



1/18/2026

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Behold, the Lamb of God

Saint John Neumann Church

601 East Delp Road * Lancaster, PA 17601

phone: (717) 569-8531 * www.sjnlancaster.org

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

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Live Streamed Masses

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

Weekday Masses

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

Adoration

Wed. ~ 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 massstimes.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 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

Mon., January 19

- 9 a.m. - Carol Hancharik

Tues., January 20

- 9 a.m. - John Ignar

Wed., January 21

- 9 a.m. - Rosina Macrina
- Landis - William Burke

Thurs., January 22

- 9 a.m. - Special Intention Dolly Sabatine (90th Birthday)
- 6 p.m. - Lucille M. Bowers

Fri., January 23

- 9 a.m. - Charles Perez

Sat., January 24

- 4 p.m. - People of the Parish

Sun., January 25

- 7:30 a.m. - Joe Fox
- 9 a.m. - Joseph Savel
- 11 a.m. - Doris Broome
- 5 p.m. - Monica L. Klotz

Parish Events

Sun., January 18

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

Mon., January 19

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. - Spiritual Support Group - Youth Room
- 6 p.m. - Walking With Purpose - Social Hall, Library, Conference Room
- 7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Tues., January 20

- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 4:15~5:30 p.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 6:30 p.m. - Divine Mercy Cenacle - Social Hall
- 7 p.m. - Baptism Class - Library
- 7 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - **Youth Room**

Wed., January 21

- 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

Thurs., January 22

- 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

Fri., January 23

- 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - Library
- 8:30 a.m. - Rosary - Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church
- 10 a.m. - Seven Sister's Apostolate Meeting - Library

Sat., January 24

- Following Mass - Blood Pressure Screenings - Conference Room
- 8 a.m. - Ananais Training - Library
- 9:30~10:45 a.m. - CGS - Atrium
- 2:00~3:30 p.m. - Confessions

Sun., January 25

- Following all Masses - Blood Pressure Screenings - Conference Room
- Following morning Masses - Coffee and Donuts being hosted by SJNCS
- 10 a.m. - OCIA - Youth Room
- 10 a.m. - Faith Formation Family Meeting - Education Center
- 12 p.m. - Confirmation Prep - Education Center
- 12 p.m. - Ananais Training - Library
- 6 p.m. - Youth Ministry - Youth Room

Collection

January 11, 2026

Sunday Envelopes and ParishSoft . . \$39,733.93

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.



If you are interested in enrolling in ParishSoft Giving, please visit 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!

2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Goal	\$ 223,042
Total Cash Received to Date	\$ 230,146

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.



*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.

Vocations Corner

Adoration for Vocations to the Priesthood

every Thursday 6:30~7:30pm



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

John's recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ's mercy is made present through priests in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22, 2026

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. - Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 100



**Celebrate
Catholic
Schools Week**

We hope to see you at
Coffee & Donuts next Sunday!
Come meet our parents and learn about the
good things happening at your Parish School!

If you are a prospective parent interested in taking a "sneak peak" of SJNCS, please let us know and we would be happy to show you around.

For more information about SJNCS, contact Janice Wolfe, Director of Admissions, 717-844-6100 or wolfeja@sjschoollancaster.org.

Parish Health Ministry (PHM)

Tomorrow, we acknowledge Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day - a day to honor the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. The day serves as a National Day of Service, encouraging volunteering and community improvement in line with Dr. King's vision for a "Beloved Community." As Catholics, we can look to the USCCB Social Justice Priorities to guide us in meeting Dr King's Beloved Community vision. Here are the USCCB instructions.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has continued to speak with clarity and conviction on a wide range of social justice issues, grounding each concern in the Church's enduring belief in the God-given dignity of every human person. This conviction flows from the heart of Catholic Social Teaching, which calls the faithful to uphold life, strengthen families and communities, protect human rights, prioritize the poor, honor the dignity of work, practice solidarity, and care for God's creation. These principles shape the Bishops' responses to the moral challenges facing our nation and world.

One of the most active areas of USCCB advocacy remains immigration and refugee protection. The Bishops remind us that the Church in the United States is historically an immigrant Church, and that welcoming the stranger is a direct expression of the Gospel. As Jesus teaches, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). The USCCB emphasizes that every person is made in the image of God and deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion. Through initiatives such as Justice for Immigrants and You Are Not Alone, the Bishops defend the right to migrate when life becomes unsafe or unsustainable and urge policies that protect family unity and humanitarian relief. They have reaffirmed that refugee resettlement is a "work of mercy," echoing the biblical call: "You shall treat the stranger who resides with you as the native-born... for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:34).

