

# Saint John Neumann Church

601 East Delp Road \* Lancaster, PA 17601  
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## EASTER SUNDAY

*He has been raised from the dead.*

**MATTHEW 28:7**

### 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.

### Pastor

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Principal ~ Sean Van Eman

[svaneman@lchsyehs.org](mailto:svaneman@lchsyehs.org)

### 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., April 4 ~ Holy Saturday

- 4 p.m. - NO MASS
- 8 p.m. - Special Intentions for Caleb Maxwell

#### Sun., April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

- 7 a.m. - People of the Parish
- 9 a.m. - Judy Baidy
- 11 a.m. - James Kirkessner
- 5 p.m. - NO MASS

#### Mon., April 6

- 9 a.m. - Aileen Chester

#### Tues., April 7

- 9 a.m. - Joseph & Celia Sabarese

#### Wed., April 8

- 9 a.m. - Anthony Panzera
- Long Community - Dee Souders

#### Thurs., April 9

- 9 a.m. - Robert Hart
- 6 p.m. - Jon Lucin

#### Fri., April 10

- 9 a.m. - Chuck Mayo

#### Sat., April 11

- 4 p.m. - Robert Hart

#### Sun., April 12

- 7:30 a.m. - Dr. Jim Smallwood
- 9 a.m. - People of the Parish
- 11 a.m. - Claro & Lydia Ferrer
- 5 p.m. - Rich Scramaglia

### Parish Events

#### Sun., April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

- 7 a.m., 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. - Easter Masses

#### Mon., April 6

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- NO Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### Tues., April 7

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

#### Wed., April 8

- 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
- 6 p.m. - Men's Hour - Social Hall

#### Thurs., April 9

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Stations of the Cross - Church
- 1-3:30 p.m. - Pinochle - Social Hall
- 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 for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life - Church

#### Fri., April 10

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

#### Sat., April 11

- 9:30-10:45 a.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 2-3:30 p.m. - Confessions

#### Sun., April 12

- Following all morning Masses - Coffee & Donuts being hosted by Knights of Columbus
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - OCIA - Youth Room
- 10 a.m. - Faith Formation Peer Meeting - Education Center
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Divine Mercy Event - Church
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Youth Ministry
- 1-4 p.m. - Secular Franciscan Order Gathering - Social Hall

## Collection

March 22, 2026

Sunday Envelopes & ParishSoft . . . . . \$27,827.36

March 29, 2026

Sunday Envelopes & ParishSoft . . . . . \$

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.

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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 . . . . . \$ 119,106  
Total Cash Collected . . . . . \$ 99,815

### Looking for a Way to Memorialize a Loved One?

Did you know that you can memorialize a deceased loved one on the back of our bulletin? It is a two-fold benefit to both St. John Neumann and your family.

Your sponsorship supports the publication of our bulletin and you can see your memory published in ink. If you are interested, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.



# Easter



*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.

### Daily Readings for April 6-10, 2026

#### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10,

11

Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22

Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26

Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9

Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday

Acts 4:1-12

Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24,

25-27a

Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21

Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab,

16-18, 19-21

Mk 16:9-15

### Readings for Sunday, April 12, 2026

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

### Hymns for April 5, 2026

**Entrance:** All Glory, Laud and Honor

**Prep of the Gifts:** What Wondrous Love Is This

**Communion:** Were You There / Behold the Wood

**Recessional:** Jesus, Remember Me

### 2nd Annual Catholic-Anabaptist Ecumenical Prayer and Dialogue

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Location: Hall at St. Mary's Catholic Church  
119 S Prince St, Lancaster, PA 17603

Time: 12pm - 3pm (Lunch at noon provided)

Building on previous international dialogues like Called Together To Be Peacemakers and last year's inaugural annual meeting, this second annual gathering of Anabaptists and Catholics in Lancaster is aimed to mutually understand our painful history, learn from each other's traditions of living for the Kingdom, and continue to debate our doctrinal differences as we pray together for the visible reunion of all Christians in the one Faith (Eph 4:5), as Jesus desires (John 17:21).

This year our theme will be sharing stories of martyrdom in our traditions. Fr. Lease, the Bishop's diocesan ecumenical officer, will be in attendance.

Downtown parking is limited, so please use the parking garage across the street.

