

WELCOME TO
Saint John Neumann Church

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Parish Office Hours
Mon. ~ Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Fridays

MAY 24, 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY

*Receive
the Holy Spirit*

JOHN 20:22

Parish Staff

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Mass and Reconciliation Schedule

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

Daily Mass

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

Live Stream Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Thurs. 4:30-5:45 p.m., Sat. 2-3:30 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. (for Vocations & Consecrated Life)

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.

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.



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.

Remember the Sick of our Parish ~ Especially

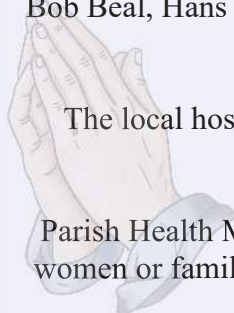
Bob Beal, Hans Deatruck, Dennis Downey, Michael Jurasinski, Jeff Lamp, John Perozich, Dick Savicky, Bob Sugra, Bill White, Karen Zielinski and all those on the Prayer Circle/Chain.

Hospital Visiting

The local hospitals are not obligated to notify us when you are admitted. If you or a loved one enter the hospital, please contact Tonianne at the Parish Office to let us know.

Meal Ministry

Parish Health Ministry volunteers will provide meals for people recently released from the hospital and for women or families who have recently given birth. Please contact Tonianne at the Parish Office if you would like to receive a meal.



Mass Intentions

Sat., May 23

- 4 p.m. - Lucille Davis

Sun., May 24

- 7:30 a.m. - Doris A. McGurn
- 9 a.m. - Donald & Andrea Wagner
- 11 a.m. - People of the Parish
- 5 p.m. - Anastasia Gaydosz

Mon., May 25

- 9 a.m. - John Garry

Tues., May 26

- 9 a.m. - Allison Warfel

Wed., May 27

- 9 a.m. - Carol McCarthy
- Neffsville - Sophia Wielgolinski

Thurs., May 28

- 9 a.m. - John Ignar
- 6 p.m. - Jeff Foresman

Fri., May 29

- 9 a.m. - John Wild

Sat., May 30

- 4 p.m. - Lucille M. Bowers

Sun., May 31

- 7:30 a.m. - Francesca Beatriz Castro
- 9 a.m. - Bob Burrows
- 11 a.m. - Cindy Hurst
- 5 p.m. - People of the Parish

Congratulations

William Shand and Morgan Buterbaugh

United in Marriage on May 16, 2026

We ask that you continue to pray that God will be with them as they begin their journey through life together.

Daily Readings for May 25-30, 2026

Monday

Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52

Friday

1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33

Parish Events

Sun., May 24

- Following all Masses - Blood Pressure Screenings - Conference Rm

Mon., May 25 - Happy Memorial Day

- Parish Office Closed
- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- NO Prayer Shawl Ministry



Tues., May 26

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 10-11:30 a.m. - Grief Share - Youth Rm
- 1-3 p.m. - St. Anne-Neumann Seniors - Social Hall
- 7-8:30 p.m. - K of C Officer's Meeting - Library

Wed., May 27

- 8:30 am - Rosary - Church
- 9:30-11 am - Catholic Mom's Bible Study - Youth Rm
- 12-4 p.m. - Adoration with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:45 p.m.
- 6-8 p.m. - Called & Gifted - Library

Thurs., May 28

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 4:30-5:45 p.m. - Confessions
- 4:30-6 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study - Library
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Fri., May 29

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church

Sat., May 30

- Before Mass - K of C Rosary - Church
- 2-3:30 p.m. - Confessions

Sun., May 31

- Before all Masses - K of C Rosary - Church
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - OCIA - Library



The Altar Flowers for the week of:
May 23-29, 2026
in memory of
Cindy Sahn

Collection

May 17, 2026

Sunday Envelopes & ParishSoft \$26,379.73

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Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Diocesan Annual Campaign FAITHFUL STEWARDS

Goal	\$ 223,042
Total Pledged	\$ 167,201
Total Cash Collected	\$ 153,894

Pentecost Sunday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before there was water, there was fire. Once in a while, a volcano hints at the sizzling magma upon which the whole human enterprise floats. Over eons, the surface cooled off a bit, and rain sizzled down for thousands of centuries, filling the oceans and sculpting the earth. We Christians can catch God’s glory in a shimmering pool of water, but we can also capture God’s burning desire to fan the tiny flames of our baptismal candles into something that will make a difference.

