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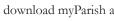
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# Sacrament of Baptism

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 freewill 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., December 20

• 4 p.m. - Philip Dorofee

#### Sun., December 21

- 7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Madonna
- 9 a.m. Larry Zielinski
- 11 a.m. Mike Riley
- 5 p.m. Rosa Sarmiento

#### Mon., December 22

• 9:00 a.m. - Steve Stoltz

#### Tues., December 23

• 9:00 a.m. - Debra Marino

#### Wed., December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

- 9 a.m. NO MASS
- 4 p.m. Church Special Intentions
- 4 p.m. Education Center Special Intentions
- 6 p.m. Church Special Intentions
- 8 p.m. Church Special Intentions
- Midnight Church Special Intentions

# Thurs., December 25 ~ Christmas Day

- 9 a.m. Special Intentions
- 11 a.m. Special Intentions
- 6 p.m. NO MASS

# Fri., December 26

• 9 a.m. - NO MASS

# Sat., December 27

• 4:00 p.m. - Harvey Snyder

# Sun., December 28

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Justin Melvin
- 11:00 a.m. Vincent Kneizys
- 5:00 p.m. Louis DeSimone

# **Parish Events**

#### Sun., December 21

- Following all morning Masses Coffee & Donuts being hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 6~8:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Youth Room

#### Mon., December 22

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary Church
- 9:30 a.m.~12 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Conference Room
- 5:30~6:45 p.m. Youth Choir Church
- 7~8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Church

# Tues., December 23

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary Church
- 7~8:30 p.m. K of C Officer's Meeting Library

# Wed., December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

- Parish Office Closed
- · NO Rosary
- NO Adoration
- <u>Christmas Eve Mass Times</u> 4 p.m. Church, 4 p.m. Education Center, 6 p.m. Church, 8 p.m. Church, Midnight Church

### Thurs., December 25 ~ Christmas Day

- · Parish Office Closed
- NO Rosary
- Christmas Day Mass Times 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
- NO Confessions
- NO Adoration

#### Fri., December 26

- Parish Office Closed
- · NO Men's Bible Study
- NO Rosary
- NO Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Sat., December 27

• 2:00~3:30 p.m. - Confessions

#### Sun., December 28

- 10 a.m. OCIA Library
- 6~8:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Youth Room



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of: December 20-26, 2025 in memory of John Ignar

# Collection

December 14, 2025

Will be posted in a future bulletin.

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# 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Pilgrims of Hope

Goal	223,042
Total Pledged to Date	189,527
Total Cash Received to Date \$	188,827
Outstanding Goal Balance \$	34,215

# 2025 Retirement Fund for Religious

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

#### Parish Office Christmas Luncheon

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 22 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. so that the staff can attend their Christmas Luncheon.



#### **Vocations Corner**

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

# Fourth Sunday of Advent



"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org



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# Daily Readings for Dec 22-27, 2025

# Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

#### **Tuesday**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

#### Wednesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79

### Thursday

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

#### **Friday**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22

#### Saturday

1 Jn 1:14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8

# Readings for December 24/25, 2025

Christmas Eve / Day
First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

### Readings for Sunday, December 28, 2025

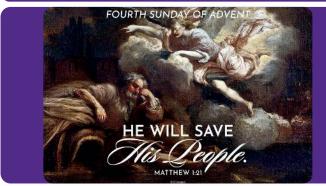
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

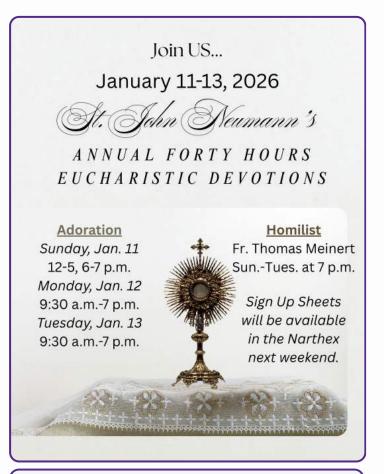
#### Hymns for Sunday, December 21, 2025

Entrance: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Prep of the Gifts: Come Emmanuel
Communion: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Recessional: Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

#### Hymns for December 24/25, 2025

Entrance: O Come All Ye Faithful
Prep of the Gifts: O Little Town of Bethlehem
Communion: Hark the Herald Angels Sing
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Angels We Have Heard On High
Away In A Manger
Silent Night
Recessional: Joy To The World





# Welcome

# **New Parishioners**

Jim and Jean Vinelli
Michael and Mary Schreiner
Ed and Sandy Camarota
Tom and Debby Brooks
Kendall Beck
Bob & Lynne Beal
Jeffrey Dill



Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community, a sponsored ministry of The Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville are looking to fill the following positions:

- (2) Dietary Aide PT 8-hour shifts/ 6A-2P and 11A-7P, weekends and Holidays
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  For additional information or to apply for one of
  these positions, please contact Alyssa Nickelson
  anickelson@mariajosephccc.org or Rhiannon
  Bronson rhiannon.bronson@oneforefront.com

# Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

AWAKENED BY LIGHT: AN ADVENT JOURNEY Weekdays will not include reflection due to limited space, Read scripture passage, reflect on quote and respond to question & prayer.

