Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 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. Emily D'Emidio
DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:
Ms. Wendy Krisak, Direct Telephone 1 800-791-9209
Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org
DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE:
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 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.

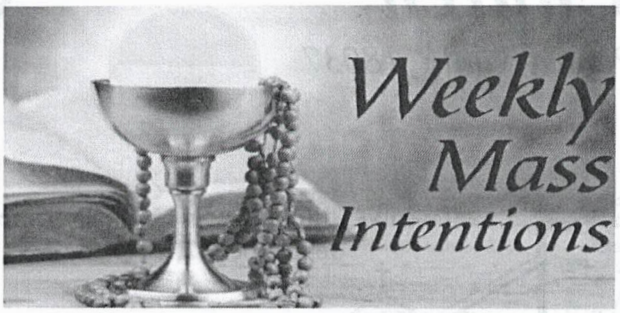
HIGH SCHOOL: Allentown Central Catholic, 4th & Chew Sts., Allentown 18102 (School Office: 610-437-4601)

ELEMENTARY:

Good Shepherd Catholic School
Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, 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. D'Emidio at 610-261-0144

Rectory: 610-262-2417 Fax: 610-262-2652
Web Address: www:stpeterchurchcoplay.com • E-mail: stpeterrcchurch@ptd.net



Sunday Sept.22nd: 25thSunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
8:00AM- *Barbara Stinner*
10:30AM- *Frances Alban*

Monday Sept.23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
8:00 AM- *Matilda Haddad*

Tuesday Sept. 24th: Weekday
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
8:00 AM- *Agnes Frisch*

Wednesday Sept. 25th: Weekday
Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
8:00 AM- *Rosalie Condash (Anniversary)*

Thursday Sept. 26th: Weekday
Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
No Morning Mass

Friday Sept. 27th: St. Vincent De Paul, Priest
Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
8:00 AM- *John S. Hacker*

Saturday Sept. 28th: Weekday
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Vigil Mass
4:00 PM- *Deceased Members of Stubits Family*

Sunday Sept. 29th: 26thSunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM- *Lillian Binder*
10:30AM- *Frank and Mary Klepeiss*

Masses said by retired Priests and Missionaries
Deceased: *Margaret Yellen, Frances Alban, Anna Miller, Richard Hamscher, Robert De Santis, David Tapler, Mary Ann Deibert*

Stewardship Corner
September 15, 2019
$6,300.00
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 *will resume on October 3rd at 6:30PM in the Heritage Center.*

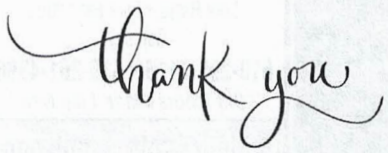
Dinner *Our Pork and Sauerkraut or Turkey Dinner will take place on October 12, 2019 from 4-7PM in the Church Hall. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses and at the rectory. Prices are $10/adult and $5/ child. If you would like to help serve at this dinner, or if you need service hours, please call Paula at 610.266.0195*

Heritage center *will be open this Sunday, September 22, 2019 for your enjoyment. Please stop in and enjoy a walk through our Parish's rich history.*

Hurricane Relief *Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian, we will be having a special collection (no envelopes) at all Masses the weekend of 10/6/2019*

A long, long time ago God said, "Let There Be Music!" Through the decades St. Peter Parish answered that command. Today, unfortunately, our choir numbers have dwindled due to age, illness, and even death. Let us again heed the call and make beautiful music together. The 10:30 Mass Choir has open enrollment Mon. Sept. 23rd and Mon. Sept. 30th. Come and give us a try. 7PM on the choir loft. It's fun and it's free!

If you have already paid in full, Thank you! If not, the balance is due no later than 10/10 for the Holiday Show at American Music Theater in Lancaster. Please make checks payable to St. Peter R.C. Church. The bus departs at 10AM. We will meet in the hall to pick the tickets by 9:45AM. Questions call Bev. at 610.767.1887



On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, thanks to all who contributed to the Triennial Collection for the AMS last week.

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

School News

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Please make sure you check with Mrs. Frystack regarding your safe environment requirements. We need to make sure everyone complies. Your file must be up to date in order for you to volunteer in any school activities.
~ Save the date Race for Ed 10/11
~ Night at the Races 11/2
If you are interested in learning how a great Catholic school education can help your child. Please contact Mrs. Frystack at 610.262.9171 mrsfrystackgscs@gmail.com

ALLENTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC H.S.

9/23 Sophomore Class Retreat 4-7PM
9/26 Parents back to school night 6-8PM
9/28 Menchies Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser to benefit class of 2022 353 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.

HOLY APOSTLES RELIGIOUS ED

Classes will meet as scheduled.
We are looking for substitutes, class aides and hall monitors for the 2019-2020 year. Please call or email the office if interested.
Gr. 2 First Penance Mtg. ***rescheduled*** *for Sept. 26 in Holy Trinity Church 6:30 PM*

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will start on 10/25 through November 3rd, at the Allentown Women's Center at 31 S. Commerce Way, Bethlehem. Join us Mon.-Sat. 7AM-6PM. For more information, or to be paired with a partner, call or text Theresa at 610.704.6935

Area Events

Designer Purse Bingo *Make A Wish Foundation benefiting Team Coltan will take place on Sun. 10/6 Doors open at Noon. Event starts at 1:30PM at St. Peter's RC Church, 4 S. 5th Street Coplay. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. Plus much more For more info contact Kim at 610.217.6540 ktiburzi@ptd.net or Robin at 484.951.6512 robinweston75@gmail.com*

