

Saint John Neumann Church

11/30/2025

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Parish Office Hours

Mon. \sim Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Fridays

Sunday Masses

Sat. Vigil ~ 4 p.m. Sun. $\sim 7:30$ a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Reconciliation

Thurs. $\sim 4:30-5:45$ p.m. Sat. $\sim 2:00-3:30$ p.m. Or by appointment

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Live Streamed Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. ~ 9 a.m. Thurs. ~ 9 a.m., 6 p.m.

Adoration

Wed. \sim 12-4 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:45 p.m. Thurs. $\sim 6:30-7:30$ p.m.

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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., November 29

• 4:00 p.m. - Angela Ramig

Sun., November 30

- 7:30 a.m. All Souls
- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Fran Ryan
- 5:00 p.m. Edward B. Steinmetz

Mon., December 1

• 9:00 a.m. - Colette Hipolit

Tues., December 2

• 9:00 a.m. - Kieran McMahon

Wed., December 3

- 9:00 a.m. John Correia
- Brethren Special Intention ~ Melissa Sabatine

Thurs., December 4

- 9:00 a.m. Joe Molony
- 6:00 p.m. Thomas R. Ulrich

Fri., December 5

• 9:00 a.m. - David J. Ference

Sat., December 6

• 4:00 p.m. - Saturino Ponce & Alicia Castro

Sun., December 7

- 7:30 a.m. Joan Libonati
- 9:00 a.m. Andy Boyle
- 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. Bob Hofmann

Parish Events

Sun., November 30

- Giving Tree Continues
- NO Coffee & Donuts
- 6~8:30 p.m. / Youth Ministry / Youth Room

Mon., December 1

- 8:30 a.m. / Rosary / Church
- 9:30 a.m.~12 p.m. / Prayer Shawl Ministry / Conference Room
- 6~7:30 p.m. / Walking With Purpose / Social Hall
- 7~8:30 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal / Church

Tues., December 2

- 8:30 a.m. / Rosary / Church
- 10 a.m.~12 p.m. / Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training / Social Hall
- 4:15~5:30 p.m. / CGS / Atrium
- 6:30~8:30 p.m. / Divine Mercy Cenacle / Social Hall

Wed., December 3

- 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
- 6:30~8:30 p.m. / Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training / Social Hall

Thurs., December 4

- Following daily Mass / Bulk Mailing / Social Hall
- 8:30 a.m. / Rosary / Church
- 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
- 6~8 p.m. / Off the Streets / Social Hall
- 6:30~7:30 p.m. / Adoration / Church
- 6:45~8 p.m. / Spiritual Support Group / Library

Fri., December 5

- 6:30~7:45 a.m. / Men's Bible Study / Library
- 8:30 a.m. / Rosary / Church
- 9:30 a.m. / Divine Mercy Chaplet / Church

Sat., December 6

- Giving Tree Gifts being Collected and Sorted / Youth Room
- 9:30~10:45 a.m. / CGS / Atrium
- 11 a.m.~12:15 p.m. / Secular Franciscan Formation / Library
- 2:00~3:30 p.m. / Confessions

Sun., December 7

- Giving Tree Gifts being Collected and Sorted / Youth Room
- Following all morning Masses / Coffee & Donuts being hosted by Pastoral Council
- 10 a.m. / Faith Formation Peer Meeting / Education Center
- 12~1:30 p.m. / Confirmation Prep / Education Center
- 6~8:30 p.m. / Youth Ministry / Youth Room



The Altar Flowers for the week of: November 29-December 5, 2025 in memory of Kieran McMahon.



Collection

November 16, 2025

Sunday Envelopes and ParishSoft \$30,601.94

November 23, 2025

Will be posted in a future bulletin.

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Thank you.

Vocations Corner

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

First Sunday of Advent



"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

Our Christian Community Welcomes

Wells Matthew Engle

Warren James Waters

Por by one Spirit we were all baptized

into one body...

2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Pilgrims of Hope

Goal
Total Pledged to Date\$ 187,917
Total Cash Received to Date \$ 187,067
Outstanding Goal Balance

December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(a holy day of obligation)



Mass Times

6:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

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!

