

1/11/2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The heavens were opened for Him

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.

Reconciliation

Thurs. ~ 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Sat. ~ 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Or by appointment

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. ~ 12-4 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:45 p.m.

Thurs. ~ 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., January 10

- 4 p.m. - Patricia Armitage

Sun., January 11

- 7:30 a.m. - Allan Rey Ponce
- 9 a.m. - Msgr. Daniel Mitzel
- 11 a.m. - People of the Parish
- 5 p.m. - Betty Huegel

Mon., January 12

- 9 a.m. - Thomas R. Ulrich

Tues., January 13

- 9 a.m. - Special Intention for Kingsley Ndu

Wed., January 14

- 9 a.m. - Mark Sustain
- Long - Special Intention for Lew & Dolly Sabatine (70th Anniversary)

Thurs., January 15

- 9 a.m. - Jack Hainthaler
- 6 p.m. - Special Intention for Mariaelena Donahue

Fri., January 16

- 9 a.m. - Miguel Montalvo

Sat., January 17

- 4 p.m. - Darlene E. Ferretti

Sun., January 18

- 7:30 a.m. - John Hurley
- 9 a.m. - Benny Perez
- 11 a.m. - Richard Brown
- 5 p.m. - People of the Parish

Parish Events

Sun., January 11

- Following morning Masses - Coffee & Donuts being hosted by the Knights of Columbus - Social Hall
- 10 a.m. - OCIA - Youth Room
- 10 a.m. - Faith Formation Peer Meeting - Education Center
- 12-5 p.m. - Adoration - Church
- 1-4 p.m. - Secular Franciscan Order Gathering - Social Hall
- 6-7 p.m. - Adoration - Church
- 6~8:30 p.m. - Youth Ministry - Youth Room
- 7 p.m. - Opening of Forty Hours with Fr. Thomas Meinert as Homilist

Mon., January 12

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m.~12 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m.~7 p.m. - Adoration - Church
- 7 p.m. - Night Prayer with Fr. Thomas Meinert as Homilist

Tues., January 13

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m.~7 p.m. - Adoration - Church
- 2-3:30 p.m. - Women's Group - Youth Room
- 4:15-5:30 p.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 7 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word with Fr. Thomas Meinert as Homilist

Wed., January 14

- 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 p.m. - Men's Hour - Social Hall
- 7:15 p.m. - K of C General Council Meeting - Social Hall

Thurs., January 15

- 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
- 7~8:15 p.m. - Off the Streets Leadership Meeting - Social Hall

Fri., January 16

- 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 17

- 9:30~10:45 a.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 2:00~3:30 p.m. - Confessions

Sun., January 18

- 6~8:30 p.m. - Youth Ministry - Youth Room



The Altar Flowers for the week of:
January 10-16, 2026
in memory of John Hurley

Collection

December 21, 2025

Sunday Envelopes and ParishSoft . . \$27,092.40

December 28, 2025

Sunday Envelopes and ParishSoft . . \$22,762.54

January 4, 2026

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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.

Second Collection ~ This Weekend

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

**2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign
Pilgrims of Hope**

Goal \$ 223,042

Total Cash Received to Date \$ 226,641

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.



Vocations Corner

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



Baptism of the Lord

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

God's delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

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"

The Baptism of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

—Rev. James Field

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!



Join US...

January 11-13, 2026

St. John Neumann's

ANNUAL FORTY HOURS
EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Adoration

Sunday, Jan. 11

12-5, 6-7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12

9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Homilist

Fr. Thomas

Meinert

Sun.-Tues. at

7 p.m.



We Celebrate Life!

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy family on the way to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life - especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.
St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us.

As we look back on the past year and ahead to the coming year, may we prayerfully ask St. Joseph's intercession for the strength to follow his example and "welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life" and to "never hesitate to sacrifice for those entrusted" to us.
St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us.

