members of Rodgers & Helmstetter Families

Monday February 15th: Weekday

Gn 4:1-15,25; Mk 8:11-13

8:00 AM- Clare Porvaznik

Tuesday February 16th: Weekday

Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21

8:00 AM- Herbert Goodwin

Wednesday February 17th: Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

8:00 AM- Special Intentions of Kathleen Briggs

6:30 PM- Robert Cesanek

Thursday February 18th: Thursday after Ash

Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

No AM Mass

Friday February 19th: Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

8:00AM- David Tapler

Saturday February 20th: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

No AM Mass

Vigil Mass

4:00 PM- Frances Alban

Sunday February 21st: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Altar and Rosary Society

10:30AM- Anthony and Mary Gutleber

Back to Church with Caution

Please continue to wear masks during Mass use hand sanitizer & maintain social distancing. **DO NOT** leave your used masks in the pews

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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

January 31, 2021

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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 Mass 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



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



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Masses said by Retired Priests and Missionaries

Health: Kathy Rowland, Baby Fiona, Anna Leshko

Deceased: Mary Paukovits, Joseph Weber, Joseph Sodl, John Lohr, Dominic Anthony

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 6:30PM

The books you are given are yours to keep & bring back with you every Friday. Please do not return them or leave them in the pews.














Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the week of February 14th in memory of Michael Yaroma





2021 Lent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February</p> <p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</p>			<p>17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>If possible, attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes. If not, stream it.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Choose Lenten offerings of prayer, penance, and almsgiving.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Abstain from eating meat today, and make your meals truly penitential.</p>	<p>20 Pick a saint to learn about and imitate. Ask for his or her special help and protection during Lent.</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>After Mass, decide what you need to move aside in your life in order to truly experience Jesus during Lent.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Raise the level of your prayer and really think about the meaning of the words you are saying.</p>	<p>23 Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>As an extra Lenten offering, give up something you enjoy — just for today.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Resolve to say only positive things about yourself today.</p>	<p>26 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Make a list of the ways you can support the poor and resolve to do one activity each week.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Choose someone who has passed away or needs extra help as your Mass intention today.</p>	<p>1 March</p> <p>Pray an extra Rosary today and every day this week.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Forgive someone who has hurt you.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ask Jesus to heal whatever separates you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p>	<p>4 Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and renew your commitment to keep them.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Eat a meatless meal and remember why you are abstaining.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Adopt a local nursing home. Make cards for the residents, and offer prayers for each of them.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Resolve to amend your life.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Attend a parish Reconciliation Service, if you feel safe, or go to Confession on your own.</p> 
<p>14 <i>Laetare Sunday</i></p> <p>Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Resolve to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Figure out how much money you saved by not eating meat today and give it to the poor.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Get up an extra 15 minutes each day for the next two weeks and spend that time in prayer.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS, www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Today, pray for someone you don't like.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Eat pretzels today as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Place Palms around each of the images of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Recite the Profession of Faith or the Apostle's Creed each day this week.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Try to find a reasonable explanation for some offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.</p>	<p>1 April</p> <p>Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus today. Ask his pardon.</p>



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2021 LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one be deprived of the grace of God, that no bitter root spring up and cause trouble, through which many may become defiled.

Hebrews 12:14-15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The quote above from Hebrews is not frequently cited in Lenten reflections. This Lent, however, these words especially strike me as we embrace this Season as a time of reconciliation which comes as the fruit of penance.

True repentance includes reconciliation with God, the Church, neighbor, and self. The many manifestations of division that we have seen so clearly in our Church and Nation enjoin us to the repentance that leads to true reconciliation with God, the Church, and our brothers and sisters.

It is often said that we create the times in which we live. We determine through our thoughts, words, and actions whether our individual and societal lives will be created by a preference for division or a preference for reconciliation. Through prayer, fasting, and charitable works, we can more easily see our neighbor, in the light of God's precious creation, like ourselves rather than as an adversary to vanquish by words, violence, or pre-judgments.

Finally, we cannot achieve the reconciliation desired without our faith, devotion, and reception of the Most Holy Eucharist which is the Sacrament of unity and charity. Our real presence at Mass and reception of Holy Communion, the Real Presence of Christ, is the bedrock of any true peace and reconciliation that begins within us.

May we accompany one another this Lent with prayer, fasting, good works, and reception of the Holy Eucharist to build a Church and Nation of reconciliation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Alfred A. Schlert

✠ Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown



Rice Bowl During this Lenten Season we should be attentive to the needs of the poor. Your prayers and generosity extended to the needy will bring blessings to them and Glory to God



During the season of Lent we will be collecting food items for Coplay's Food Bank. Containers will be provided in the vestibule. Please make sure the items that you are donating are not outdated.

Altar and Rosary Society

With Covid-19 impacting our everyday lives, we'd like you to know that you are in our prayers daily. As we adapt to these new circumstances, the Altar and Rosary Society is offering three different ways to send in your dues if you are able, in the Sunday Collection basket, in the mail (to the rectory), or dropped off in the mail slot, in an envelope marked with your name and Altar and Rosary Society dues.

R.C.I.A. INFORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a way of welcoming, forming and initiating new members into the Church. It is a process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic but have yet to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.
For more information call Msgr. Martin

DeSales University Tax Prep Assistance

Junior & senior accounting students from DeSales will provide tax prep assistance free of charge to senior citizens and those with lower incomes starting Mon., Feb. 15, through Fri., March 26 To schedule an appt. call 610-282-1100 ext.1868. All in-person appt. will be conducted with all COVID related precautions, and visitors to the DeSales campus are required to be masked.

In these days, let us add something beyond the usual measure of our service, such as private prayers & abstinence in food & drink. Let each of us, over & above the measure prescribed, offer God something of our free will in the joy of the Holy Spirit
St. Benedict



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2/15 School Closed

2/17 Mass 9:15~

Prayer Service 10:30AM



Holy Apostles RE

Hours 3-8PM Mon-Thurs

No Classes week of 2/15

No meeting on Ash Wednesday Feb. 17th

Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. The Lenten obligation, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18-59.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

Those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fasting or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

We are obliged to fulfill our "Easter Duty" We are reminded to confess our sins once a year during this time. We are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Time.



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