

Saint John Neumann Church

601 East Delp Road * Lancaster, PA 17601
phone: (717) 569-8531 * www.sjnlancaster.org

Parish Office Hours

Mon. ~ Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Closed Fridays

Sunday Masses

Sat. Vigil ~ 4 p.m.

Sun. ~ 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. ~ 9 a.m.

Thurs. ~ 9 a.m., 6 p.m.

Live Streamed Masses

Daily ~ 9 a.m.

Sat. ~ 4 p.m., Sun. ~ 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Reconciliation

Thurs. ~ 4:30-5:45 p.m., Sat. ~ 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Or by appointment

Adoration

Wed. ~ 12-4 p.m. with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:45 p.m.

Thurs. ~ 6:30-7:30 p.m.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

I Do Believe, Lord

JOHN 9:38

Very Reverend Daniel F. X. Powell, V.F. ~ Pastor
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Sacrament of Baptism

Parishioners who would like to have their child baptized at SJN are asked to go to the "How Do I" tab on our website to personally schedule a date.

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:00 pm and Saturdays by request. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, age 16 or older, Confirmed, and must present a sponsor certificate if from another parish. A Baptism class is required if you have not completed one already. More information available on the website.

Counseling Services Available

Counseling services are now available at St. John Neumann by Kathy Birmingham, L.C.S.W. for a free-will offering. If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity or would like to schedule a time, please call Kathy at (717) 397-8647.

Are you planning a trip? Check out FindAMass.org and masstimes.org. With these tools, you can easily locate the most up-to-date Mass and sacrament times, as well as Catholic Church locations across the United States.

Mass Intentions

Sat., March 14

- 4 p.m. - Bob Schwartz

Sun., March 15

- 7:30 a.m. - Frances May Evans
- 9 a.m. - Brian Morrison
- 11 a.m. - People of the Parish
- 5 p.m. - Joan Kinkead Russoniello

Mon., March 16

- 9 a.m. - Pat Armitage

Tues., March 17 ~ Happy St. Patrick's Day

- 9 a.m. - Anne Marie McCarthy

Wed., March 18

- 9 a.m. - Jane Pace
- Landis - Lamar Kaufman

Thurs., March 19

- 9 a.m. - Joe Molony
- 6 p.m. - Special Intention for Anne Lauriello

Fri., March 20

- 9 a.m. - Concetta Gagliardo

Sat., March 21

- 4 p.m. - John Radicone

Sun., March 22

- 7:30 a.m. - Michael Panco
- 9 a.m. - David Reuss
- 11 a.m. - George A. Ominski
- 5 p.m. - People of the Parish

Parish Events

Sun., March 15

- K of C Easter Candy Sales - Narthex
- Following Morning Masses - Coffee and Donuts being hosted by Divine Mercy Cenacle
- 10 a.m. - Faith Formation Family Meeting - Education Center
- 12 p.m. - 8th Grade Confirmation Prep - Education Center
- 6-8:30 p.m. - Youth Ministry - Youth Room

Mon., March 16

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Conference Rm
- 6-7:30 p.m. - Women's Book Study - Social Hall, Library, Youth Room, Conference Room
- 7-8:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Tues., March 17

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 10-11:30 a.m. - Grief Share - Library
- 4:15~5:30 p.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Social Hall



Wed., March 18

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 12-4 p.m. - Adoration with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:45 p.m. - Church
- 4:15~5:30 p.m. - CGS - Atrium

Thurs., March 19

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 8:30-10 a.m. - Mom's Group Catechism Study - Library
- 4:15~5:30 p.m. - CGS Level I - Atrium
- 4:15~5:30 p.m. - CGS Level II - School Atrium
- 4:30~5:45 p.m. - Confessions
- 6:30~7:30 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Fri., March 20

- 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - Library
- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church
- 7 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

Sat., March 21

- K of C Easter Candy Handout - Narthex
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. - 2nd Grade Retreat & First Reconciliation
- 9:30~10:45 a.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 2:00~3:30 p.m. - Confessions

Sun., March 22

- K of C Easter Candy Handout - Narthex
- Following Morning Masses - Coffee and Donuts being hosted by Knights of Columbus
- 10 a.m. - OCIA - Library
- 6-8:30 p.m. - Youth Ministry - Youth Room

Collection

March 8, 2026

Sunday Envelopes & ParishSoft \$32,902.60

Each parish in the diocese operates as an independent Charitable Trust. Contributions provided to our parish are used solely for the operation of our parish and its missions.



