

# Saint John Neumann Church

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## 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.

3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Repent,  
for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand*

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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., January 24

- 4 p.m. - People of the Parish

Sun., January 25

- 7:30 a.m. - Joe Fox
- 9 a.m. - Joseph Savel
- 11 a.m. - Doris Broome
- 5 p.m. - Monica L. Klotz

Mon., January 26

- 9 a.m. - Mary L. Russell

Tues., January 27

- 9 a.m. - Constance Smith

Wed., January 28

- 9 a.m. - Dermot O'Sullivan
- Neffsville - Larry Leiphart, Jr.

Thurs., January 29

- 9 a.m. - Joanne Kurych
- 6 p.m. - Lorraine Speece

Fri., January 30

- 9 a.m. - Joan Vizza

Sat., January 31

- 4 p.m. - Special Intention ~ Munachismo

Sun., February 1

- 7:30 a.m. - People of the Parish
- 9 a.m. - Henry Roberts
- 11 a.m. - John Corcoran
- 5 p.m. - Steve Cassidy

## Parish Events

Sun., January 25

- Following all Masses - Blood Pressure Screenings - Conference Room
- Following morning Masses - Coffee and Donuts being hosted by SJNCS
- 10 a.m. - OCIA - Youth Room
- 10 a.m. - Faith Formation Family Meeting - Education Center
- 12 p.m. - Confirmation Prep - Education Center
- 12 p.m. - Ananais Training - Library
- 6 p.m. - Youth Ministry - Youth Room

Mon., January 26

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Choir - Church
- 6 p.m. - Walking With Purpose - Social Hall, Library, Conference Room
- 7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Tues., January 27

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 4:15-5:30 p.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 7 p.m. - K of C Officer's Meeting - Library

Wed., January 28

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

Thurs., January 29

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 4:15~5:45 p.m. - CGS Level I - Atrium
- 4:15~5:45 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., January 30

- 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - Library
- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church

Sat., January 31

- K of C Sub Coupon Sales
- 9:30~10:45 a.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 2:00~3:30 p.m. - Confessions



Sun., February 1

- Following all Masses - K of C Sub Coupon Sales
- Following morning Masses - Coffee and Donuts
- 10 a.m. - Faith Formation Peer Meeting - Education Center
- 12 p.m. - Confirmation Prep - Education Center
- 6 p.m. - Youth Ministry - Youth Room

The 2025 Tax Statements have been mailed. If you do not receive one, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish.

## Collection

January 18, 2026

Sunday Envelopes and ParishSoft . . . . . \$33,963.00

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.

**ParishSoft**  
by Ministry Brands™

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!*



### 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Goal . . . . . \$ 223,042

Total Cash Received to Date . . . . . \$ 230,436

We would like to thank everyone who donated in any way to help us reach our goal. Once everything is settled, we will be receiving a refund from the Diocese.



*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](http://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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
National Catholic Schools Week

*"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
(Matthew 4:19)*

During National Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate how education forms disciples in faith and character. Just as educators guide students in their growth, Jesus invites you to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: [vocations@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org)



As you are probably aware, a group consisting of myself and seven parishioners will be going on a mission trip to our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi, in the Dominican

Republic in April. As is usual, we will be collecting needed items to bring with us and religious crafts for the children. Collection bins will be marked in the Narthex and your help for crafts will be requested in the bulletin and our blog. As always, all on this trip are very grateful for the work our parish does behind the scenes!

Sadly, this year I have another request for a married father of four children who I have known for 23 years. This man, Chao, takes his vacation time when we are in the Dominican Republic so he can drive us, our supplies, and clean water and ice to the locations from which we will be working each day. He, unfortunately, has developed back injuries-- his job requires lifting supplies on and off a truck, a problem with his liver, probably as a result of nutrient deprivation, in addition to, several more minor problems. It is not known how long he will be unemployed and, of course, he is without medical and/or employment compensation. I have been able to obtain some funds presently but it is uncertain when he can return to work and, if he will have a job to return to, when he is able to work. If you are able to share some monetary assistance, I know it would be greatly appreciated. You can use an envelope marked Chao and place it in the collection boxes or bring it to the office.

As always, I am always grateful for the generosity of this parish!