The bishops have also spoken forcefully about gun violence, urging Catholics to embrace a spirituality of peacebuilding in a time of national tension. This message reflects Christ's own blessing: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). At recent social ministry gatherings, USCCB leaders encouraged the faithful to work for "greater justice," supporting community-based violence prevention and advocating for reasonable safety measures that protect human life.

On the issue of racial justice, the USCCB continues to affirm that racism is a sin that wounds the Body of Christ. Scripture reminds us that "there is no longer Jew or Greek... for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Drawing from their pastoral letters and diocesan resources, the bishops call parishes to

become communities that "believe, act, and teach justice," confronting prejudice and working toward healing and reconciliation.

Economic concerns remain central to the Bishops' domestic justice work. They highlight the moral dimensions of worker rights, fair wages, housing access, and support for families and the poor, echoing the biblical mandate: "Woe to those who trample upon the poor" (Amos 8:4) and "The laborer deserves his wages" (Luke 10:7). The USCCB reminds society that economic systems must serve the human person, not the other way around, and that the needs of the poor and vulnerable must come first.

The USCCB also continues to elevate the Church's teaching on care for creation, inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. This work reflects Psalm 24:1: "The earth is the Lord's and all it holds". The Bishops emphasize the moral responsibility to protect the environment, safeguard vulnerable communities, and promote sustainable practices that honor God's creation.

Finally, the Bishops maintain a strong focus on global solidarity, urging all Catholics to look beyond national borders and work for justice across the Americas and throughout the world. St. Paul's reminder resonates here: "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Corinthians 12:26). The USCCB recent gatherings have highlighted the importance of human rights, peacebuilding, and international development, calling us all to recognize every person as a brother or sister in Christ.

Taken together, these priorities form a coherent vision; Much like Dr King's Beloved Community: A call for Catholics to build a society rooted in mercy, justice, and the inherent dignity of every person.

Whether addressing immigration, racial justice, economic inequality, violence, environmental stewardship, or global peace, the USCCB invites this Church to live out the Gospel with courage and compassion.

The Scriptures call us again and again to recognize the sacredness of every person: the migrant seeking safety, the family struggling to make ends meet, the community yearning for peace, the earth groaning under the weight of misuse. These are not distant concerns; they are places where God is already present, waiting for us to respond with courage, tenderness, and hope.

To follow Christ in these matters is to allow our hearts to be stretched. It means letting compassion interrupt our routines, letting justice shape our choices, and letting mercy guide our conversations. It means remembering that discipleship is not only about what we believe but how we love; especially when that love costs us something.

As we reflect on the Bishops' call to justice, we might

ask ourselves: Where is Christ inviting me to welcome, to heal, to protect, to advocate, to accompany?

Where is the Holy Spirit nudging me to see more clearly, to act more boldly, to love more generously? In these questions, we discover that social justice is not a program. It is a way of being Church; a way of being Christ's presence in the world.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the "emergency" adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments.

The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

—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 BLESSED MCGIVNEY.

Join today!



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"

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.

Interested in learning more? There will be a meeting in the Library of Friday, January 23 at 10 a.m.

Daily Readings for Jan 19-24

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Mk 2:18-22

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Mk 3:7-12

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
Mk 3:13-19

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-31

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mk 3:20-31

Readings for Sunday, January 25, 2026

Third 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 18, 2026

Entrance: *Lord Who At Thy First Eucharist*

Prep of the Gifts: *Here I Am, Lord*

Communion: *Here At This Table*

Recessional: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

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 ***

Jim Kirkessner

Elaine Breuers

*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.*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Behold the Lamb of God

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. Did they associate that name with the paschal lamb whose blood protected the Israelites from the Angel of Death? After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus, yet he trusts God's revelation that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). We also may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with a serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally John baptized others as a sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be. What looks like failure to us can be success in God's eyes.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. While that sounds obvious to us, it took courage to say that to people who would have thought it blasphemy. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it. Even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing as well. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others. As we point out the Lamb of God to those who don't know him, we get to know him better ourselves.

Tom Schmidt



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

SJNCS is closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

OUR LADY OF DAMASCUS

January 24

An ancient icon of Our Lady of Damascus was brought to Malta from Rhodes by the Knights of St. John in 1530, and venerated in the Greek Catholic Church in Valletta.



SUNDAYKIDZ

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Behold Lamb World Man Existed
Water Dove Heaven Remain Baptize



Lancaster Catholic
High School

Activities Fair

Join LCHS for their Activities Fair taking place on January 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This is a drop-in style event where you can

learn about our over 30 Student Clubs and Organizations. Discover the LCHS Fine & Performing Arts Program and all of the performance opportunities available in instrumental & vocal music, theater and visual art.

Meet student athletes and coaches in all of our athletic programs and speak to current parents in our Parent Lounge about their Families' LCHS experience.