If you are interested in enrolling in ParishSoft Giving, please visit our webpage and click on the Donate Now Tab or scan this QR Code. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Gowarty at 717-569-8531.



Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Diocesan Annual Campaign

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Goal	\$ 223,042
Total Pledged	\$ 47,904
Total Cash Collected	\$ 37,652



Please remember our neighbors in need. Help us to help them.



You can now use our new website for donations. Use the QR code or go to www.sjnconfsvdp.org and click on the **DONATE** button in the upper left corner.

Thank you.

Vocations Corner

Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood every Thursday 6:30~7:30pm



Fourth Sunday of Lent

"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email:

vocations@hbgdiocese.org

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Please pray for all Priests, Active and Retired, Diocesan and Religious, especially (by day of the month):

- 15th** - Timothy Marcoe, Cole Mase, Richard McAlister, Ronald McCann, J Michael McFadden, Lawrence McNeil, **16th** - Thomas Meinert, Jose Mera Vallejos, Michael Messner, Michael Metzgar, C Anthony Miller, Samuel Miller, **17th** - Martin Moran, Ronald Moratelli, Matthew Morelli, Richard Mowery, Celestine Nwakwuo, Daniel O'Brien, **18th** - Charles Ocul, Brian Olkowski, Bernard Oniwe, Chiedozie Ononuju, Christopher Onyeneke, Michael Opoki **19th** - Christopher Oranyeli, Hugh Overbaugh, Ignacio Palomino, Charles Persing, Charles Pham, Bernardo Pistone, **20th** - Daniel Powell, Michael Pray, Edward Quinlan, Tiburtius Raja, Michael Reid, Peter Rettig, **21st** - William Richardson, Thomas Mary of Jesus, Luis Rodriguez, Kenneth Roth, Michael Rothan, Thomas Rozman

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Please pray for all Deacons, Active and Retired, especially (by day of the month):

- 15th** - William Jordan, Peter Jupin, Anthony Kearney **16th** - Frank Kenski, Patrick Kiley, James Koch, Walter Kozlowski, **17th** - Joseph Kramer, Frank Kuchinski, Philip Ladouceur, **18th** - Thomas Lang, Joseph Lawrence, James Lawson, **19th** - Christopher Livelsberger, Jose Lopez, Donovan Mann, **20th** - Miguel Marroquin, Patrick McCormack, Michael McGovern, **21st** - Rodrigue Mortel, Jorge Nazario, Michael Oles, Richard Owen

Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

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“You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”

Jesus heard that the Pharisees had thrown the man out, so he found him and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" And the man born blind replied, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" He wasn't getting any answers from the Pharisees, after all. "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." Jesus' healing of the man born blind reminds us that the work of Jesus often goes unseen until we fully recognize him— indeed, true sight goes beyond physical vision. Lent invites us to open our eyes and our hearts, to look for Jesus even when it's unexpected, and to allow ourselves to be fully transformed by encountering Him. Like the man born blind, our faith deepens when we see Him clearly— and worship is the natural response.

Consider: When the man washed the mud off his eyes, he could see—after all, he "came back able to see" so he clearly saw Jesus. But it wasn't until his encounter with the Lord after his testimony to the Pharisees that he really knew who had healed him and who was speaking with him. Have there been times in your life when Jesus was working but you didn't realize it until later? What was your response when you knew?

Whisper Prayer: Jesus, open my eyes to you.