Daily Readings for Jan 12-17

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19

Mk 1:14-20

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Mk 1:40-45

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20

1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Mk 1:21-28

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Ps 89:16-17, 18-19

Mk 2:1-12

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Mk 1:29-39

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Mk 2:13-17

Readings for Sunday, January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Hymns for January 11, 2026

Entrance: *When Jesus Comes To Be Baptized*

Prep of the Gifts: *River of Glory*

Communion: *Bread For The World*

Recessional: *Shall We Gather At The River*

(4 p.m., 7:30 & 9 a.m.)

O Saving Victim/O Salutaris Hostia (11, 5 p.m.)

Remember the Sick of our Parish ~ Especially

Bob Beal, Hans Deatrick, 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 ***

Josie Raubenstine

Kathryn Frey

*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.*

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

We will be starting women's prayer groups at Saint John Neumann Parish specifically for the intentions of Fr. Dan and Fr. Stiteler. The plan is to offer prayer for them in the form of holy hours using the simple structure created by the Seven Sisters Apostolate (Seven Sisters apostolate.org). One priest, seven women praying one hour, seven days each week.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate was started by Janette Howell in 2011. Janette sensed a "nudge" to pray more frequently and intentionally for her pastor, Fr. Joseph R Johnson in Minneapolis, MN. Since that time, the membership has grown to have at least one group praying in every state of the United States and in many countries overseas. There are groups praying for the intentions of bishops, archbishops and cardinals. There are even 8 groups praying daily, specifically for the intentions of Pope Leo IV!!

The goal of each group is to have seven women volunteering to pray a holy hour for the intentions of a specific priest one day a week. This generous commitment of prayer is ideally for a period of one year, but can remain open-ended in time as each individual senses the call to continue. The plan here at SJN is to develop a group praying specifically for the intentions of Fr. Dan initially, and then to develop a group praying for the intentions of Fr. Stiteler.

Would YOU like to be involved in this unique prayer ministry? Are you experiencing a "nudge" from the Holy Spirit?

If you are a woman who senses a call to join one of these groups, or simply would like more information about what is involved, please contact Kathy Birmingham at 717-397-8647. The hope is to start this ministry by the end of January in 2026.

Thank you for your willingness to respond to this call.



2025 Tax Statements

If you received a tax statement last year through the mail, you will automatically receive one this year. No need to do anything.

If you did not receive one last year, please call the Parish Office to request one for this year.

Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

With Christmas and New Years gatherings and travel completed, there is a reported spike in the Influenza Virus activity in the Northeast region of the US. PA Dept of Health is showing “rapid increase” in cases in both office/ER visits and hospitalization. They state: ER visits with Influenza symptoms and confirmed diagnosis are “very high and continue to increase.”

Information from week ending 12/27/25.

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. These viruses infect the nose, throat, and lungs, and can lead to illness ranging from mild to severe. In some cases, the flu can result in death.

Flu viruses are primarily transmitted through tiny droplets released when infected individuals cough, sneeze, or talk. These droplets can be inhaled by people nearby, leading to new infections.

The most effective way to prevent the flu is to receive a flu vaccine every year. Annual vaccination helps protect against the most common circulating flu viruses. It is NOT too late to obtain a vaccination for this season.

Flu symptoms typically appear suddenly. Individuals with flu may experience some or all the following:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills (not everyone with flu will have a fever)
- Dry Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults)

In the United States, flu activity usually peaks during the winter, most often between December and mid-March. However, influenza viruses can circulate year-round.

A new influenza A subtype, known as subclade K, is currently contributing to increased infection rates here in PA. Despite this, the flu shot continues to offer significant protection. At present, influenza A, particularly the H3N2 strain, is dominant. While anyone can contract H3N2, it tends to cause more hospitalization and deaths among older adults.

The incubation period, the time from exposure to symptom onset, ranges from one to five days, with most people developing symptoms within 48 hours of being exposed to the flu virus.