Daily Readings for Dec 1-6, 2025

Monday

Thursday

Is 4:2-6 Is 26:1-6
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 8:5-11 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10 Is 2 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Ps 27: Lk 10:21-24 Mt

> Wednesday Is 25:6-10a

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6 Mt 15:29-37 Friday

Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Readings for Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Hymns for Sunday, November 30, 2025

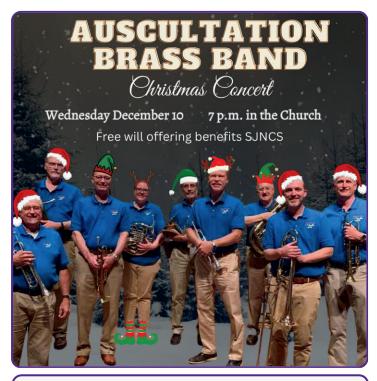
Entrance: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Prep of the Gifts: Come Emmanuel Communion: Come And Set Us Free Recessional: Come Now Almighty King

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749)

December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

—Peter Scagnelli



Extraordinary Minister Training

Deacon Peter Jupin will hold two sessions for Mandate
Training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion. He will hold a morning session on
Tuesday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to Noon in the
Social Hall. There will also be an evening session on
Wednesday, December 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the
Social Hall.

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please call the Parish Office.





Gift Giving tags are now available in the Narthex. The program is coordinated by the SJN Knights of Columbus and helps to bring Christmas to those who otherwise might not receive anything during this special time of year. Help to bring joy to those less fortunate by taking a tag and purchasing the suggested gift or gift card on the tag. Wrap the gift and attach the tag and return it to the table in the Narthex on or before

December 7th. The gifts will then be distributed to the appropriate agency. Please do not take a tag unless you intend to return it with a gift or gift card. Gift cards should be placed in an envelope with the tag attached to it and then placed in the offertory box. The \$25 gift cards for Target, Walmart, Giant and Weis Markets can be purchased in the church office. Buying them through the church office benefits the church school. Thank you!

Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

Awakened by Light: An Advent Journey: Reprinted with permission from ACST

Advent is a season of watching, waiting, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ—the Light that no darkness can overcome. These short daily reflections are designed to draw your attention to that light as it appears in Scripture, in your surroundings, and within your own life. Each day's reflection concludes with two invitations:

- Where did you see the light today? A brief prompt to notice God's presence—whether in joy, challenge, silence, or surprise.
- Whisper Prayer: A one-line prayer to carry in your heart as you go.

Together, these reflections are not just about arriving at Christmas. They are a way of walking with Christ as He draws near—and letting His light awaken something new in you along the way.

First Sunday of Advent: Matthew 24:37-44

"Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

<u>Reflection</u> This time of year, everything competes for our attention. So it's fitting that Jesus begins Advent with a jolt: a call to wake up. He's not trying to scare us. He's turning on the light so we can see where we're going. Even if we have to squint at first, it's a mercy, a chance to prepare not just for Christmas, but for eternity.

Where Did You See the Light Today?

How do you hope Advent will shine light into your everyday life? More prayer? A clearer sense of God's nearness?

Whisper-Prayer

Jesus, I may not feel ready for the light. Help my spiritual eyes adjust so I can prepare for You.

The weekdays, due to limited space, will not include the reflection. The weekday scripture reading will be stated along with the quote. Then the two questions.

Monday of the First Week of Advent: Matthew 8:5-11

"Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith."

Where Did You See the Light Today?

Did someone outside your usual circle reveal something true or good to you—maybe even without realizing it? Sometimes light reaches us from the edges.

Whisper-Prayer:

Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

<u>Tuesday of the First Week of Advent:</u> <u>Luke 10:21-24</u>

"...for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

Where Did You See the Light Today?

What small thing caught your attention today and made you feel a flicker of joy or wonder? Don't dismiss it, it might be light breaking through

Whisper-Prayer

Lord, open my eyes more and more to the wonder of your salvation.

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest / Wednesday of the First Week of Advent:

Matthew 15:29-37

"They all ate and were satisfied."