Listening with the Church: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Today, is Laetare Sunday, from the Latin laetare, meaning "rejoice!" The theme comes from the entrance antiphon: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." (Isaiah 66:10-11) It is a day to be strengthened in hope, preparing for Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and to look forward to the joy that awaits us at Easter. During Lent, the church does not allow flowers on the altar as a sign of the penitential season, but this rule is suspended on Laetare Sunday—so you may see rose colored flowers on the altar, in addition to the rose vestments on your priest. In the midst of your Lent sacrifices, fasts, and penances, it is a day to remember that the Easter celebration is coming. Take a moment; alone or with family to reflect on five (or more)

things that bring you joy and thank God for them.

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MHM has placed in the pews NEW take home scripture cards to ponder and put into expression this week.

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PHM is planning for Easter Food basket distributions— if you or someone you know would benefit from a food basket for their Easter meal this season, please let PHM know. All information is kept confidential. Call 717-569-8531 ext. 229.

* Rest in Peace *

Joseph Rappuchi

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Oh Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May All the Souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

Fast for Vocations This Lent

Bishop Timothy Senior invites Catholics throughout the diocese to fast on Wednesdays during Lent for an increase in vocations. This fasting is the same as what we observe on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but whatever sacrifice you offer for vocations is greatly appreciated. An online pledge form is available for those wishing to participate in this shared Lenten sacrifice:

https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/lenten_fast_ing_program

Our Christian Community Welcomes

**Blaire and Cameron McDowell
Theodore Francis Liston**



For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...

Remember the Sick of our Parish ~ Especially

Bob Beal, Hans Deatricks, Dennis Downey, Michael Jurasinski, Jeff Lamp, John Perozich, Linda Philbin, Dick Savicky, Bob Sugra, John Viscardi, Bill White,



Dennis White, Karen Zielinski and all those on the Prayer Circle/Chain.

Divine Mercy Corner



The ABCs of Divine Mercy calls us to Ask for God’s Mercy, Be merciful to others, Completely TRUST in His Divine Mercy. Trust calls us to the realization that God is in charge and everything we do is done out of love of God.

Save the date: Divine Mercy Novena – Good Friday
Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12, 2026

**Welcome
New Parishioners**

- Kristine & Craig Ebersole and Children
- Mary Jane McLean
- Matt & Kathy Ulepik and Young Adult Children
- Freddy & Anna Ramos and Grandchildren
- Catherine Hofmann
- Morgan Buterbaugh and William Shand
- Kevin & Mary Jean Purcell
- Matt & Brooke Kennel and Children
- Patricia DeSanctis

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

APRIL 12, 2026



SAVE THE DATE

Begins with Procession and Mass with choir at 11 a.m. There will be Adoration from Noon until 4 p.m., blessing of the Divine Mercy Image, an opportunity for Confession and so much more.

More details as we get closer to the event.

St. John Neumann Church

601 E. DELP ROAD, LANCASTER

Pastoral Council Seeking Members

The Pastoral Council is an advisory body to the Pastor.

The Pastoral Council Constitution states:

The Pastoral Council is concerned, in general, with implementing, at the parish level, the mission of the Diocese of Harrisburg:

“To share the experience of salvation received from Jesus Christ in the living Catholic tradition of Word and Sacrament, drawing all persons into a believing, hoping, loving, and serving community which, empowered by the Spirit, gives glory to the Father through Jesus, Lord and Savior.”

The primary goal of the Pastoral Council is continual spiritual renewal and outreach. The Pastoral Council will discover and listen to the needs of the Parish and set parish directions by prayerful reflection.

The council has 12 members from the congregation with diverse backgrounds and experience. We discuss current issues in the church and review reports from other ministries including Faith Formation, Health Ministry and Youth Ministry. The council generally meets monthly except for the month of July.

We are seeking **four** members to start their term in June 2026.

If you are interested in being considered for a position on the council, please call Kim Mikulski at 717-569-8531 by **March 23, 2026** to give your name and receive a brief questionnaire.

If you would like additional information about the council, email Warren Wasiewski at W3pharma@gmail.com.

Join us for an insightful conversation about keeping your kids in the Catholic faith for life.