Contact: Sean Domencic at [seandomencic@gmail.com](mailto:seandomencic@gmail.com)

### Vocations Corner

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

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



*"He is not here; for He has risen."*  
(Matthew 28:6)

Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? 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)

### CLOTHING DONATIONS MAKING 2X IMPACT

OFF THE  
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CommunityAid  
FOUNDATION

Off The Streets - Lancaster (OTS) is a local, all-volunteer, faith-inspired nonprofit organization, providing critical support, hope, and dignity to those experiencing homelessness by helping them transition to permanent housing. OTS is 100% run on donations and volunteers, with no government funding.

In an ongoing partnership with CommunityAid (a faith-based nonprofit thrift store chain serving our area), your gently used clothing and shoes can now generate financial support for OTS!

#### Here's how you can help!

- Drop off clean, gently used clothing & shoes at any CommunityAid location, including the Lancaster store at 31 Rohrerstown Road. **Easy drive-up drop off!**
- When donating, simply tell the associate "Please credit to Off The Streets - Lancaster, partner # 50312."

Every pound of qualifying donations credited to our partner # 50312 provides direct funding to Off The Streets - Lancaster, helping cover security deposits, basic furnishings, and more. It's a simple act that supports our neighbors, reduces waste (keeping items out of landfills), and puts your unused items to meaningful use.

#### Learn more at:

Off The Streets - Lancaster: [otslancaster.org](http://otslancaster.org)  
CommunityAid: [communityaid.org](http://communityaid.org)



He is Risen



### Where do we come from? Where are we going?

These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment.

Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, video clips, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive...



Website: <https://aftontickets.com/M4MLancaster> (Online ticket sales)

<https://vimeo.com/251850893> (Official Trailer)

<https://vimeo.com/234588366> (Pastor promotion for hosting churches)

<https://vimeo.com/1105237188/09a4e690b5?share=copy> (Short trailer/local invitation)

# EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Lancaster invites you



Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:15 AM	Holy Mass at Saint Joseph Catholic Church (440 Saint Joseph Street)
9:15 AM	Procession begins at Saint Joseph Catholic Church
9:15 - 10:30 AM	Eucharistic Procession (Steps at Historic Saint Mary's & Lancaster County Courthouse)
10:30 AM	Procession ends at San Juan Bautista (425 S Duke St.) followed by a light reception.

*"It is not enough to discover Christ - you must bring Him to others!"*

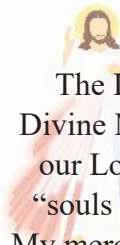
- Saint Pope John Paul, II

For more information, please contact Patrick McSherry at [pmm@redrose.net](mailto:pmm@redrose.net) or Kristin Young at [kmrunge@hotmail.com](mailto:kmrunge@hotmail.com)

[padrepiolancaster@gmail.com](mailto:padrepiolancaster@gmail.com)



## Divine Mercy Corner



The Lord, Himself, revealed the words of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It combines the sacrifice of our Lord's passion and the Eucharist. Jesus said "souls that pray this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (Diary, 754)

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12, 2026

## COME JOIN US ON APRIL 12TH, 2026 FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION FROM 11- 4PM



11 am - Entrance Procession and Blessing with Divine Mercy Image and Holy Mass

12 pm - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration with music intervals to 4pm

12:30 pm - Deacon Fran Phillips of St. Phillip Parish talk on Divine Mercy

1:30-2:30 - Confessions available

1:30 pm - Deacon Michael Oles talk on Divine Mercy

2:30 pm - Deacon Peter Jupin talk on Divine Mercy

3 pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung

3:30 pm - Closing Benediction

## St. John Neumann Church

601 E. DELP ROAD, LANCASTER



## 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!



## Knights of Columbus COUNCIL 12532: 2025 DONATION SUMMARY

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

A Woman's Concern

DONATION DESIGNATION

SJN Church

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Generation Life

Lancaster Catholic High School

SJN School

Lancaster Food Hub

Mental Health Association

PA Wounded Warriors

Project Linus

Serra Club

Domestic Violence of Lancaster

Soccer Challenge

Off The Streets

**Total Donated: \$28,810**

## Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

### Alleluia, He is Risen!

St. Augustine famously said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song." Today we celebrate! Having gone through our Lenten journey, participating in the three pillars, Fasting, Almsgiving & Prayer; we have emerged from our tombs of sin; transformed.