In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the “tongues of flame” descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does. An interesting sidebar: if you have traced the Epiphany blessing on your doorway in chalk, Pentecost is the day to erase it. From now on, no need to rely on the “wise men”—you are alive in the Spirit!
—Rev. James Field

Readings for Sunday, May 31, 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Hymns for May 24, 2026

Entrance: Come Holy Ghost
Prep of the Gifts: Breathe On Me, O Breath of God
Communion: One Bread, One Body
Recessional: Church of God Elect and Glorious

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.sinconfsvdp.org and click on the **DONATE** button in the upper left corner.

Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion Diocesan-Mandated Training

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are invited to a diocesan-required training to renew their 5-year mandates for St. John Neumann parish or other institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, and schools.

The training will be held on Tuesday, June 16 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. or Thursday, June 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. The history, theology, and spirituality of the Eucharist will be discussed, as well as the actual praxis (practice) of distributing Holy Communion within the Diocese of Harrisburg and in various settings.

We are in need of additional EMHC at St. John Neumann. If you are interested and feel a special calling to this ministry, please register and attend this event.

For all to register, please call the parish office at 717-569-8531.

Thank you for your support of the parish and for your interest in serving the People of God by your faithful reverence and attention to the Holy Eucharist!



Vocations Corner

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

Pentecost Sunday

"Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22)

On the day of His resurrection, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of love, truth, and service. In priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony, the Holy Spirit strengthens hearts to answer God's call courageously, guiding, inspiring, and sanctifying their work in the world. Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit, that more men and women may be filled with His grace and step boldly into their vocations. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

Behind the Collar: Meet Your Deacons

This week, we asked Deacon Pete Jupin and Deacon Mike Oles about their lives before the diaconate — and how their careers connected to the call God had waiting for them.

Many deacons hold or have held careers outside the Church. How has your work connected to your vocation?

Deacon Pete Jupin: My first paying job was as a house coordinator in a group home for United Cerebral Palsy of Lancaster. The three men in the house were physically disabled and learning independent life skills. On my last day, on a casual whim, we all piled into my small car to visit the new female coordinator at the women's home a few miles away. It was her first day on the job — and she turned out to be my future wife, Beth!

Lesson learned: you never know how God is working in your life.

Deacon Mike Oles: I served in the military for 20 years, then spent 14 more in the aerospace industry — including work as a physicist on the Apollo 11 program. Remarkable work, but in the end, nothing quite satisfied me. I hungered for more. In 1998, I was accepted into the Diaconate Formation Program and laid off from my job at almost the exact same moment. Rather than chase another corporate role, I stayed put, continued my formation, and taught high school physics for four years. After my ordination, I made a decision: I would let God decide what came next.

Calling All Young Men: Quo Vadis Days 2026

Young men between 15 and 25 this one's for you. What are you doing June 21–25?

Quo Vadis Days is an annual retreat held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland and it is anything but boring. Five days of pickup soccer, capture the flag, ultimate frisbee, flag football, great food, honest conversations, and real friendships. Mix in daily Mass, Adoration, the Rosary, and some genuinely good talks from priests and seminarians, and you've got something that's hard to describe until you've been there.

The question the retreat asks is a simple one: *Where are you going?* If you've ever had even a passing thought about what God might be calling you to, this is the place to start exploring that. No pressure — just good people, a lot of fun, and some time to listen.

Register at www.harrisburgvocations.org/events/#vadis. Questions? Reach out to the parish office.