Presentation by: Fr. Sebastian Walshe, O. Praem

Fr. Sebastian Walshe is a Norbertine Canon of St. Michael’s Abbey in the Diocese of Orange, California, and currently serves as Dean of Studies. He holds advanced degrees in philosophy and theology, including a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, and previously worked as a patent agent after studying electrical engineering. Fr. Sebastian is a regular guest on Catholic Answers Live and EWTN and is the author of several books, including Always a Catholic: How to Keep Your Children in the Faith for Life.

Date: Saturday March 21, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: St. James Catholic Church, 505 Woodcrest Ave. Lititz, Pa 17540

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM for those who wish to attend.

Daily Readings for March 16-21, 2026

Monday

Is 65:17-21
Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a
and 13b

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
Jn 7:40-53

Readings for Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Hymns for March 15, 2026

Entrance: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Prep of the Gifts: *Amazing Grace*

Communion: *Christ Be Our Light*

Recessional: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

LA SANTA MESSA PER LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
ITALIAN MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH
Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Saint Joan of Arc
359 W. Areba Ave,
Hershey, PA 17033

Father Matthew Morelli, Celebrant
Father Joshua Brommer, concelebrating

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Father Matthew Morelli Chaplain for the Italian Apostolate
Ministry

&

Through the generosity of the Collura and Manzella families, we will have a traditional Saint Joseph Altar created in the social hall where The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a dinner reception after Mass

For more information please contact:
MARIA DISANTO AT 717-554-5698
e-mail: disanto1@comcast.net

OR

MARIELLA AMATO AT 717-278-9420



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Church	Date	Time
Our Lady of Lourdes, New Holland	Every Sunday during Lent	9:15-10:15 AM
St. Richard's, Manheim	Every Wednesday in Lent	9:15-10:15 AM
St. Peter's, Elizabethtown	Monday, March 16	7:00 PM
St. Catherine, Quarryville	Tuesday, March 17	7:00 PM
St. James, Lititz	Thursday, March 19	7:00 PM
Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ephrata	Thursday, March 19	7:00 PM
Mary, Mother of the Church, Mount Joy	Monday, March 23	7:00 PM
St. Leo's, Lancaster	Tuesday, March 24	7:00 PM
St. Joseph's Lancaster	Wednesday, March 25	7:00 PM
St. John Neumann, Lancaster	Thursday, March 26	7:00 PM
St. Mary's, Lancaster	Sunday, March 29	6:30 PM

Celebrate
SMCS

Thank you to our amazing & generous
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to benefit the students of
St. John Neumann Catholic School!





As an authentically Catholic community, we welcome and value each person's giftedness while inspiring growth in Truth, Wisdom, Faith & Virtue. We exemplify Christ's love in service to others.

This Week at SJNCS

On Tuesday, our students will be wearing the green in honor of St. Patrick! Parents should also check those backpacks when the leprechauns come home as the Second Trimester Report Cards are going home today.

Parents have a special invitation to join us on Wednesday morning for Morning Prayer and our Second Trimester awards ceremony.

On Friday, our students will gather together for our All School Stations of the Cross.

Applications are still being accepted for the 2026-2027 School Year. Interested parishioners can complete the online application on the school's website at www.sjnclancaster.org. Please see the ad in today's bulletin for more information!



SAVE THE DATE- Vacation Bible School

Dates: July 13-17, 2026 (9 a.m.- noon)

Host Location: St. Leo the Great Parish

Who: Children in current grades PreK 4-6th

Questions: VBSlancastercatholicparishes@gmail.com



Lancaster Catholic High School

The following positions are available at Lancaster Catholic High School. For more information and to apply, use the link listed at the bottom for the Diocese of Harrisburg Apply Frontline website.

Physical Education/Health Teacher - Full Time:

Job Code #1896

School Counselor - Full Time: Job Code #1897

Theology Teacher - Full Time: Job Code #1899

Director of Campus Ministry - Full Time:

Job Code #1898

General Science Teacher - Part Time:

Job Code:#1900

For your convenience, the link is provided as follows:
<https://www.applitrack.com/diocesefharrisburg/onlineapp/>

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CALLING ALL COMMUNITY SINGERS!
CRUSADER COMMUNITY CHORUS
OPEN TO ANY AND ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AGES 14 TO 99½. NO AUDITION NECESSARY!