With the arrival of Easter, we proclaim Alleluia because: Christ IS risen; Death has been defeated and Hope has the final word. It's our Church's way of saying: **Joy is stronger than sorrow.**

Each Easter we are reminded of our identity; it's not rooted in death, but rather Christ's victory over death. This is meant to allow us to live as people of hope, joy and new life. We are reminded that Christ's Resurrection isn't just an event it is a way for us to live.

**"If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him."** Romans 6:8

This is the essence of Easter identity. Being Easter people means:

- Choosing to hope even when life feels heavy
- Trusting that God brings life out of every "tomb"
- Carrying the light of Christ into our families, parishes, and communities
- Living with gratitude, mercy, and courage
- Remembering that the story always ends in resurrection

As Easter people, Living each day with the confidence that new life is always possible. We possess a renewed spiritual posture; a way of seeing the world through the lens of God's promise. We know that God's love is stronger than every darkness. We proclaim Alleluia because Christ has opened the way for new life. In every season, we carry the hope of the Resurrection.

Wishing you all a Blessed Easter! Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter food boxes. 20 boxes were prepared and distributed.

### Remember the Sick of our Parish ~ Especially

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



Karen Zielinski and all those on the Prayer

Circle/Chain.

## Run to Him

Today's passage begins with "On the first day of the week..." In Jesus' time, the Jewish calendar considered the Sabbath (Saturday) as the last day of the week. This was based on the Old Testament understanding of creation, when God rested on the seventh day and blessed it. Although most of the world today views Monday as the first day of the week, in the Judeo-Christian tradition and ancient Jewish custom, Sunday is seen as the first day. When I reflected on this reading, my first thought was of Mary of Magdala. Putting myself in her shoes, she probably wasn't able to sleep all night because her Lord and God had just been crucified. Sometimes the Lord uses that quiet early morning time, while it is still dark and before the world takes over our thoughts, to speak to our souls. Perhaps He nudged her to go see the tomb, so she jumped up because the urge wouldn't go away. She finds the tomb open. With her heart racing, she runs back to Peter and the other disciple to tell them what she saw.

Then Simon Peter and John (the other disciple) rush quickly to the tomb, their minds filled with confusion. John gets there first, looks inside and sees the burial cloths, but doesn't go in. Then Peter arrives, in a heightened state of mind, wondering, "Where is my Lord?" He goes into the tomb and John follows him. John enters, sees, and believes. By leaving the headcloth neatly folded and set aside, Jesus shows them that His body was not robbed, nor was there any violence or ransacking. He gave them this sign to show the disciples and Mary of Magdala that He had risen voluntarily, of His own accord.

The last sentence of this passage reminds us that they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead. We have the gift of already knowing this, for we have the Bible, the Word of God, giving us reason to rejoice.

For Mary Magdalene, Jesus was her life and her salvation. Even amid fear and uncertainty she ran to Him. We can also have that same relationship with Jesus. He is waiting for us to simply ask and to listen for His whisper: "I Am" and "I love you." This Easter, let us run to our Risen Lord and respond "Here I am" and "I love you, too."

By Marti Garcia



*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 be closed on Monday as we conclude our Easter Break.

Classes resume on Tuesday and we are in Spring Uniform! Parents are encouraged to review the Uniform Policy for all of the details.

Ice Cream sales are back on Wednesday. Don't forget your dollar.

On Friday we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a school family. Friday is also our Spring Picture Day and a Chick fil A Day!

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.sjncls Lancaster.org](http://www.sjncls Lancaster.org). Please see the ad in today's bulletin for more information!




**IT MAY BE SPRING NOW... BUT ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR SJNCS PREK THIS FALL?**

- \* Full Day, Half Day & 2/3 Day Options
- \* Academic & Social Preparation for Kindergarten
- \* Instruction includes STEM, Art, Music, Library, Gym & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- \* Extended Day After School Program
- \* Financial Assistance Available
- \* Student must be 4 by Sept. 1

**Contact the school today to set up a personal tour!**

Janice Wolfe | SJNCS Admissions  
717-844-6100 | [wolfeja@sjnschoollancaster.org](mailto:wolfeja@sjnschoollancaster.org)



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LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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**CRUSADER COMMUNITY CHORUS**

OPEN TO ANY AND ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
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**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](mailto:MADAMS@LCHSYES.ORG) TO SIGN UP TODAY AND HAVE YOUR MUSIC AND PRACTICE TRACKS SENT TO YOU!