*F. Dan*

### Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

#### Winter Health Tips: Caring for Body and Spirit

Winter invites us into a season of quiet, reflection, and renewal — but it also brings cold temperatures, fierce winds, icy conditions, and the need for extra care. Supporting our health in these months is both a practical responsibility and a spiritual act of stewardship. As St. Paul reminds us, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...?” (1 Corinthians 6:19). Tending to our well-being honors the gift God has entrusted to us.

#### Stay Warm and Layer Wisely

Cold temperatures can strain the body, especially for older adults or those with chronic conditions. Stay home, if possible, on extremely cold days. Keep indoor temperatures safe and consistent. Do not use a stove as your heating means, keep space heaters at least 4 feet from walls and other household furnishings.

If outings are necessary, plan errands for midday when temperatures are warmest. Wear loose light weight layers with an insulating middle layer that trap heat. If involved with strenuous activity- shoveling or outdoor exercise do not wear cotton fabrics but rather wear a synthetic material as it will wick moisture away. Remember to cover your head, hands, and feet; these are areas where heat escapes quickly.

“She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.” (Proverbs 31:21)

A reminder that preparation is an act of love.

#### Nourish our Body

Winter often brings dry air, less sunlight, and changes in appetite. Drink water regularly, even when you don't feel thirsty. With the dryer air we can easily dehydrate ourselves without awareness. Use skin moisturizers.

Choose warm, nutrient-rich foods like soups, whole grains, and winter vegetables. Consider vitamin D-rich foods to support mood and immunity.

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

#### Keep Moving

Shorter days can make it tempting to stay still, but gentle movement supports circulation, mood, and overall health. Stretch throughout the day. Exercise indoors; Try simple chair exercises if mobility is limited; or take short outdoor walks. Combat the winter blues with social connections. Call a family member or friend; Coordinate an outing. “In Him we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)

### Practice Winter Safety

Slippery sidewalks and icy steps are common hazards.

Wear shoes with good traction. Use animal safe salt or sand on walkways if unable to shovel. Keep a small emergency kit in your car with blankets, snacks, and a flashlight.

“The prudent see danger and take refuge.” (Proverbs 22:3)

#### Care for Self and One Another

Prevent cold related injuries by pacing self if doing any outdoor activities; watching for signs of hypothermia- shivering, numbness in extremities, pale skin color and confusion. Warm oneself up, come out of cold, use warm blanket and focus on warming core body first. Prevent spreading germs by washing hands often, get vaccinated, stay home when ill. Winter can be isolating. A quick check-in can make a world of difference. Call neighbors or parishioners who live alone. Offer help with errands or snow shoveling. Pray for those struggling with heating costs or seasonal depression.

“Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

Winter reminds us that God is present in every season; even the quiet, cold ones. Caring for our health is a way of preparing room for His peace. As the psalmist says, “The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” (Psalm 121:8)

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#### MHM Presentation:

Dementia: What is it; What does it mean?

Do you have a loved one or friend that you're worried about their memory lapses?

Have you ever wondered if the memory lapses you're experiencing, can't find the right word, or its on the “tip of your tongue” are normal for your age?

Then this is the presentation for you. Learn about the types of diseases that impact memory, Is your experiences of memory lapses normal, and the benefits of early diagnosis and treatments.

Presented by Connie Metzler BSN Clinical Dementia Professional.

Join us on Thursday, February 12 from 3:45pm -5pm in the Social Hall.

"God of new beginnings, we bless you in the month of January, a time of hope. We place our dreams in your care, asking that we may become better people as they come to pass. Guide us to trust you, knowing you have plans for our good."

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.

\* Rest in Peace \*

Mary Rose Turnpaugh

Andrea Fogelberg

*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.*

Bishop Timothy C. Senior invites men throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg to prayerfully discern a call to serve the Church as permanent deacons. A new formation cohort will begin in August 2026. Men between the ages of 30 and 62 who are active, prayerful Catholics are encouraged to speak with their pastor about this possibility. Applications are available through pastors and are due by March 15, 2026.

Information sessions will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at San Juan Bautista Parish, Lancaster; Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, at St. Pius X Parish, Selingsgrove. Bishop Senior's full letter, which offers additional guidance and details, is available at

<https://www.catholicwitness.org/invitation-for-applications-to-be-permanent-deacons/>.



