

Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

St. Ann, St. John Neumann & St. Vincent de Paul

Joy

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 DECEMBER 2025

Lord, come and save us.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice." For three weeks now we have been preparing for Christmas and, one hopes, enjoying some peace to pray and anticipate the coming of the Lord, not just as a baby two thousand years ago, but also in the end-times, the parousia, when the Lord will come again in glory.

This is the Sunday when the rejoicing begins. Advent, unlike Lent, is not a penitential time, but a time of waiting and anticipation for the fulfillment of God's promises. "[We] will see the glory of the Lord, /the splendor of our God" (Isaiah 35:2).

So, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord . . . Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:7, 8).

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Reverend Edward J. Casey
PASTOR

Reverend Binesh Joseph Kanjirakattu
SENIOR PRIEST



THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF will give you a sign:
BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL.

Our Lady of the New Advent



THE LOOK OF LOVE

WHAT DOES LOVE LOOK LIKE?

IT HAS FEET TO GO TO
THE POOR AND NEEDY.

IT HAS EYES TO
SEE MISERY AND WANT.

IT HAS EARS TO
HEAR THE SIGHS AND
SORROWS OF OTHERS.

~ST. AUGUSTINE



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life.

~James Field

SPEAKING OF GOD

ALMOST EVERYTHING said of God is UNWORTHY, FOR THE VERY REASON THAT IT IS CAPABLE OF BEING SAID. ~ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The barren deserts will rejoice and flower.
Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching
hearts will be made glad.

Psalm — Psalm 146

The Lord saves us when he comes.

Second Reading — James 5:7-10

Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain.

Gospel — Matthew 11:2-11

Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing.

*Be Patient,
Steady
Your
HEARTS*
James

Year A

READING

MONDAY

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a
Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY

Gen 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

SATURDAY

Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 1:26-38



ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S PARISH

705 Route 739
Lords Valley, PA 18428
570-775-6791 Fax: 570-775-1527
Good Shepherd Church, Blooming Grove

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday
9:30am to 2:00pm
Email: sjnfin@ptd.net
www.sjneumannchurch.com
Joan Dingee, Secretary/Bookkeeper

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (DECEMBER 15) *Advent Weekday*

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Charlie Denniston

Tuesday (DECEMBER 16) *Advent Weekday*

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Charlie Denniston

Wednesday (DECEMBER 17) *Advent Weekday*

No Mass

Thursday (DECEMBER 18) *Advent Weekday*

9:30 a.m. (SJ) *deceased members of the*

† Sonvico family

Friday (DECEMBER 19) *Advent Weekday*

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Charlie Denniston

Saturday (DECEMBER 20) *Advent Weekday*

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

3:15-3:45p.m. Confessions (SJ)

4:00 p.m. (SJ)

† James McGrath

Sunday (DECEMBER 21) *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

11:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Raymond Podeszwa

(SJ) - St. John's (GS) - Good Shepherd

Offertory and Mass Attendance

Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

November 23rd

4:00pm	113	239
\$2,917	11:30am	126

Offertory to Date \$58,810

Weekly Average \$2,848

AUTOMATED TITHING

Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at www.sjneumannchurch.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal	\$22,112
Committed	\$14,111
Raised	\$9,657
Goal Reached	64%
Number of Donors	56

St. John Neumann
Parish Hall

**Alcoholics
Anonymous[®]**
Wednesdays 7:00pm

SUNDAY READINGS DISCUSSION

Meet every Tuesday at 3:00pm in Saint John's Hall. The meetings usually last about 90 minutes. All are welcome to come and participate. Call Peter at 570-775-1647 for more information.



FOODS OF THE MONTH BLOOMING GROVE FOOD PANTRY

Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this worthwhile cause.

*Toilet Paper, Peanut Butter, Pasta,
Jarred Pasta Sauce & Canned Pasta*

We have several clients who are also in need of pet food- for both cats & dogs. Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this worthwhile cause.



*The Sanctuary Votive Candle
will burn the week of December 14th
at St. John Neumann Church
in Loving Memory of
Marguerite Schiler*



SAINT ANN'S PARISH

121 Richardson Avenue
Shohola, PA 18458
570-832-4275

St. Mary's Church, Lackawaxen

Office: 125 Richardson Avenue
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00am to 2:00pm
Email: stann@ptd.net
www.stannshohola.org
Carol Laput, Administrative Manager

Offertory and Mass Attendance

Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

November 23 rd	5:30pm	31	
	8:30am	75	189
	10:15am	86	
\$2,134			

Offertory to Date \$65,143
Weekly Average \$3,102

AUTOMATED TITHING
Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at www.stannshohola.org

Thank you for your generosity!