Individuals with flu can spread the virus even if they do not have symptoms. The infectious period begins one day before symptoms appear and continues for five to seven days after becoming sick. People are most contagious in the first three to four days after symptoms start and remain able to spread the virus until their fever subsides (without the use of fever-reducing medications) and they begin to recover.

Take these prevention steps:

Get vaccinated: The annual flu vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu.

Take steps for cleaner air: Bring in fresh outdoor air (open windows that can be safely opened), gather outdoors, or purify indoor air.

Wash your hands: Use soap and water to wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds.

Avoid close contact: Stay away from people who are sick.

Stay home when sick: If you have flu symptoms, stay home to prevent spreading it to others. Stay home until symptoms are improving and fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.

Health care providers can swab your nose or throat and test for flu. It is important to get tested so that you can get the proper treatment.

Sometimes, providers prescribe antiviral drugs to treat the flu. Antibiotics don't work because the flu is caused by a virus, not bacteria. Antivirals can help you get better a little faster and keep you from getting really sick.

Here are some basic recommendations if you have the flu.

- Rest: Stay home; Get plenty of sleep.
- Maintain hygiene: Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.
- Fluids: Drink lots of water, juice, or clear broth.
- Medications: Over-the-counter medicines can help relieve fever, muscle aches and other symptoms.

If you must go out into the community wear a mask. Again, it is not too late to obtain the Influenza Vaccine.

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MHM will be hosting a program on Dementia presented by Connie Metzler BSN; Certified Dementia Professional. Date and time forthcoming. Watch PHM section for details.



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

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.sjnclancaster.org. Please see the ad in today's bulletin for more information!

All prospective families are encouraged to attend our next Tours on Tuesday this Tuesday at 9am! These tours, offered the second Tuesday of each month, last about an hour and include a tour of the school and information about the application process. Interested parents can register to attend on our website at www.sjnclancaster.org under "Admissions." Come and see what SJNCS can offer your student and your family.

Thursday is Retreat Day for our seventh & eighth graders.

SJNCS students will enjoy an Early Dismissal on Friday, Jan. 16 for Teacher Inservice and a day off on Monday, Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The Baptism of Jesus

As a mother of five children and an aunt to 26 more, I have attended my fair share of baptisms. They are always beautiful and joyful occasions, celebrations of a new member being added to God's family. But most of them have also had their mishaps, as tends to happen when little kids are involved. Whether it be a last minute dirty diaper, an older sibling running up to the baptismal font right in the middle of the ceremony, or the baby screaming during the whole affair, baptisms, like most moments in life, are not perfect.

What is perfect is the sacramental and sanctifying grace that is poured into the soul of the newly baptized. What is perfect is the great love that God has for us in granting us this palpable moment of unity with Him. What is perfect is this opportunity for family and friends to witness an indelible mark being placed on the baby's soul, sealing them for an eternity with God.

In today's Gospel, we read about the Baptism of Jesus. What a powerful witness that the Son of God Himself chose to be baptized by a human being. What a powerful manifestation of the Holy Trinity, both audibly and visibly present. What a powerful way to show us just how important baptism is.

I invite you to place yourself in this moment. Imagine the confusion of John the Baptist, being asked to baptize God. Imagine the awe of the others present upon seeing the heavens being opened. Imagine their fright when a voice boomed down from the heavens. Did the bystanders run away in fear? Did they kneel in adoration? Did they stand there frozen in shock? What would you do? What are you feeling called to do now, in this moment, as you reflect upon this passage?

By Tami Urcia



Executive Office seeking a Full Time Administrative Assistant

The Executive Office for the Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking a quietly confident self-starter, with superior administrative & secretarial skills, who is able to take direction and follow through on duties and responsibilities with minimum supervision.