REHEARSAL AND CONCERT DATES
REHEARSAL - TUESDAY, MAY 5 ~ 7:00PM-8:30PM
REHEARSAL - THURSDAY, MAY 7 ~ 7:00PM-8:30PM
REHEARSAL - SATURDAY, MAY 9 ~ 10:00AM-12:00PM
CONCERT - TUESDAY, MAY 12 ~ 6:00PM
MUST ATTEND 2 REHEARSALS - ALL HELD AT LANCASTER CATHOLIC

EMAIL MICHAEL ADAMS AT MADAMS@LCHSYES.ORG TO SIGN UP TODAY AND HAVE YOUR MUSIC AND PRACTICE TRACKS SENT TO YOU!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2027

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 School Year. Parishioners are our first priority but spaces are limited in several classes so apply today!

Want to set up a tour? Questions about the school? Contact Janice Wolfe at wolfeja@sjnschoollancaster.org or 717-844-6100.

Apply Here



Become A Knight

Are you a practicing Catholic man over the age of 18? As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael McGivney's beatification, online membership with the Knights of Columbus is free when you use the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. Join today!

HELP NEEDED



Do you need service hours (or do you just want to get out and enjoy the spring weather), join us on Wednesday, March 25th at 4 p.m.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be mulching the front of the Church and the trees around the Stations of the Cross. This is to help make the Church beautiful for Palm Sunday and Easter Week.

More hands make light work!

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SHEPHERD;
THERE IS NOTHING I
SHALL WANT.



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Upcoming
Harrisburg
Weekend
May 1-3



For more information
Scan QR code
800.470.2230

2026 EASTER CANDY SALE

GROFF'S CANDIES, LANCASTER

Orders will be taken in the Narthex
or with the QR Code below

Feb. 28/Mar. 1

Mar. 7/8

Mar. 14/15



5" Solid Cross
Milk or Dark Chocolate
\$5 each



Solid Easter Bunny
8 oz.
Milk or Dark Chocolate
\$11 each



Bag of Non-Pareils
8 oz.
Milk or Dark Chocolate
\$10 each



Orders will be handed out
Mar. 21/22
Mar. 28/29

- Charities we support:
- A Woman's Concern
 - Serra Club
 - SJNCS
 - St. John Neumann Church
 - St. Vincent de Paul

12 Easter eggs, approx. 10 oz.
milk or dark chocolate
Peanut Butter, Butter
Cream, Coconut Creme
\$11 each



THE DIOCESE
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DADS' NIGHT OUT

Enjoy a night out at Mad Chef Brewing to celebrate the eve of St. Joseph's feast day!



6pm on Wed,
March 18th



Mad Chef Brewing
2023 Miller Rd
East Petersburg, PA

Please RSVP to:

catholic.families.lanc@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund

GIVE SMARTER

A Catholic Approach to Generosity

A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRATERNAL BENEFIT EVENT

Hosted by the
Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund

MARCH 31, 2026 | 8:00 PM ET
ONLINE WEBINAR

Put Your Faith Into Action Through Generosity

Join us for an informative presentation on how Catholic families can maximize the impact of their charitable giving while remaining faithful to the teachings and mission of the Church.

DURING THIS WEBINAR YOU WILL LEARN

- How **DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS** can strengthen your charitable giving
- TAX-SMART STRATEGIES** that help you give more effectively
- How the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE FUND** supports donors in a way that is **DISTINCTLY AND UNAPOLOGETICALLY CATHOLIC**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Knights of Columbus members
- Catholic families and parishioners
- Individuals interested in charitable giving
- Prospective members of the Knights of Columbus

REGISTER TODAY!

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund
Serving the Church. Strengthening Catholic Generosity.

Give Smarter: A Catholic Approach to Generosity

March 31, 2026

8:00 PM ET

Registration is Live

Open to all, not just members of the Knights.