Where Did You See the Light Today?

Look back on a moment today when your heart felt full—perhaps after a meal, a conversation, or a quiet pause. Let that fullness echo the abundance of God's love.

Whisper-Prayer

Bread of Life, You satisfy me with more than I knew I needed.

<u>Thursday of the First Week of Advent:</u> <u>Matthew 7:21, 24-27</u>

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven."

Where Did You See the Light Today?

Was there a moment when you knew the right thing to do, even if it wasn't easy? That clarity is light. Honor it.

Whisper-Prayer

Jesus, give me the grace to build my life on You—and not just my words.

Friday of the First Week of Advent: Matthew 9:27-31

"Do you believe that I can do this?" "Yes, Lord," they said to him.

Where Did You See the Light Today?

Have you kept following Jesus through spiritual darkness or silence? What helped you persevere?

Whisper-Prayer

Jesus, I believe—help me keep following You, even when I cannot see.

Saturday of the First Week of Advent: Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

"At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Where Did You See the Light Today?

Who in your life is "troubled and abandoned"? How is Jesus inviting you to see them through His eyes?

Whisper-Prayer

Jesus, move my heart with pity for the lost and forgotten.



Remember the Sick of our Parish ~ Especially

Hans Deatrick, Jeanette DiCostanzo, Dennis Downey, Michael Jurasinski, Jeff Lamp, John Perozich,



Linda Philbin, Dick Savicky, Bob Sugra, John Viscardi, Bill White, Dennis White, and all those in the Prayer Circle/Chain.



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

SJNCS will begin the Advent season with a special prayer service and lighting of our classroom Advent wreaths on Monday.

Tuesday is the end of Trimester One. We cannot believe that we are already one third of the way through the year!

On Friday, our shoes will be in the hallway as we await the arrival of St. Nicholas!

Friday is also the picture retake day for any student who was absent on the first picture day or who had a problem with their first photo and needs to have their picture retaken.

And, it's Chick Fil A day for those students who preordered a yummy chicken lunch.

Xavier Society for the Blind

The Xavier Society for the Blind offers free religious, spiritual, and inspirational reading materials in braille, large print, and audio to blind and visually impaired individuals. The Xavier Society is able to provide these materials thanks to the generous support of donors. For more information about these free resources, please visit https://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org/.

Thank you.



Lancaster Catholic High School



Breakfast with Santa at Lancaster Catholic High School!



Join the Lancaster Catholic High School Fine & Performing Arts Department for a festive morning of fun at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6, from 8:30–10:30 AM in the Sursum Corda Student Commons. Enjoy a delicious breakfast plus activities, crafts, games, and pictures with Santa.

Tickets:

- Adults & children over 2: \$12
- Children under 2: Free
 Purchase tickets online at www.lchsyes.org/fpa.

 Questions? Email madams@lchsyes.org.

Lancaster Catholic High School is aiming to expand the educational opportunities for our students in the Multimedia Learning Center. We are asking for alumni authors, graphic designers or broadcasters who would be willing to provide examples of their work for display or come in and speak with our students about careers in those fields. Email Jordan Fritsch '19 at ifritsch@lchsyes.org or call 717-509-0313.



Fatth Formation Spotlights

Meet Our Catechist: Anne Campbell

We are delighted to have Anne Campbell join our Faith Formation Ministry team as a first-grade assistant catechist. Anne brings a joyful spirit, a heart for service, and a deep love for her faith to our faith formation program.

Anne grew up in Lancaster, PA, where she received all her Sacraments at St. Anne's. She is a proud graduate of LCHS, St. Joe's School of Nursing, and Eastern Mennonite University, where she earned her Bachelor's in Nursing.

Her commitment to caring for others shines through her work and volunteer service. Anne works for LGH/Penn Medicine in the CDI Department and volunteers with the Parish Health Ministry, the Lancaster Food Hub, and Greystone Therapeutic Riding Center. Anne has a special devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and feels blessed to have made a pilgrimage to Fatima and walked the Camino Portuguese. This year, she is especially excited to travel to Rome for the Jubilee.