Our Christian Community Welcomes  
Angelica Marie Kreiser  
Catherine Cecilia Kreiser

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



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!

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

"Escape from your everyday business for a short while, hide for a moment from your restless thoughts.... Make a little time for God, and rest a while in him."—Saint Anselm.

This upcoming year, Father Stiteler will present a three part-series on the Mass from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please join us on the following Wednesday evenings, for some or all of the parts:

February 4 - Part II: "Lift up your hearts."

March 4 - Part III: "Behold the Lamb of God"

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC? YOU CAN, WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR LIVING ROOM!

As Fr. Dan has mentioned, there are many ways our Parish can be part of this wonderful experience and, as in the past, we need help creating and compiling the crafts that the children delight in making and displaying. I want you to know that, Sr. Lisa Valentini, our mission leader, always remarks that our crafts are the easiest to distribute and complete due to the work that is done by our missionaries at home! Please know that this work is remembered in prayer on the trip.

If you can help with the crafts, please text or email me at 717-808-7704 or [angela.f.richards@gmail.com](mailto:angela.f.richards@gmail.com).

I couldn't do this without you! Angela



Life-Giving Wounds Online Support Group  
Registration Now Open!

If you or someone you know is an adult child of divorce or separation, this seven-week online support group offers powerful opportunities for healing. Participants will explore the impact of family wounds through a Catholic lens and find Christ-centered support in community with others who understand.

Thursdays, Feb. 26–April 16 | 8:15–10:00 p.m. ET  
Early-bird registration ends Feb. 12

Learn more and register at:  
[lifegivingwounds.org/online-support-group](http://lifegivingwounds.org/online-support-group)



### Daily Readings for Jan 26-Feb 1

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| <b>Monday</b>               | <b>Thursday</b>                |
| 2 Tm 1, 1-8 or Ti 1, 1-5    | 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29            |
| Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10 | Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 |
| Mk 3, 22-30                 | Mk 4:21-25                     |

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| <b>Tuesday</b>       | <b>Friday</b>                  |
| 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 | 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17     |
| Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10    | Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 |
| Mk 3:31-35           | Mk 4:26-34                     |

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| <b>Wednesday</b>        | <b>Saturday</b>           |
| 2 Sm 7:4-17             | 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17       |
| Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 | Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 |
| Mk 4:1-20               | Mk 4:35-41                |

### Readings for Sunday, February 1, 2026

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Hymns for January 25, 2026

Entrance: *Christ In Me Arise*

Prep of the Gifts: *The Servant Song*

Communion: *Here At This Table*

Recessional: *10,00 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*



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## CALLING ALL SOUP MAKERS!

The Saint Elizabeth Guild in support of Catholic Charities is looking for soup makers who are willing to share quarts of their best homemade soup for our 2026 **"Souper Bowl Sunday Soup Sale."**

The 2026 sale will take place on February 7-8 at various parishes throughout the diocese.

If you are willing to make soup for the event, please scan the QR code below or contact Tara Benkovic, at [tbenkovic@cchbg.org](mailto:tbenkovic@cchbg.org) or 717-657-4804 ext 284.

Empty one-quart containers will be supplied.



**SIGN UP TODAY!**



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**Thank You!**

### SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves "companions," pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the "Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula." Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

—Peter Scagnelli



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

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We're kicking off the week today sponsoring Coffee & Donuts. We hope to see you there! Our week of celebrating all of the good things happening in Catholic Education continues:

- Monday - Bus Drive Thank You, Spelling Bee, Literacy Night
- Tuesday - Carlo Acutis Presentation, Stump the Student guessing game
- Wednesday - Mass and 6th Grade Play
- Thursday - Valentine's for Veterans Presentation and Science Fair
- Friday - Baby Shower for A Woman's Concern, Neighbor Thank You, PTO Teacher Lunch, Bingo, PTO Movie Night.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 School Year. Interested parishioners can complete the online application on the school's website at [www.sjncslancaster.org](http://www.sjncslancaster.org). Please see the ad in today's bulletin for more information!



## *Lancaster Catholic High School*

### Part-Time Cafeteria Staff

We have a wonderful opportunity for you! Lancaster Catholic High School is looking for a part-time position during the school year. We are in need of a cafeteria staff member to join our team. No prior experience necessary as we will provide training.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 12:45 pm. If interested, contact Misty Pitrovich,

LCHS Cafeteria Director:

717-509-0306, ext. 172 or email [mpitrovich@lchsyses.org](mailto:mpitrovich@lchsyses.org). Applications are also available in the main office during school hours.