**THE FINE & PERFORMING ARTS**  
LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

**Day with FPA**

**FRIDAY MAY 8, 2026**



Information and registration: [www.lchsyes.org/fpa/events](http://www.lchsyes.org/fpa/events) OR Scan QR code to register! 

**Middle School Honor Choir**  
Students in grades 6-8 who are interested in participating

**Purple and Gold Bands**  
Students in grades 4-8 who take instrumental lessons



**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: VBSlancastrercatholicparishes@gmail.com

Do you feel called to become a  
 lay spiritual director?

*Are you curious, but unsure?*



Join us online for an inquiry session  
**Thursday, April 30th**  
 7 pm

Email Melissa Maleski for the Zoom link:  
 mmaleski@hbgdiocese.org

## Hope for a Better Marriage

If your marriage feels distant, strained, stuck, or even in crisis –  
**Retrouvaille can help.**

Retrouvaille is a Catholic program that has helped thousands find new hope, better communication, and a deeper connection.

Our next program starts May 1st  
 717-356-2185  
 HelpOurMarriage.org



**You can have a better marriage. Don't wait.**

## Vacancy - Full Time Administrative Assistant at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg

The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking an experienced administrative assistant with customer service experience. Must be able to take direction and follow through on duties and responsibilities with minimum supervision. Proficiency in using all MS office programs is essential, particularly excel and word. Must possess high levels of verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills. Candidates must be a Catholic in good standing, and a knowledge of diocesan and parish structure would be helpful. Full job description available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/careers](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/careers). Please send resume and cover letter to: [employment@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:employment@hbgdiocese.org).



# YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

March 29<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>

**SUN  
29<sup>TH</sup>**

Youth Group Palm Sunday  
 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
 Theme: Past, Present, & Future

**FRI  
3<sup>RD</sup>**

SJN Youth Group Presents Good Friday's  
**Stations of the Cross**  
 Start time 7:00 pm  
 Yg 6 pm - 8:30 pm

**SAT  
4<sup>TH</sup>**

Easter Vigil Youth Group  
 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
 Theme: Abandoned

**SAT  
11<sup>TH</sup>**

Pursuit of Happiness Youth Group Retreat  
 Start: 10 AM Vigil Mass 4:30 PM  
 Location: St. Mary's  
 Who: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade only  
 Price: FREE

**SUN  
12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Divine Mercy Sunday Youth Group**  
 11 am Mass start; Image Blessing Ends 3:30 pm  
 YG: 12 pm - 4 pm (Can leave earlier if needed)  
 Theme: Feast of Divine Mercy

SJN Youth Minister & St. Mary's YM Assistant: F. Udoka Ugoagwu  
 Contact: [youthministry@sjnlancastrer.org](mailto:youthministry@sjnlancastrer.org)

## Life and the Pursuit of Happiness & Holiness

**A FREE Youth Retreat!**

When: Saturday, April 11 at 10 AM

Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM

Where: Historic St. Mary's, Lancaster

Who: Open to ALL Youth from Grade 7-12

Find out how to have a  
**HAPPY HEART** through  
 Jesus' **HOLY HEART**

Scan QR code for  
 more information and  
 to register:



**HERALDS OF THE GOSPEL**



ART IMITATES LIFE

# A Novel about Spiritual Battle

MEET THE AUTHOR  
JESSE HEREDA!!

When:  
Sunday, April 19  
6-8:30 PM

Where:  
TBD

Register using the QR code below!



Catholic author and parishioner at St. John Neumann Parish, Jesse Hereda, has written a YA book for tweens and teens exploring what happens when we can actually see the spiritual battles around us. Listen to an excerpt from his book and join the discussion about spiritual battle! Every participant will get a FREE signed copy of "The Battle for Covenant Grove"!



The battle is real!  
RSVP: [irma@stmaryslancaster.org](mailto:irma@stmaryslancaster.org)



## APRIL 26, 2026 \$1,000 JACKPOT!!

### Knights of Columbus Council 6810 BINGO

\$20 admission (Cash or check only) for 20 Regular Bingo games w/\$50 prize. Buy advance ticket for 9-card Jackpot sheet. Four 50/50 games plus small games of chance throughout the day. Food/Drinks available for purchase. Deli sandwiches catered by Caruso's in Silver Spring.