Bring a Chalice Home for a Week

Pray for vocations, one week at a time. Our Traveling Vocations Chalice visits one home per week, serving as a simple daily reminder to pray for those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. Everything you need is included: a protective case, wooden pedestal, and prayer guide. Just find a good spot for it in your home and pray. Sign up at the Vocations Corner desk in the narthex or reserve your week through SignUp Genius.

Every Vocation Begins Here

Today we celebrate Pentecost — the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and sent them out to transform the world. It's a beautiful reminder that every vocation begins the same way: with the Spirit moving, and someone saying yes. As we celebrate today, let's ask Our Blessed Mother Mary — the first and greatest "yes" — to pray for all those in our parish and beyond who are still listening for God's voice. Come, Holy Spirit!

Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

Pentecost is not simply the end of Easter Season. It is the day the Church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the first disciples gathered in Jerusalem. It is the moment when the fearful followers of Jesus were strengthened to proclaim the gospel boldly to the world.

Pentecost is described in Acts 2. The apostles were gathered in Jerusalem when a sound like a mighty wind filled the house, and “tongues as of fire” appeared and rested on each of them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in different languages, proclaiming the mighty works of God to people from many nations who had gathered in the city. This miracle showed that the gospel was not meant for one tribe, one nation, or one language.

Christ had commanded his apostles to “make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19), and, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered them to begin that mission.

This event is significant as it is often referred to as the Birthday of the Church, symbolizing the beginning of the Christian Church’s mission to spread the gospel.

Pentecost wasn’t a one-time event. It’s the ongoing mission of the Church. The same Spirit who descended on the disciples is given to every baptized and confirmed Catholic for a purpose: to continue Christ’s mission in the world. We are called today, as disciples, to live Pentecost by doing exactly what the first disciples did receiving the Holy Spirit, openly professing our faith in Jesus Christ with courage, building community, serving the vulnerable, and using our gifts for the good of the Church and the world.

In today’s divided world let us strive for unity; may we be empowered by the holy spirit to rise above barriers of language, culture, and fear. May we seek reconciliation in our families and communities. Listen deeply to those who differ from us. Promote peace, patience, and gentleness; And be a bridge-builder in our parish life.

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This Monday is also Memorial Day a day to pause and reflect on the great sacrifice of those who died in military service. We do this with solemn reverence, gratitude, and quiet strength.

God of Mercy and Strength,

Today we remember with solemn gratitude the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Their courage, sacrifice, and love of neighbor reflect the greatest call of the Gospel. Welcome them into the fullness of Your peace, where every tear is wiped away and every battle is stilled. Hold close the families who carry the weight of loss. Surround them with comfort, steady their hearts with hope, and bless them with the support of a grateful nation. Be near to all who have served and who remember fallen friends today. Grant them healing, strength, and the assurance that their sacrifices are honored. Make us a people who cherish peace, work for justice, and honor the memory of the fallen by living lives of compassion and service. May their sacrifice never be forgotten. AMEN

PHM maintains an honor board for both our veterans and active service members. If your loved one’s name is on this bulletin board, in the back entry way, and their assignments have changed please call Tonianne at 717 569-8531x229 to update information. If a loved one, especially any of our SJN members have recently entered a service branch and you’d like us to honor them please send details of their name, branch, rank, and assigned location-forms can be found at the bulletin board or call the office.



Our Christian Community Welcomes
Lucy Oliveri

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



*** Rest in Peace ***

Robert Weiss
Charles Leese

*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.*



St. John Neumann Catholic School
 (717) 844-6100
 Principal ~ Karen Henry
henryka@sjnschoollancaster.org

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

There is no school on Monday as we celebrate Memorial Day.



Our new PK students for the 26-27 School Year are invited to a special "PK Drop In" on Tuesday, May 26 from 6-7p.