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### Spring Musical Announcement

Lancaster Catholic High School's Department of Fine & Performing Arts is proud to present the classic musical "Hello, Dolly!" Join us for this lively, heartwarming production filled with unforgettable music, big dance numbers, and plenty of charm. Performances will take place on Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27 at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 PM. Don't miss this joyful celebration of theatre and talent!

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### Substitute Nurses needed:

Lancaster Catholic High School is seeking substitute nurses for occasional coverage. Your LPN or RN credentials must be current. Diocesan clearances would be required. Please send all inquiries to Mrs.

Dawn Eppinger, Assistant to the Principal at [deppinger@lchsyses.org](mailto:deppinger@lchsyses.org).

**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](mailto:wolfeja@sjnschoollancaster.org) or 717-844-6100.



[www.sjncslancaster.org](http://www.sjncslancaster.org)

Apply Here

**FOLLOW US DURING  
CONSTRUCTION**

Watch the walls go up, the windows go in and the doors get set to open!

**Pictures updated on the school website ([sjnschoollancaster.org](http://sjnschoollancaster.org)) or follow us on Facebook & Instagram**

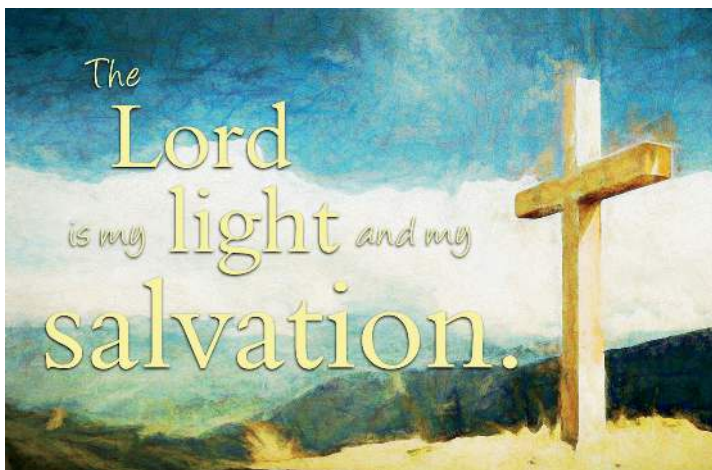




### A Shepherd in the Classroom by Erin Houser

On Sunday, January 11, our first graders in Family Faith Formation were treated to a joyful and memorable retelling of the story of the Good Shepherd, brought to life by Mrs. Jean Reddy, complete with a full shepherd's costume! Drawing on insights from the 2025 Catechetical Conference, Mrs. Reddy shared with me that when a lesson is presented as a story, it helps deepen understanding. Strong oral storytelling helps the Word sound fresh and alive to listeners. After all, Jesus himself was a storyteller, and much of the Old Testament and the Gospels rely on story to communicate God's Word.

We are grateful to Mrs. Reddy for going the extra mile, both by attending the day-long workshop for catechists and by bringing renewed inspiration, creativity, and faith-filled imagination back to her classroom. We also extend our thanks to her co-teacher, Anne Campbell, and all our wonderful catechists whose dedication and support help make the faith come alive each month for our students. If you would like to learn more about Family Faith Formation, email Nate Gulya at [ngulya@sjnlancaster.org](mailto:ngulya@sjnlancaster.org), or call the parish office.



Tour 60928

## Fr. Augustine Joseph

invites you to join him  
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SEPT. 28-OCT. 8, 2026

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Base price \$4,999 + \$659\* per person after 6-20-26

\*Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges  
subject to increase/decrease at ticketing

Contact: Fr. Augustine Joseph  
717-684-7070  
[frjoseph@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjoseph@hbgdiocese.org)



## St. Anne and Our of Lady La Vang Church

Invites you to a Healing Service

### Celebrating our Lady of Lourdes

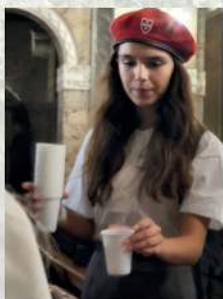
Sunday, February 8, 2026  
3:00 PM

929 N. Duke St., Lancaster (Parking Lot in the back)  
[www.stannechurch.org](http://www.stannechurch.org)



#### Program includes:

- Presentation, Mira Fritz, Lourdes Pilgrim
- Anointing of the Sick
- Washing of Hands in Lourdes Water
- Marian Hymns, a Reading, Rosary



This year's pilgrim witness is sixteen-year-old Mira Fritz.