This is a great event for prospective members and parishioners.

Attendees will learn:

- How donor-advised funds can be a powerful tool for their charitable giving
- Tax-smart donation strategies
- How KCCF helps donors meet their giving goals in a way that is distinctly and unapologetically Catholic

We hope to see you there!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the “elect” for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven’s banquet.

—Rev. James Field

THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS

St. John Neumann Church

Saturday March 28, 2026

8:30 AM-2:00 PM

Cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple
(Lunch included)



This was my 2nd retreat. I am glad for all the adoration time. I always come away with something new!



Excellent! Great videos, nice workbook. The people there were so nice! Good stuff!



Scan to register and learn about our referral program!

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Tickets are on sale now at St. Leo the Great Parish Office and are limited! Grab your tickets today at St. Leo's or online at <https://aftontickets.com/m4mlancaster>. Tickets are \$25.



St. Anne-Neumann Seniors "Nearer My God to Thee"

Please join us on Tuesday, March 24th. Our special guest speaker will be Diane Albertson. Diane has been telling stories for approximately 35 years. She began storytelling when she worked with the Children's Ministry at her local church. However, she found her target audience to be Senior Groups. Diane loves to take historical stories and weave a Bible story into it.

Diane will be sharing one of her favorite stories, "Nearer My God to Thee" with us. This is a story of a young woman who is an Irish immigrant on the Titanic.

Sign in at 12:30 in the Narthex. \$3 admission donation. General meeting begins at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

All are welcome, bring a friend!

Any questions, call Gina White at 717-569-9364.

Diocese of Harrisburg Feasibility Study

The Diocese of Harrisburg has partnered with the Steier Group to conduct a feasibility study. Diocesan and parish leaders are seeking our parishioners' feedback on the best way to address immediate needs and to strengthen funding for our ministries in the years ahead. For the next several weeks, we will be highlighting the priorities of the campaign. To learn more about these priorities, review the mailing you received or go to steiergroup.com/survey and select Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

Priority: Our diocese has 32 Catholic schools serving over 9,000 children, guided by 1,000 devoted teachers and staff. In our schools, children receive more than an excellent academic education. They are formed into future Church leaders, strong Catholic disciples, and compassionate adults. Our schools also face undeniable realities: financial pressures on parishes, aging facilities, rising costs, and a need for continual innovation. We hope to restore and strengthen school facilities, expand financial aid to meet increasing demand, unlock EITC and grant opportunities, invest in educators and leadership, and enrich curriculum and faith formation.

Priority: Cathedral renovations, diocesan infrastructure and parish initiatives are an integral part of the proposed diocesan-wide campaign. The Cathedral of Saint Patrick is our mother church, a place where the faithful from across the diocese can gather and unite as one. Built in 1907, the building is a grand structure and a symbol of our faith. As we approach the bicentennial of the parish, we are called to honor its legacy and ensure the beauty and hospitality of this sacred space for future generations. Share your feedback on these important initiatives and more by completing the feasibility study survey at: steiergroup.com/survey or scan the QR code below and select Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.



Catholic Leadership Institute Survey Results

Dear Parishioners,

In late 2023 the parish was asked to participate in the Catholic Leadership Institute Survey. As you recall, the survey was posted online and consisted of almost 100 questions concerning our faith and our church life. We had an excellent response to the survey with 741 total surveys completed, representing 43% of our mass attending parishioners. Thank you for participating and thanks to the institute and its benefactors for supporting and funding this important work.

The data was parsed into several broad categories including belief in core Catholic teachings, the Sunday experience, spiritual practices, effectiveness of parish support, missionary impulse, and leadership indicators.