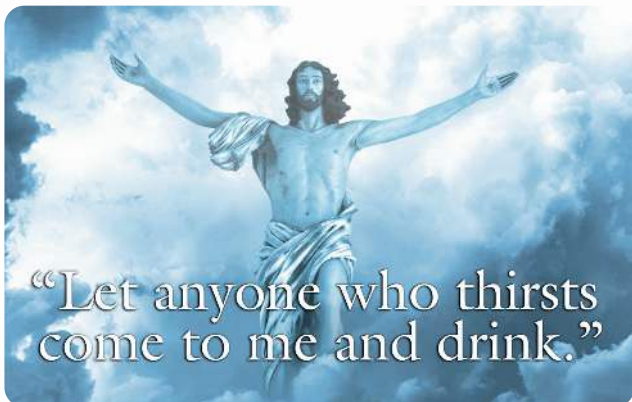
On Friday evening, we will begin celebrating our soon-to-be graduating eighth graders with our annual Tribute To Grads event. It's a fun evening for our eighth graders and their parents to walk down the SAS/SJNCS memory lane before we send them off!



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



Congratulations to Peggy Sanbower, winner of the Mustang Cash Raffle!



Lancaster Catholic High School
 (717) 509-0315
 President ~ Kyla (Morrison) Hockley '96
khockley@lchsyes.org
 Principal ~ Sean Van Eman
svaneman@lchsyes.org



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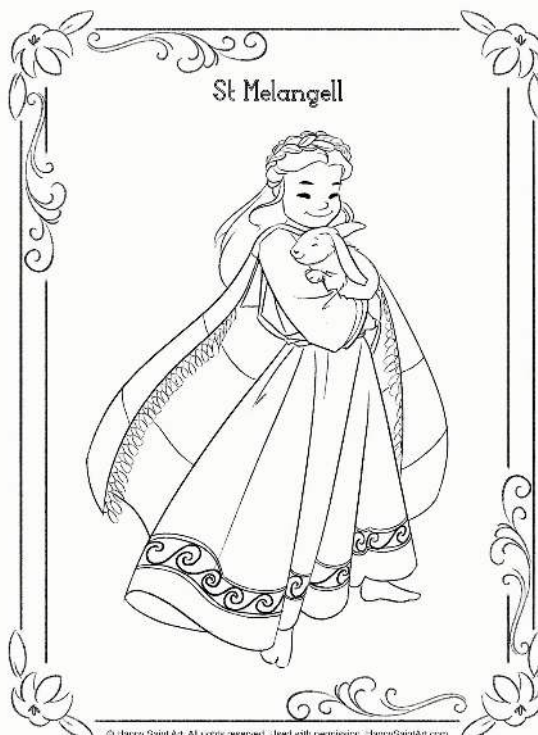


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Janice Wolfe | SJNCS Admissions
 717-844-6100
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St Melangell

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at SJN: A Four-Part Glimpse into the Atrium

Part 1: A Place Prepared for Children

by Erin Houser



At St. John Neumann Parish and School, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Atrium is unlike a typical classroom. It is a carefully prepared sacred space where children encounter Jesus through prayer, Scripture, silence, beauty, and hands-on materials rooted in the liturgy and the life of the Church.

Walk into the Atrium and you will see children moving quietly and purposefully: tracing maps of the Holy Land, preparing a tiny altar, pin-punching crosses, lighting candles, reading Scripture, or working with parables Jesus used to teach about the Kingdom of God. Over time, the Atrium begins to feel like home to them, a place where they are known, trusted, and invited into relationship with God.

This year, our Level I children reflected deeply on the Kingdom Parables. They mixed yeast into dough while wondering how the Kingdom of God grows quietly from within. They moved around tiny sheep while listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd. One catechist shared a moment from Mass when a young child whispered during the Gospel, “and THE YEAST!” after hearing Jesus proclaim, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” The parables had become alive in her heart. Meanwhile, our Level II children explored the great history of salvation through Scripture, the Bible timeline, Resurrection narratives, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They journaled, reflected, and began asking deeper questions about God’s plan and their own place within it.

The Atrium is not centered on memorization or performance. Instead, it invites children to slow down, wonder, and discover that God is already speaking to them. At the heart of this ministry is the conviction that the child has a deep capacity for relationship with God, and that adults are called not to simply fill children with information, but to help prepare a space where they can encounter Christ.