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal	\$22,038
Committed	\$14,149
Raised	\$8,671
Goal Reached	67%
Number of Donors	45

ST. ANN'S EMAIL PRAYERLINE

If you would like to join our email prayerline please email Mary Agnes at:
prayerlinemary@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (DECEMBER 15)

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA) *Special Intentions for*
♥Elisa Joergle

Tuesday (DECEMBER 16)

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

†Robert Leary

Wednesday (DECEMBER 17)

Advent Weekday

No Mass

Thursday (DECEMBER 18)

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

†Albert Beisel

Friday (DECEMBER 19)

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

†Vickie Barrett

Saturday (DECEMBER 20)

Advent Weekday

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:30 p.m. (SA)

†Ron Kresel

Sunday (DECEMBER 21)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. (SA)

†Bernice Amador

9:30-10:00a.m. Confessions (SA)

10:15 a.m. (SA)

†Nicholas Luca

(SA) - St. Ann's (SE) - St. Eligius Room (SM) - St. Mary's

Pastor Al™



"You're not playing Mary in the Christmas pageant? Wait... wait.. give me two more guesses!"

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*Altar Bread & Wine
are offered at
St. Ann's Church
in Loving Memory of
April Kestner*



*requested by
Lorraine Kestner*



*The Sanctuary Votive Candle
will burn the week of December 14th
at St. Ann's Church
For the living and deceased members of the
Johanson Family*

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH**

Pastores Emeriti: Rev. Paul M. Mullen & Rev. John B. Boyle

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm

stvoff@ptd.net www.stvdepaulchurch.org

Jo-Ann Fay, Financial Secretary

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday (DECEMBER 15)***Advent Weekday*

No Mass

Tuesday (DECEMBER 16)*Advent Weekday*

8:45 a.m. (C)

† Manuel Valente

Wednesday (DECEMBER 17)*Advent Weekday*

8:45 a.m. (C)

† Gary Sullivan

Thursday (DECEMBER 18)*Advent Weekday*

8:45 a.m. (C)

† to be announced

Friday (DECEMBER 19)*Advent Weekday*

8:45 a.m. (C) Birthday Blessings for

♥ Fr Mark Goring, CC

Saturday (DECEMBER 20)*Advent Weekday*

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

3:15-3:45p.m. Confessions (SV)

4:00 p.m. (SV)

♥ For the People

Sunday (DECEMBER 21)*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:30 a.m. (SV)

† Timothy Galeano

11:15 a.m. (SV)

† Francis Wood

(SV) - St. Vincent de Paul (C) - Chapel

*The Lifestyle of Generous Hearts***Offertory and Mass Attendance***Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.***November 23rd**

Envelopes	\$12,248	4:00pm	126
We Share	\$1,840	8:30am	121
		11:15am	103

Offertory to Date \$100,742

Weekly Average \$4,797

Online Giving

Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at stvdepaulchurch.org

Thank you for your generosity!

Wednesdays
at St. Vincent de Paul Church

Adoration

9:15am

Benediction

10:15am

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL REPORT**

Goal	\$35,583
Committed	\$20,660
Raised	\$18,548
Goal Reached	58%
Number of Donors	62

**IN-PERSON
COFFEE
HOUR**

After 8:30am Mass
Reconnect with other parish members with coffee, tea, baked goods and fellowship. Held in the parish hall each Sunday.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LOAVES AND FISHES
GIFT CARDS**

Support our parish! Buy gift cards in the narthex before and after weekend Masses. Order or view available cards by scanning the QR code or call 570-686-4545.



*The Sanctuary
Votive Candle
will burn the week of
December 14th at
St. Vincent de Paul Church
in Loving Memory of
Jonathan Hernandez*



Christmas Schedule

December
24

Christmas Eve

St. John Neumann 4:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul 4:00pm
St. Ann's 4:00pm & Midnight

December
25

Christmas Day

St. Ann's 9:00am
St. John Neumann 10:30am
St. Vincent de Paul 11:00am

December
26



No Mass

December
31

Vigil: Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

St. John Neumann 4:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul 4:00pm
St. Ann's 5:30pm

January
1
2026

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

St. Vincent de Paul 9:00am
St. John Neumann 11:00am

January
2

No Mass



OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES



DECEMBER
17th-23rd
4:00pm

St. John Neumann, St. Ann's
and St. Vincent de Paul

Every Advent, the Church prays the ancient "O Antiphons" with the Magnificat during Evening Prayer. These seven antiphons, rooted in Old Testament titles for the Messiah, date back to the 7th or 8th century and invite us to look with hope toward the birth of Christ. They offer rich and meaningful theology, drawing on biblical imagery and the messianic longing of the Old Testament to proclaim Christ as the fulfillment of both ancient and present-day hopes.