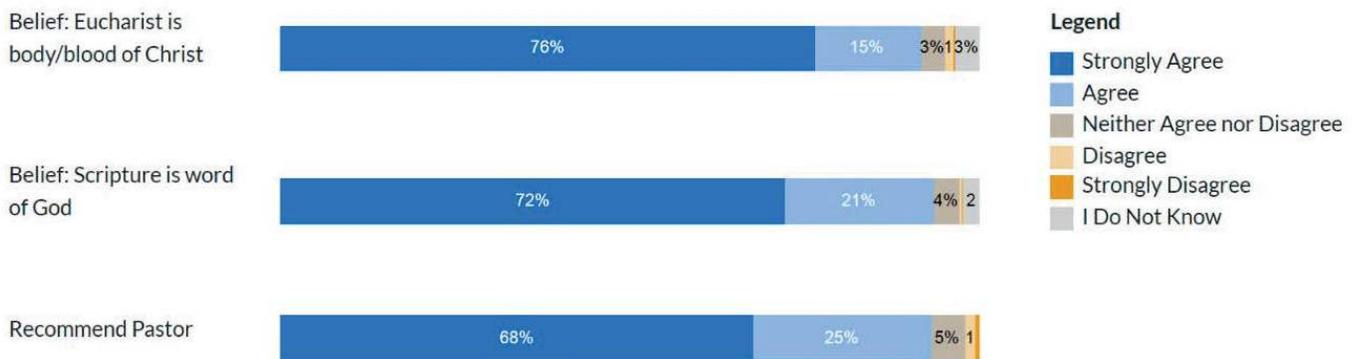
The results of the survey were delivered to Father Dan and Pastoral Council for review in the late winter of 2025. The dataset was extensive and comprehensive.

The survey identified Strengths and Opportunities for the parish. The top 3 strengths determined by the highest percentage of responses of “I strongly agree” are as follows:

- 1) I personally believe the eucharist is the body and blood of Christ (76% strongly agree and 15% agree)
- 2) I personally believe scripture is the word of God (72% Strongly agree and 21% agree)
- 3) I would recommend my Pastor to friend (68% Strongly agree and 25% agree)

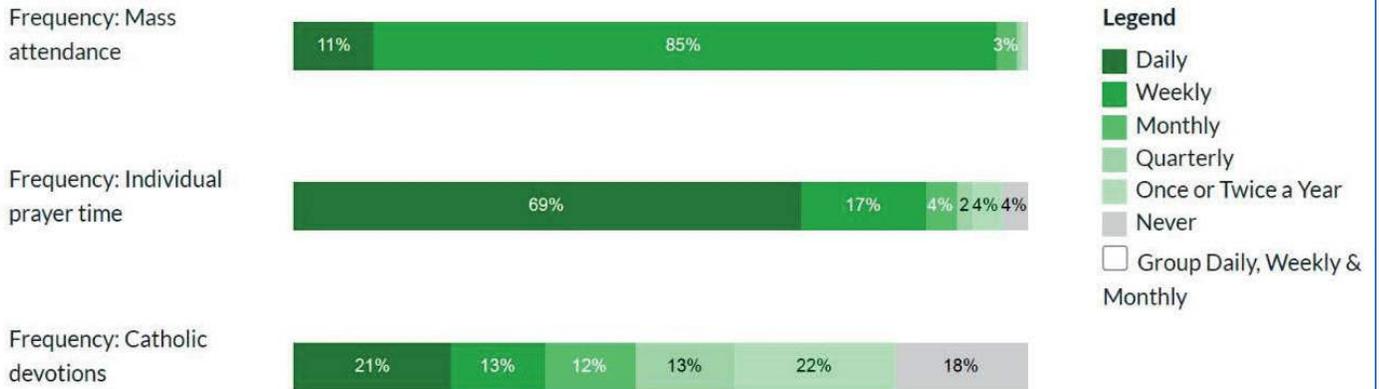
I have included the percentage of those who “agree” to demonstrate the strengthen of the response. For example, belief in the Eucharist is the body of Christ shows 91% of respondents hold that belief, a powerful message indeed.

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree



The top 3 by highest percentage per month were, how often do you attend mass, 85% weekly, practice individual prayer time with God, 69% daily, and how often do you participate in Catholic devotions (rosary, feast days), once or twice a year 21%, and daily 13%.

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often



The survey also defined opportunities for the parish by listing the lowest percentage of those who “strongly agree.” Those areas of opportunity are as follows.