Under the faithful leadership of Barbara Goss, and her team of dedicated CGS catechists, this ministry continues to flourish at SJN. Barbara has grown this beautiful program through prayer, formation, and years of dedicated study and observation of working atriums both locally and across the country. Stayed tuned for more glimpses into the Atrium in next week's blog!

Pentecost Sunday ~ See the Holy Spirit

In the readings on Pentecost Sunday, the Spirit is described as a driving wind and tongues of fire. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is a Person of the Trinity, we seem to be able to picture the Spirit only in terms of what the Spirit does. In our second reading, Paul tries to explain just that. Though the English translation sounds vague, let’s jump in.

First, Paul says that we cannot know Jesus as Lord without the Spirit. The Spirit is the way Jesus is present today, so anyone who truly believes in Jesus is guided by the Spirit. The Spirit never contradicts Jesus, so anyone claiming to have new knowledge that is opposed to what Jesus taught is not using the Spirit. So, for example, if someone starts a cult that teaches that we no longer need to love our enemies, we know that the Spirit is not in them.

Second, Paul acknowledges that the Spirit works in many ways. As examples, he mentions there are many different gifts and services in the church. He emphasizes that all these differences come from one and the same God. Even today we see this happening; people serve the Church in different ways and with different abilities.

People even have different ways of looking at things. Some have more patience than others, some are better listeners, and some are great organizers. The point is that all these differences come from the same source, God.

When we think of the strength of the Church, we usually think of its unity, i.e., one baptism, one faith, one Lord. But we also draw strength from the diversity of gifts and services that people offer to God. No one person can do all it takes to bring the world to Christ. Even Jesus shared his work of spreading the gospel with his disciples. If sin brought a multitude of problems to the world, then the Spirit brings a multitude of gifts to help us through these problems. As Paul says, this diversity of gifts is all part of one Body of Christ. So look at the gifts of those around you, and you may be able to see the Holy Spirit more clearly. ~ Tom Schmidt



YOUTH MINISTRY MAY SCHEDULE

**THUR
21ST**

Youth Adult Bible Study
Library- 4:30 PM - 6PM
Ages 16-20
(Can be older or slightly younger)

**SUN
24TH**

No Youth Group
Memorial Day Weekend
Feast of Pentecost Sunday

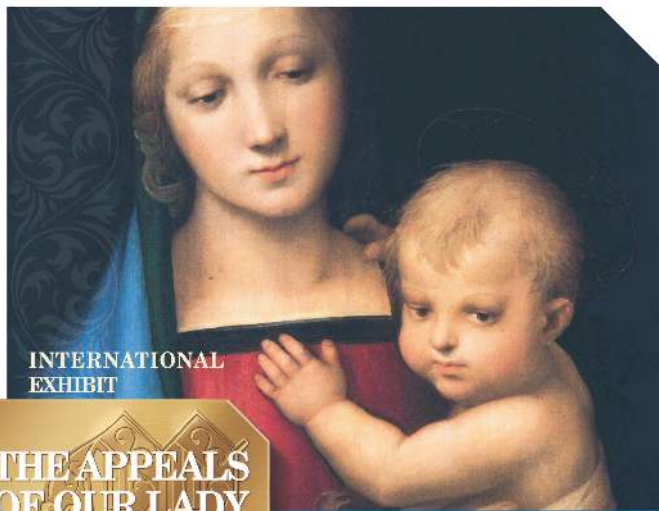
**THUR
28TH**

Youth Adult Bible Study
Library- 4:30 PM - 6PM
Ages 16-20
(Can be older or slightly younger)

**SUN
31ST**

Youth Group
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Theme: Names/Faces of Mary
Part Three

SJN Youth Minister & St. Mary's YM Assistant: F. Udoka U.
Contact: youthministry@sjnlancaster.org



INTERNATIONAL
EXHIBIT

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Saturday (9AM - 7PM)
9AM Mass
3PM Confessions
4:30PM Mass

Sunday (9AM - 2PM)
Feast of Corpus Christi
9:30AM Procession
10AM Mass

Refreshments following Masses
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St. John Neumann
601 E Delp Rd, Lancaster PA

Ages 16–20 are welcome
No experience needed!