Hoping against Hope: *Living the Gospel where it is unwelcome. The Diocesan Commission for Men is offering a men's morning of reflection on Saturday 10/19 at Queenship of Mary in Northampton. An optional Mass will be offered at 8AM followed by refreshments and presentations by Rev. Eric Gruber, Rev. Patrick Lamb, and Rev. David Anthony begins at 9:15 AM. To register visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfm-spirituality*

Holy Hour *The Diocesan Office of Vocations is sponsoring a First Friday Adoration, Holy Hour and Sacred Heart Devotions every First Friday of the month. Next one is 10/4 at Holy Ghost Church 417 Carlton Ave. Bethlehem. We are encouraging young adults, families, and faithful of all ages to attend. Confessions will also be heard.*

Shower of Roses Festival *will take place on October 6, at the Shrine of St. Therese 1 East Garibaldi Ave., Nesquehoning, beginning with Mass, Procession with recital of Rosary, Benediction at the Grotto, Shower of Blessings. For more info contact St. Joseph's Rectory at 570.645.2664 or visit www.shrineofsainttherese.com*

The Monocacy Farm Food Festival *395 Bridle Path Rd. Bethlehem will feature live music, local food & craft artisans, farm tours, chef & demos, petting zoo, all proceeds benefit the Monocacy Farm Project. Suggested donations $5PP or $10 per family. This event will take place on 9/29/2019 from 11AM-4PM*

Anchored in Peace *Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a relaxing day of faith and fellowship, including Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for Confession, talks by Fr. Mark Searles. This retreat is on Sun. 10/6 from 2-6PM at Stone Lake Inn, 407 Greenview dr., Saylorsburg. Lunch is included. This event is free of charge. For info allentowndiocese.org/anchored*

"The gate of the Kingdom must be asked for by praying, sought after by living properly, and knocked at by persevering" — *St. Bede the Venerable*

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WILL YOU SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES?

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

WANT TO END ABORTION?

If you do, the first thing you must do is pray. Prayer is at the center of 40 Days for Life. During each campaign, we are calling on people of faith across the nation ... and around the world ... to fall on their knees before the Lord, asking Him to hear our plea and heal our land.

Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

The Fall 2019 campaign is SEPTEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 3

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused,40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility.

We pray for the mothers who have the abortion, others involved in the decision, the babies who lose their lives, the workers at the abortion facility, and the abortionist. We also pray that entire Body of Christ will join together in prayer around the common goal of defending the least of our brethren.

For more info please visit:
40daysforlife.com

Or contact:

Allentown: Planned Parenthood
Coordinator: Maryanne 610-570-2347
www.40daysforlife.com/allentown

Bethlehem: AWC
Coordinator: Theresa 610-704-6935
www.40daysforlife.com/bethlehem

How has God responded when communities pull out all the stops and unite together for 40 days to end the violence of abortion?

So far, since 2007 the participants of 40 Days For Life have witnessed countless blessings from God:

- *Reports document 16,004 lives that have been spared from abortion, and those are just the ones we know about*
- *191 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry*
- *104 abortion facilities completely shut down following local 40 Days For Life campaigns*

PRAY TO END ABORTION

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

ALLENTOWN PRAYER VIGIL

ABORTION "CLINIC" PLANNED PARENTHOOD

29 North 9th Street, Allentown PA 18101

Coordinator: Maryanne 610-570-2347
Parking on the Street $2 per hour OR
Contact Maryanne for FREE PARKING
Public Sidewalk ONLY — not on private property

BETHLEHEM PRAYER VIGIL

ABORTION "CLINIC" AWC

31 South Commerce Way, Bethlehem 18017

Coordinator: Theresa 610 -704-6935
Theresa4597@hotmail.com
DIRECTIONS: *Rte 22 to Rte 512N / Right on Highland / Third left on Courtney / Right on S. Commerce Way*

For Parking go to 9 South Commerce Way and park in the spaces farthest from the entrance.
Stand within 10' of the curb

SEEKING HELP ?

FOR PREGNANCY TESTING AND COUNSELING:
BRIGHT HOPE
610-821-4000
Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton

If closed call:
24 HOUR HOTLINE
Birthright Int'l
1-800-550-4900

FOR BABY NEEDS:
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
610-435-1541

WEBSITES:
HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS LISTED BY STATE
checkmyclinic.org

VIDEOS:
LIVE ACTION
abortionprocedures.com

INFO ON CONTRACEPTIVES AND ABORTION
lovefacts.org

PREGNANCY CENTERS by ZIP CODE and INFO ABOUT ABORTION:
REAL ALTERNATIVES
realalternatives.org

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE ARRIVAL:

- ***70% of women are not making this "choice", but rather are being pressured to abort their child.***
- ***75% The no-show rate for abortion appointments can be as high as 75% when people are peacefully praying outside.***

OUR MISSION:

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion.

We pray for God's intercession for the conversion of hearts and minds to welcome our new unborn, unrepeatable, irreplaceable brothers and sisters into this world.

OUR VIGIL GOAL:

To have at least 2 people praying per hour at each vigil site (Allentown, Bethlehem)

The first step is to contact the coordinator for the Prayer Vigil you plan to attend.

ALLENTOWN: *Maryanne* **610-570-2347** *40daysforlife.com/Allentown*
or BETHLEHEM: *Theresa* **610-704-6935** *40daysforlife.com/Bethlehem*

After that initial contact, sign up to pray at the vigil by emailing the prayer site, date, time, and Church affiliation to: ***schedule40dfl@gmail.com***

The majority of vigil volunteers pray the rosary or other prayers. While holding a "40 Days for Life/ Pray to End Abortion" sign is encouraged, it is not required. Your peaceful prayerful presence is the most important thing you can do. You may see sidewalk counselors engage women entering the center. Do not feel you are expected to do this. However, if a woman entering the abortion facility approaches you looking for help, we have included phone numbers at the left side of this page for you to call.