If you would like to register your family for Faith Formation, email ngulya@sjnlancaster.org.

Happening Soon...



Fr. Dan is planning a mission trip to St. Francis of Assisi, our sister parish, in El Factor, Dominican Republic.

April 6-13, 2026

If you are interested, or would like more information, please email

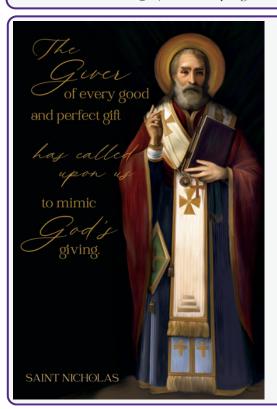
Fr. Dan at frdan@sjnlancaster.org.

THE EPIPHANY ITALIAN MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 AT 12:15 PM SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL 212 State Street, Harrisburg Reverend Joshua Brommer, Celebrant Please join us for the Holy Mass Italian reception after Mass For information please contact: Maria DiSanto at 717-554-5698, disanto1@comcast.net or Mariella Amato at 717-278-9420

Sensory-friendly Mass - December 7

Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Hershey, will offer its next Sensory-friendly Mass on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 pm in the Main Church (359 W. Areba Ave., Hershey). The Mass will include dimmer lighting, no music, and a shorter homily among other adaptations to promote a fully inclusive environment. Every effort will be made to accommodate all in attendance, and all behaviors are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office at 717-533-7168 or Office@stjoanhershey.org. Thank you.



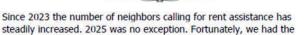
December 6 Feast of Saint Nicholas

St. John Neumann Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"What Would It Take to End Homelessness in America?

The most effective solutions are also the simplest: Help people stay housed, and provide housing for those who need it."

John Hopkins University—Bloomburg School of Health



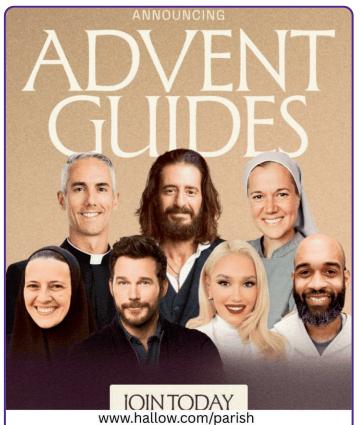
We cannot provide housing for the homeless, but we can prevent our neighbors from becoming homeless.

funds to help all neighbors facing the possibility of eviction.

St. John Neumann Conference Annual Second Collection Sunday December 21st.



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First Sunday of Advent TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"People in love make signs of love," wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality.

A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

For the next year of "Treasure" essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

-Rev. James Field

Stay Awake

As we enter the first week of Advent, we hear in Matthew's Gospel, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." This is a familiar verse and one that we might be tempted to gloss over. Yet, Advent is an invitation to a time of expectation, of quiet waiting, and deep spiritual preparation. It is a time to slow down and consider what it means in our lives in 2025, to stay awake. Have you ever been so exhausted that you cannot physically stay awake? I am a nervous flyer. I have no problem staying awake on long flights because the adrenaline coursing through my body guarantees that I will not fall asleep. However, my inability to sleep on these flights makes my first day of travel very challenging, excruciating even, and I struggle to stay awake without drinking coffee or espresso. Merely resisting sleep in this exhausted state is not what this passage means by staying awake. Sure, I can keep my eyes open after a long flight, but I am not alert enough to pay attention and perceive what is happening around me.

Today's Gospel reading is a call not just to have our eyes ajar, but to be alert, attentive, and expectant. That is what it means to stay awake. In this passage, Jesus invites us to recall the Old Testament story of Noah when people were going about their daily lives. They were "eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark." Though Moses and his family were building an ark with precise measurements in the midst of their community, onlookers were not sufficiently alert or awake to realize that a great flood was coming. Many people found themselves unprepared when the flood arrived.