“For where two or three
gather in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”
— Matthew 18:20

SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595) May 26

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, “They’re a very somber order who’ve left the Church. I recognize them.” “By their long robes?” an American asked. “Many in Rome wear robes,” replied the shopkeeper. “It’s their long faces!” When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter’s steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an “Apostle of Joy,” drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His “Oratory,” a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unfailing joy.

—Peter Scagnelli

St. Anne-Neumann Seniors

“Mother Goose’s Tribute To Women In The Bible”

Please join us on Tuesday, May 26th. Our special guest speaker will be Diane Albertson who is back with another one of her delightful interpretations to a classic, Mother Goose’s Tribute to Women in the Bible.

This is a whimsical story which (believe it or not) uses Mother Goose characters and weaves them into the stories of the Genealogy of Jesus. It is a great story to honor moms, but we assure you men will find it interesting as well. Always a crowd favorite. Sign in at 12:30 pm in the Narthex. \$3 admission donation. General meeting with travel update. Meeting begins at 1 pm in the Social Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

All are welcome, bring a friend!

Questions, call Gina White at (717) 569-9364.



CYAA Travel Soccer – U11 Girls Club Team

(2026–2027 Season)

CYAA is currently seeking players for our U11 Girls Travel Soccer Club Team for the upcoming Fall & Spring 2026–2027 seasons. Player evaluations will be held in the coming weeks as we begin forming our team.

Eligible players must be a parishioner of a diocesan church or a student at a local Catholic school and be born between August 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016.

Teams compete in the Central Pennsylvania Youth Soccer League (CPYSL), with games played on Saturdays or Sundays against teams throughout the Susquehanna Valley. No out-of-state travel is required.

If your child is interested in a competitive, faith-centered, and fun soccer experience, please contact: ✉ crusaderyouthsoccer@gmail.com by May 25th



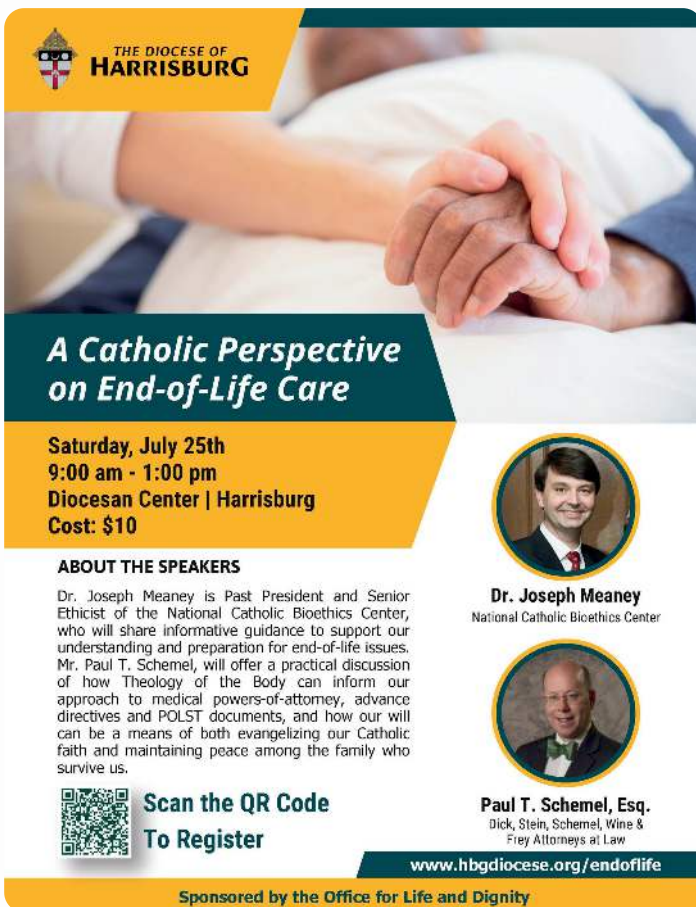
CYAA Fall Cheerleading

Registration is open for Fall 2026 CYAA Youth Cheerleading.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/CYAACheer>

The fall rec program cheers for CYAA football teams ranging from K-8th grade and is in season from August to the end of October. This portion of the cheer program is home to nearly 60 cheerleaders. Sideline cheering is treated much like competition, and athletes are expected to work hard, learn good sportsmanship, and gain proper technique. Practice days and times will be announced when teams are placed.