Preferred candidates will be able to demonstrate experience and/or knowledge of human resource topics such as I-9's, visas, payroll and benefits, as you will be the primary point of contact for Diocesan clergy and Religious order clergy moving in and out of the Diocese. Proficiency in using all MS Office programs is essential. Must exhibit the utmost professionalism in manner and appearance at all times and be able to maintain strict confidentiality in all matters. Candidates must possess high levels of verbal, interpersonal and written communication skills. Must have an eye for detail and an ability to work with financial figures. Must be able to use some independent initiative and judgment. This position provides administrative support to the Vicar General and Secretary for Clergy & Consecrated Life. Knowledge of diocesan and parish structure is helpful. Must be a Catholic in good standing. Position offers a competitive salary & benefits.

Full job description available at www.hbgdiocese.org/careers. Please send resume & cover letter to: employment@hbgdiocese.org before February 6, 2026.

9 Days for Life: Respect Life Novena January 16-24

'9 Days for Life' is a USCCB-led novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in our country. Please visit <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena> to find pro-life resources and to join in prayer for the protection of every human life.

Walking With Purpose

(Women's Study Group)

Beginning Monday, February, 23, 2026, the Women's Bible Study group will begin a study on the Matthew Kelly book that was given away this past Christmas. The title of the book is "The 7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality."

The study will take place during our regular meeting times, Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall and will run for the entire Lenten Season, finishing the Monday of Holy Week.

If you picked up the book and would like to join us (sorry, women only), please scan the QR code or call the Parish Office to sign up.



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.

www.sjncslancaster.org

Apply Here



Free Throw Basketball Championship

January 18, 2026

Lititz Recreation Center, 2:00 pm. to 4:00 pm.
Sponsored by St. James Knights of Columbus,
Council #10827

The basketball free throw event is open to all boys and girls, who are ages 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2026. Parent or Guardian signed permission will be needed in order to compete. Registration forms will be available at the start of the event. There is no entry fee.

Participants with high scores will be invited to a district championship in February.



We hope to see you there!

Contact:
Rick Thompson 717-514-6124



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.

CYAA spring softball registration is now open. Please click [here](#) to register.

SJN Men's Hour

Connect and Grow

A monthly gathering where SJN Catholic men slow down together, grow in faith, and talk honestly about real life.

"Growing in Virtue

January '26 Topic: *When Vice Feels so Good"*

Searching for A few Good Men

JANUARY 14,
2026

6-7 PM

Social Hall, Main
Church, SJN

Discussion Led by
Father Clark Stiteler



2026 Men's Conference

Steadfast in Mercy



Featuring

Father Boniface Hicks,
OSB

*Save
The
Date*

April 18, 2026

Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA

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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/>



Columbia Catholic Mental Health Ministry

The *Columbia Catholic Mental Health Ministry*, in collaboration with Holy Trinity Catholic Church & St. Peter's Catholic Church, will be hosting its **Monthly Workshop on Wednesday, January 14th @ 7:00 PM** at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 409 Cherry St. Columbia, PA in the Parish Hall and is open to everyone in the community. The topic of this Workshop is:

***The Columbia Catholic Mental Health Ministry:
Who we are and what we want to do.***

**COLUMBIA CATHOLIC
MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY**

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?

This session will reintroduce the ministry and will be styled as a "meet & greet." **Please feel free to bring cookies or a dessert to share!**

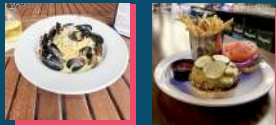
If you would like to learn more about this topic or learn more about the CCMHM and services offered (such as spiritual accompaniment) please contact the ministry at **ccmentalhealthministry@gmail.com**.

For non-emergency peer support in or near Columbia contact the NAMI Lancaster County Warm Line at (717) 394-215. The Warm Line is for non-crisis situations, offering peer support for mental and emotional challenges before they become severe.

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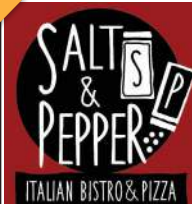
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