- 1) Confidence in teachings. “My parish equips me to have conversations with family and friends by growing my confidence in church teaching so I can answer others questions.” 14% strongly agree and 43 % agree
- 2) Forming as a disciple. “My parish helps me spiritually by forming me as disciple of Jesus Christ.” 22% strongly agree and 50% agree
- 3) Music deepens my participation by offering music that deepens my desire to participate more fully in the Sunday liturgy.” 22% strongly agree and 40% agree

Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree



Finally, the survey noted that only 20% of respondents have attended a retreat.

The Pastoral Council has been discussing these results and formulating plans to address the opportunities. You may have seen the cards in the pews recently discussing what is a disciple and are you a disciple of Christ. This was the result of our discussions concerning discipleship. We hope that this communication gets you thinking about your faith and your spiritual journey. The new organ has given us the opportunity to address the response concerning music as part of our mass. Finally, we are discussing ways to address increasing your confidence in the teachings of the church and how we can equip our parishioners to feel comfortable discussing their faith with others and answering their questions with confidence and faith.

The Pastoral Council will continue to review the data and develop plans to address the opportunities identified above and other issues identified in the survey.

Overall, our parish performed well in the survey and compared well with other parishes in the diocese and parishes of similar size across the entire survey on a national level.

The Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who participated and we will continue to work to strengthen the Catholic experience for all our parishioners.



March 19 - Feast Day of St. Joseph
 Matthew 1:24 "When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him..."

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March 13, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach Saint Patrick's Day, I invite you to reflect on the words of Saint Patrick, "If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God." These words, written in a letter to soldiers, are words that we, as Catholics and people of good will, can reflect on in our everyday lives for they remind us of our profound calling to serve with humility and courage.

Saint Patrick's journey — from being kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland as a teenager, to escaping and returning home to England, and then choosing to return as a missionary to the very people who once enslaved him — teaches us the power of forgiveness and unwavering trust in Christ. He returned to those who once enslaved him, not with resentment, but with a heart open to reconciliation and a message of hope. His sacrifices and perseverance transformed lives and brought many to the faith.

Pope Leo, in his message for World Mission Day, reminds us, "In many situations, we encounter conflicts, polarization, misunderstandings and a lack of mutual trust. When this occurs even within our communities, it undermines our witness. The evangelizing mission that Christ entrusted to his disciples requires, above all, hearts that are reconciled and eager for communion."¹

Today, we face our own challenges: wars wounding the human family, political differences straining relationships, many families carrying quiet burdens of hurt and division, and misunderstandings even among fellow believers. In these moments, Saint Patrick's witness calls us not to deepen divisions, but to heal them. We are called to be builders of communion, instruments of reconciliation, and servants of peace. He listened for the voice of God, even when it led him beyond what was familiar and comfortable. He heard the cry of a people and returned to them with the hope of the Gospel. Like Saint Patrick, we are invited to listen for God's voice, to step beyond what is comfortable, and to respond to the quiet cries for hope, for mercy, and healing in our midst. The Lord sends us as He sent Saint Patrick — not always across oceans, but into our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our parishes, and even our own homes — to bring the peace of Christ where it is most needed.

This is a moment to live our faith boldly and joyfully, with greater conviction, and without fear. Together, may we be recognized as followers of Jesus, confident that He walks with us — men and women whose words, actions, and attitudes reflect His presence, bringing hope, mercy, and healing wherever it is needed. I encourage you to join me in renewing our commitment to the Gospel: to open our hearts more fully to the Holy Spirit, who rekindles within us the gift of faith; to allow that gift to shape how we live and love; and to carry, with quiet confidence and joyful hope, the unifying message of Christ into our divided world. May Saint Patrick's example strengthen us to share the Good News, welcome the stranger, and care for the most vulnerable among us. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Saint Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Harrisburg, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

¹ Leo XIV, "Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 100th World Mission Day 2026," *The Holy See*, <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20260125-giornata-missionaria.html> (accessed February 12, 2026).



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