# **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Matthew 1:18-24 Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Reflection: As Christmas draws near, the Gospel might begin to feel repetitive. Why do we hear again the story of Mary's conception, Joseph's plans, and the angel's visit? Perhaps it's meant to be that way—like a steady drumbeat we're meant to absorb deep into our hearts. The virgin shall conceive. The child shall be called Emmanuel. God is with us. This is the

center of everything: the incarnation is our salvation. It is the light that enters our darkness and stays with us.

Where Did You See the Light Today? How does God's nearness—in this story and in my own life—change how I see today?

<u>Whisper Prayer</u> Emmanuel, draw near to me. Let Your light dwell with me and guide every part of my life.

# Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent

Luke 1:46-56 "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." The Magnificat is a song of light rising in the darkness—of God's mercy, justice, and strength. Where Did You See the Light Today? Which part of Mary's song speaks to my heart today? Why? Whisper Prayer God of mercy, help me echo Mary's joy and trust. May my soul, too, proclaim Your greatness.

### Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

Luke 1:57-66 He asked for a tablet and wrote,
"John is his name," and all were amazed.

Where Did You See the Light Today? Where do I see God's light in the unexpected?

<u>Whisper Prayer</u> Jesus, Light of the World, open my eyes to the ways you are moving in grace, even when it doesn't follow the script.

# Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent / Mass in the Morning

Luke 1:67-79 "In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Where Did You See the Light Today? Where in my life am I longing for dawn? How might God be preparing to meet me there?

<u>Whisper Prayer</u> Jesus, my Light, guide my feet into the way of peace. Let me walk toward You with hope.

Nativity of the Lord / Mass at Dawn

Luke 2:15-20 So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Where Did You See the Light Today? Where have you witnessed the light of Christ breaking into your ordinary days? How can you carry that light with you as the Christmas season unfolds?

Whisper Prayer Legus, let me carry your light with

Whisper Prayer Jesus, let me carry your light with wonder and joy.

Nativity of the Lord / Mass During the Day John 1:1-18 The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Where Did You See the Light Today? Where have I received grace and truth this Advent? How might I carry that light into the year to come? Whisper Prayer Jesus, shine through me.

MAY WE ALL AWAKEN AND BE RENEWED IN THE SHINING LIGHT OF CHRIST JESUS. WISHING ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

### **Christmas Gift Tag Program Appreciation**



On behalf of the eight organizations who received the Christmas donations, and the Knights of Columbus, thank you to all the parishioners who were able to provide almost 600 gifts and gift cards for those less fortunate this Christmas season. Your generosity was overwhelming!



#### 4th Sunday of Advent Birth Child Spirit Q Angel Dream M Wife Ι Н В Son Name **Fulfill** Z Emmanuel R H I L C

# Remember the Sick of our Parish ~ Especially

Hans Deatrick, 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

On Tuesday, our students will gather for the annual SJNCS Christmas singalong...our traditional send-off for our Christmas Break. Our break begins with an 11:30a Early Dismissal. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5.

The students, faculty and staff of St. John Neumann Catholic School wish you all a very joyous & blessed Christmas and a New Year!



# Lancaster Catholic High School

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.

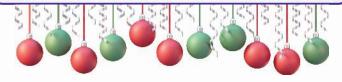
# Faith Formation Spotlights Meet Our Assistant to the DRE: Erin Houser

Originally from Long Island, New York, Erin Houser graduated from Hofstra University and spent nearly ten years as a federal law enforcement officer before answering a different kind of call: moving to Lancaster to begin family life. After joining St. John Neumann Parish, she quickly found a home here as a volunteer catechist and a grateful participant in the alwayswelcoming Coffee and Donuts gatherings.

Erin now serves as Assistant to the Director of Religious Education, where she loves helping to shape a Faith Formation program that invites entire families into the richness of the Catholic faith. She is especially passionate about encouraging children and parents to cultivate a living relationship with Jesus and to weave faith naturally into their daily family life.

Outside the office, Erin cherishes time with her husband, Jeff, and their two daughters, Jane and Mary (ages 12 and 10). Her idea of a perfect afternoon involves a quiet corner, a cozy blanket, a glass of wine, and a spiritual book.

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





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