Advance tickets available from:  
Email: [kofc6810.bingo@gmail.com](mailto:kofc6810.bingo@gmail.com)  
Or Call: 717.723.5348



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Doors Open at 12:00  
BINGO at 1:30

Entry Fee: \$20  
Includes 20 - 9 Card BINGO sheets. Buy advance ticket to also receive a 9-Card Sheet for Jackpot Game.

20 regular  
\$50 Cash prize games

\$1,000 Cash JACKPOT  
Final Game!!

4 - 50/50 Games

PARISH HALL AT  
ST. LEO THE GREAT  
2427 MARIETTA AVE  
LANCASTER, PA 17601

Sunday April 26, 2026  
1:30 pm



## SUNDAYKIDZ

### Easter Sunday

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MiniTHON is a fundraiser that benefits the FourDiamonds Foundation, an organization that covers all costs for families facing childhood cancer diagnoses. We invite members of our community to join us for the celebration of Mass at 5. Following Mass, enjoy food trucks, raffles, games, and more! If you are interested in supporting our goal, please scan the QR Code and DONATE TODAY!





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March 31, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Easter morning, we stand with the first disciples before the empty tomb and encounter a truth so astonishing that it forever changed the course of history: Christ is risen. The Resurrection of Jesus lies at the very heart of our faith. It is the foundation of our hope and the source of meaning in our lives today. Because Christ has triumphed over sin and death, we know with certainty that darkness, suffering, and despair will never have the final word.

Yet even as we rejoice in this most sacred feast, we remain keenly aware of the suffering that continues to afflict our world. In many places, families live with daily uncertainty and fear. The ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and in the Middle East weigh heavily upon the hearts of people everywhere, as countless innocent lives are scarred by violence, displacement, and loss. Closer to home, many among us carry personal crosses—family struggles, illness, loneliness, grief, or anxiety about the future.

It is precisely into a world marked by such pain that the message of Easter speaks most powerfully. The Resurrection proclaims that God is at work even when the night seems darkest. The stone that sealed the tomb could not contain the life that God had promised. In the same way, the forces of hatred, division, and war cannot overcome the power of God's love revealed in the risen Christ.

On that first Easter night, when Jesus appeared to His disciples, His first words were simple yet profound: "Peace be with you." These words were not merely a greeting or a reassurance; they were a mission. The risen Lord entrusted His followers with the task of carrying His peace into a wounded world. That same mission is entrusted to us today.

As Pope Leo reminds us: "To recognize the Resurrection means to change one's outlook on the world: to return to the light to recognize the Truth that has saved us, and that saves us. Sisters and brothers, let us remain watchful every day in the wonder of the Pasch of the risen Jesus. He alone makes the impossible possible!" (Pope Leo XIV, General Audience, 22 October 2025)

This Easter, I invite each of you to continue to renew your commitment to being instruments of Christ's peace. Peace begins within our own hearts—through prayer, repentance, forgiveness, and a deeper trust in God. It takes root in our families when we choose patience, compassion, and understanding. It grows within our parishes and communities when we reach out to those who are suffering, isolated, or in need.

At the beginning of Lent, I encouraged you to meditate upon and embrace the Corporal Works of Mercy, particularly in remembering and, when possible, advocating on behalf of migrants and refugees who face so many challenges today. I ask you to continue this commitment in the joy and hope of the Easter season. Christ's peace becomes a powerful witness when people of faith pray and work together for reconciliation, justice, and respect for the dignity of every human life.

Our prayers truly matter. Prayer may seem like a quiet response in a world filled with the noise of conflict and division, yet it remains one of the most powerful acts of hope we possess. Let us pray especially for those living in regions torn by war, for the leaders of nations—that they may choose dialogue over violence—and for all who labor daily to bring about peace, healing, and reconciliation in our world.

The Resurrection assures us that God's plan is always greater than the tragedies we see before us. Just as the disciples moved from fear to faith when they encountered the risen Lord, so too are we called to live as people of hope—confident that Christ walks with us and continues to renew the world through His grace.

May this Easter season renew our faith and strengthen our resolve to be witnesses of Christ's peace. May our homes, parishes, and communities become places where the light of the Resurrection shines brightly for all to see.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families during this joyful season. May our Blessed Mother, who shared in Her Son's Passion and rejoiced in His Easter victory over death, intercede for us. May the peace of the risen Christ fill your hearts, guide our world toward reconciliation, and lead us ever more deeply into the hope that does not disappoint.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior  
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