Pre-registered students are eligible for a drawing to win Beats headphones, and 2 families who attend will win a \$2500 scholarship for their new student for the 26-27 school year.

RSVP online at
<https://www.lchsyses.org/apps/pages/visitlchs>

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Part-Time Cafeteria Staff

We have a wonderful opportunity for you! Lancaster Catholic High School is looking for a part-time position during the school year. We are in need of a cafeteria staff member to join our team. No prior experience necessary as we will provide training.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 12:45 pm. If interested, contact Misty

Pitrovich, LCHS Cafeteria Director:

717-509-0306, ext. 172 or email

mpitrovich@lchsyses.org. Applications are also available in the main office during school hours.

FOLLOW US DURING CONSTRUCTION

Watch the walls go up, the windows go in and the doors get set to open!

Pictures updated on the school website (sjnschoollancaster.org) or follow us on Facebook & Instagram

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.



You Formed My Inmost
Being; You Knit Me In
My Mother's Womb

Psalm 139:13

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

Bus Seats Available to the National March for Life



The 53rd national March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 23rd. Catholics Defending Life of Lancaster, PA is sending a bus to this pro-life event, leaving from St. Leo the Great Church, 2427 Marietta Ave., in Lancaster, at 8:00 a.m., following a 7:00 a.m. Mass. Bus fare will consist of good-will offering, collected en route. To reserve a seat on the bus, phone Francine at 717-684-3764.

WE MUST **ACCEPT** FINITE
DISAPPOINTMENT,
BUT NEVER LOSE INFINITE
HOPE



AS WE HONOR DR. KING,
LET US REMEMBER HIS MESSAGES OF NON-VIOLENCE,
TOLERANCE, AND UNITY ARE AS IMPORTANT
TODAY AS THEY WERE OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO.

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.



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

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST & UNDERSTANDING AND CHALLENGING ANTISEMITISM IN OUR TIME

The Diocese of Harrisburg invites the community to a special program on International Holocaust Remembrance Day. *Remembering the Holocaust & Understanding and Challenging Antisemitism in Our Time* will be an educational program and a prayerful observance dedicated to remembering the victims of the Holocaust, as well as reflecting on the Holocaust's enduring moral lessons.

The program includes prayer and a personal reflection from Elaine Culbertson, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, offering a powerful witness to the importance of memory, education, and moral responsibility.

This online event provides an opportunity to learn from history, reflect in faith, and renew our commitment to human dignity.

This program is presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition and the Anti-Defamation League, Philadelphia Office.

1 - 2 P.M.
JANUARY 27, 2024

Zoom Webinar

Featured Speakers:

Elaine Culbertson
Author, Educator, Daughter of Holocaust Survivors

Andrew Goretsky
Senior Regional Director
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Catholic Social Teaching Symposium - January 31

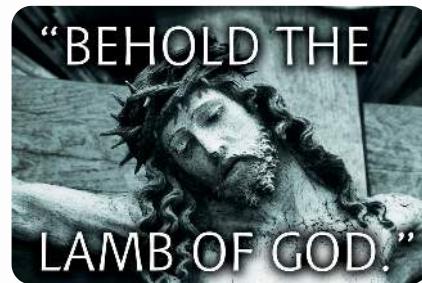
Registration is open! Rooted in the dignity of every human person, the Diocese of Harrisburg's inaugural Catholic Social Teaching Symposium is a day dedicated to exploring the Church's response to some of the most urgent issues of our time. Through panels, breakout sessions, and practical discussions, 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/>

Online Webinar: Human Trafficking and Major Sporting Events - January 22

In partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the New Jersey Catholic Conference, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, and the SOAP Project, we invite you to a 90-minute webinar dedicated to exploring the intersection of human trafficking and major sporting events. January marks

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a time when we come together to raise awareness about the grave injustice of human trafficking. This year, our focus is on major sporting events, which unfortunately can create conditions where trafficking risks increase. With the Super Bowl scheduled for Sunday, February 8th in San Jose, California, this discussion is both timely and urgent. Opening Prayer and Reflection led by His Excellency Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San Jose, California, who will offer a reflection on the Church's role in combating human trafficking. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/htwebinar>.



Mass in American Sign Language - February 15

A Mass in American Sign Language without voice interpretation will be celebrated on Sunday, February 15 at 4:00 pm at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, (400 E. Simpson St.) Mechanicsburg. No voice interpretation will occur. The celebrant and homilist will be Father Mike Depcik, OSFS, and Chaplain for the Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Father Depcik will be available for the sacrament of confession in ASL-only.

Following Mass there will be a time of fellowship and dinner. Participants are encouraged to confirm their attendance by emailing Dawn Rose at love2kids3@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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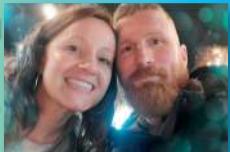
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