In a similar way, we too, can live life in a distracted state. Especially in this modern age, our lives are fast and overstimulated. During the holiday season, we zip from parties, to shopping, to school plays and concerts, fueling ourselves on cookies and coffees. Our bodies are in motion but not necessarily alert or awake to the miracle of Advent: Christ is coming.

The invitation to stay awake beckons us to be conscious of the virtue of hope, of the miracle of life, and the prodigious love that our God has for us in choosing to become incarnate. Let us stay awake this season to be attentive to the details surrounding Jesus' birth and to prepare ourselves for His ultimate return in glory.

By Elizabeth Tomlin





Together, we can ensure every mother and baby is cared for during this difficult time.

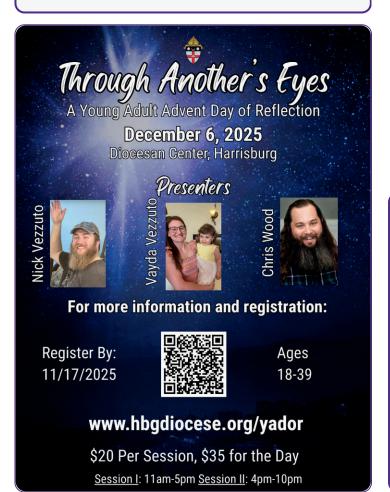
Local Advent Penance Services

Throughout Advent	Our Lady of Lourdes, New Holland	Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. & Sundays 9:15-10:15 a.m
Mon., December 1st	Sacred Heart, Lancaster	7 p.m.
Sun., December 7th	Holy Trinity & St. Peter's (Combined at St. Peter's, Columbia)	4:30 p.m.
Thurs., December 11th	Our Mother of Perpetual Help	7 p.m.
Fri., December 12th	St. Peter's, E-Town	7 p.m.
Sun., December 14th	St. Philip the Apostle	2 p.m.
Sun., December 14th	St. Mary's, Lancaster	6 p.m.
Mon., December 15th	Mary, Mother of the Church	7 p.m.
Tues., December 16th	St. Catherine of Siena, Quarryville	7 p.m.
Tues., December 16th	St. Leo the Great, Lancaster	7 p.m.
Wed., December 17th	St. Joseph, Lancaster	7 p.m.
Thurs., December 18th	St. John Neumann, Lancaster	7 p.m.
Mon., December 22nd	St. James, Lititz	7 p.m.

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE (c. 5-65)

November 30

As one of the disciples blessed to be called an Apostle, according to the Gospel of John, St. Andrew was the first of the Twelve to be led to Christ. One day, John the Baptist was with two of his disciples "and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus... Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. (John 1:36-37, 40). Andrew began following Jesus after a simple indication from John the Baptist, without ever hearing a word come out of Jesus' mouth. What incredible faith! In the same light, we could also consider him the very first evangelist, since after meeting Jesus and finding out where he was staying, he immediately went to find his brother Peter and bring him to the Lord as well. All he had to say was, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). And that is how his mission began, following the Messiah and learning all he could from Him so as to continue leading others to Him. After Christ's death and resurrection, Tradition holds that Andrew preached in modern day Greece and Turkey. He was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross because he did not feel worthy to die in the same manner as Our Lord. St. Andrew, intercede for us, that we too may become disciples and evangelists for Christ. —Tami Urcia





Help Us Make This Year's Catholic Charities Souper Bowl Sale a Success!

Souper Bowl Weekend is coming up, and we're looking for generous cooks to donate a pot of their best homemade soup. Your delicious contribution will help support Catholic Charities programs that serve our neighbors in need. Whether you make a classic chicken noodle, a hearty chili, or your family's secret recipe, we'd love to include it! Sign up

or your family's secret recipe, we'd love to include it! Sign up here to make soup: https://tinyurl.com/SouperBowl2026. Thank you for sharing your gifts — and for warming hearts (and bellies!) this Souper Bowl Weekend.



Lancaster City's First Belgian Cafe



Wed & Thurs Fri & Sat Sunday

4pm-10pm 11:30am-11pm CLOSED



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Connie Burkholder, Move Coordinator, Parishioner connieb@davconrelo.com | www.davconrelo.com

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