Mira journeyed with the Order of Malta in 2023 on their pilgrimage to Lourdes. There she served as a page providing water to the large crowds and assisting at the various liturgies.

Inspiration from her grandfather's (Clair McCormick) deep faith and devotion planted the seeds for her faith journey. The pilgrimage enhanced her life and continued to fan the flames of faith within her.

Hear how she answered Mary's call to Lourdes and how she lives her faith counter culturally in a world where God and faith are often dismissed.



## CYAA Softball 2026 Spring Registration is Open

The softball program is available to girls in K-8th grade. The season runs from March through June.

### Season Start and Playoff Schedule (TENTATIVE)

| Season Start | Season End | Playoffs Start | Playoffs End        |      |
|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|------|
| 8U           | 4/15       | 6/4            | Optional Tournament |      |
| 10U          | 4/16       | 6/4            | 6/5                 | 6/12 |
| 12U          | 4/15       | 6/4            | 6/5                 | 6/12 |
| 14U          | 4/28       | 6/11           | 6/12                | 6/18 |

Games are played during the week. Schedules dependent upon age group.

The CYAA softball program is proud to be a strong competitor in the Lanco league each season. Over the last three seasons our CYAA teams have consistently achieved division championships, league playoff status and this past year runner up in the league championship game. Hard work, dedication, teamwork and our faith is what drives our CYAA softball teams to consistent success each year.

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The Diocese of Harrisburg invites the community to a special program on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. *Remembering the Holocaust & Understanding and Challenging Antisemitism in Our Time* will be an educational program and a prayerful observance dedicated to remembering the victims of the Holocaust, as well as reflecting on the Holocaust's enduring moral lessons.

The program includes prayer and a personal reflection from Elaine Culbertson, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, offering a powerful witness to the importance of memory, education, and moral responsibility.

This online event provides an opportunity to learn from history, reflect in faith, and renew our commitment to human dignity.

This program is presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition and the Anti-Defamation League, Philadelphia Office.

**1 - 2 P.M.**  
**JANUARY 27, 2026**  
Zoom Webinar

### Featured Speakers:

Elaine Culbertson  
Author, Educator, Daughter of Holocaust Survivors

Andrew Goretsky  
Senior Regional Director  
ADL Philadelphia

Rabbi Amanda Capotauber  
Temple Beth El, Harrisburg

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior  
Bishop of Harrisburg

**Registration:**  
[www.hcgdiocese.org/remembering](http://www.hcgdiocese.org/remembering)



## Catholic Social Teaching Symposium - January 31

Registration is open! Rooted in the dignity of every human person, the Diocese of Harrisburg's inaugural

Catholic Social Teaching Symposium is a day dedicated to exploring the Church's response to some of the most urgent issues of our time. Through panels, breakout sessions, and practical discussions, participants will deepen their understanding of human dignity, solidarity, and our call to serve the common good. Together, we will reflect, learn, and discern how we can bring Christ's love into our communities through action, advocacy, and encounter.

All are welcome to register and attend. The cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch. For the complete schedule, details, and to register, please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/catholic-social-teaching-symposium/>

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being "clothed in Christ," and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown. Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called "Sunday in Albis," because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

—Rev. James Field

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Mass in American Sign Language - February 15

A Mass in American Sign Language without voice interpretation will be celebrated on Sunday, February 15 at 4:00 pm at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, (400 E. Simpson St.) Mechanicsburg. No voice interpretation will occur. The celebrant and homilist will be Father Mike Depcik, OSFS, and Chaplain for the Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Father Depcik will be available for the sacrament of confession in ASL-only. Following Mass there will be a time of fellowship and dinner. Participants are encouraged to confirm their attendance by emailing Dawn Rose at [love2kids3@gmail.com](mailto:love2kids3@gmail.com). All are welcome.





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