If you have an incoming 9th grade girl who may be interested in cheering, please email us at crusadersyouthcheerleading@gmail.com as we gauge interest in expanding this program. If you have questions or need more information, please contact the CYAA Cheerleading Director, Carrie McCullough at crusaderyouthcheerleading@gmail.com.



THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Care

Saturday, July 25th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Diocesan Center | Harrisburg
Cost: \$10

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Dr. Joseph Meaney is Past President and Senior Ethicist of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, who will share informative guidance to support our understanding and preparation for end-of-life issues. Mr. Paul T. Schemel, will offer a practical discussion of how Theology of the Body can inform our approach to medical powers-of-attorney, advance directives and POLST documents, and how our will can be a means of both evangelizing our Catholic faith and maintaining peace among the family who survive us.

Dr. Joseph Meaney
National Catholic Bioethics Center

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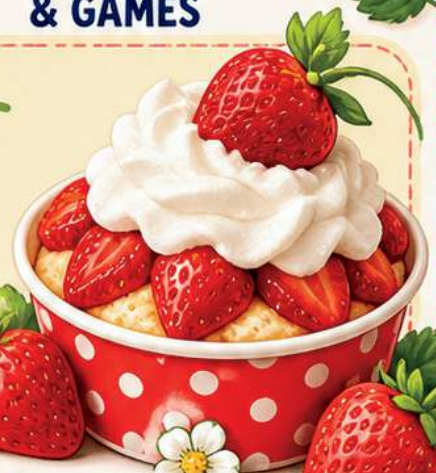
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His situation reminds me of the apostles before Pentecost, before the promised Holy Spirit descended upon them in the upper room as He did in today's First Reading. The apostles loved Jesus. Their intentions were golden. These earnest men had learned a great deal by being with Our Lord, and it was their desire to continue His life-saving mission. But they were too feeble.

In the case of the earliest Church leaders, it wasn't physical strength they needed, it was the courage, the love, and the power to do all that Jesus had commissioned them to do. Now, in the upper room, Christ keeps his last promise to his beloved friends and sends them the Holy Spirit. Similar to the way Steve was changed in mere moments through a scientific experiment into the buff and beautiful Captain America, the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and utterly transfigured. This historic moment wasn't just a radical turning point in the lives the apostles, it was the birth of the Church. Furthermore, ever since that moment, every human being has had the opportunity to share in God's Divine life through the Spirit. The power Pentecost unleashed on the world was tsunamic in the best way possible.

Again and again, the Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the action of the Holy Spirit: He animates all creation, awakens faith, enables communication with Christ, helps man grow in spiritual freedom, is the master and source of prayer, is the principal author of Scripture and so on. The Catechism also highlights the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1831), His fruits (1832), and His charisms (2003).

It is breathtaking to think that, at the moment of our baptisms, the third Person of the Trinity comes to dwell in us and bestows supernatural gifts upon us. If we cooperate with the movement of the Spirit in our lives and in our souls, we will receive whatever we need to grow in holiness and minister to those around us. He wants to empower us. The apostles, who desired the Holy Spirit, awaited Him eagerly, and responded whole-heartedly to His inspirations, are models for us to imitate.

The kind of decision that the character of Steve in Captain America had to make was one that faces all of us in the spiritual realm. Are we content to be spiritually puny, reticent to tap into Divine power? Or are we ready to take our good intentions and our knowledge of Christ to the next level, out of love of God and neighbor, by allowing the Holy Spirit to even more radically transform us? The world awaits our answer.



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