Please join us this Advent in praying the O Antiphons. May this time-honored tradition deepen your spiritual life as you prepare for the coming of Christ this holiday season.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

ADVENT COR PROGRAM

Men of St. Vincent's,
St. John's and St. Ann's

The Knights of Columbus Council Our Lady of the Mountain No. 9832 is running an Advent Cor Program, a formation and fraternal opportunity for all men of the parishes to help prepare you for the coming of the Christ Child. Cor aims to strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

The event will be held starting on **Saturday November 29th through December 20th** at 8:00am in St. Vincent De Paul Hall and/or resource center, where attendees can enjoy coffee and donuts, prayer, and fraternity. For more information, contact Peter Briody at PDB144@gmail.com

Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God
Isaiah 35:4

HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS

NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS

Deacon Fernando Alves, to Diaconal Ministry, St. Luke Parish, Stroudsburg

Deacon Francisco Castelan, to Diaconal Ministry, St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Scranton

Deacon Michaelangelo Colaneri, to Diaconal Ministry, Cathedral of St. Peter Parish, Scranton, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Scranton

Deacon Frank Fanelli, to Diaconal Ministry, St. Ann Parish, Shohola; St. John Neumann Parish, Lords Valley; and St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dingman Township

Deacon Joel Marte, to Diaconal Ministry, St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg

Deacon Jorge Roca, to Diaconal Ministry, St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg

Deacon Rafael Sánchez Velásquez, to Diaconal Ministry, St. Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg

Deacon Christian Saunders, to Diaconal Ministry, St. Paul Parish, Scranton

OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES



*Are you
considering
becoming a
Catholic?*

Are you unsure about the Catholic Church but want to know more about it? Do you know someone who would be interested in becoming Catholic? Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a program which serves to guide people in their faith journey into the Catholic Church. Classes start soon. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office 570-832-4275.



Christmas OFFERING

Each year, your generous Christmas offerings help us make up a significant portion of our budgetary shortfalls. Along with your regular support, these gifts allow our parish community to stay current with our ongoing expenses. As we approach the Christmas season, please consider a special Christmas offering to help us meet our usual financial needs. Thank you for all you do to keep our parishes strong and vibrant. Your generosity truly makes a difference.



Families of Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian background observe this Christmas Eve Tradition. Family members and guests each are handed an Oplatek and they each break off a piece from one another and eat it, expressing best wishes and blessings to each other, and asking for forgiveness.

The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before the Christmas Eve meal. The entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatek. The eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year such as good health, success or happiness. The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it shadows the Eucharistic meal that Catholics participate in at each Mass. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together express ones unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family.

In honor of animals that were present at Christ's birth, family pets can also partake in this meal. The wafers are generally white in color, there are colored (pink) Oplatki made especially for pets (both colors are edible for people). This is also a great representation of the important role that pets play in our family today.

The Oplatki tradition is one that is easy and fun to introduce to the family at Christmas time. All it requires is a simple wafer paired with love and affection, and the willingness to share it. This is a heartwarming tradition that will complete your family's time together during the Christmas season.

GIVING TREE GIFTS ARE DUE!

Please return gifts as soon as possible.

Your participation in the Giving Tree program will bring joy to a child and their family this Christmas season.



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

*In Loving Memory of
Charlie Denniston*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS PARTY



DECEMBER 14
following the 11:30am Mass

ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH HALL
Refreshments • Gifts for kids from Santa

COLUMBIETTES

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Saint John Neumann's Church Hall at 7:00pm come visit and see what we're all about. Please contact:

Donna 570-257-0310
or Natalie 845-500-5810

ST JOHN NEUMANN AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Our Vision: To combine the wonderful fellowships in our parishes & Communities with our talents of knitting & crocheting and form a prayerful ministry that reaches out especially to those in need of comfort and solace.

If you are in need of a prayer shawl or lap blanket, please contact your parish office.

Donations are welcome but not necessary.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Tuesday at
St. Vincent de Paul's Church 11:00am- 1:00pm

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Lord, come and save us
Psalms 146:10

KNIGHTS CORNER

BECOME A KNIGHT

ASK A KNIGHT AT YOUR PARISH HOW

- ☆ Lead with Faith
- ☆ Protect your family with insurance
- ☆ Serve others
- ☆ Defend your Catholic Values

Rich Flora *Grand Knight Council 12571*
raf_619@yahoo.com

FOOD FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS



1:00pm - 2:30pm

December 7th

Pork Dinner at St. John Neumann

December 14th

Chicken Dinner at St. Ann's

SA Parish Office 570-832-4275

SJN Parish Office 570-775-6791

text or call 347-446-9631 or 201-575-6100

Orders due by the Wednesday prior to the dinner.

SAINT ANN'S

The Celebration of Las Posadas



Las Posadas is a traditional nine-day Mexican celebration from December 16th to 24th, commemorating Mary and Joseph's journey through

Bethlehem in search of shelter for the birth of Jesus. Families reenact this pilgrimage, going from house to house singing and asking for lodging, often ending the evening with food, songs, and fellowship.

Originating in 18th-century Mexico as a way for the faithful to continue celebrating the Masses of Aguinaldo, Las Posadas has become a cherished tradition among Latin American communities in the United States. Beyond its festive customs, it reminds us of the struggles of the Holy Family—and echoes the daily journeys of many families seeking safety and hope today.

THE COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND

JAMES 5:8



ST. ANN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We're excited to announce that, despite some uncertainty with our Christmas Mass Schedule, we still plan to hold our Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve!

If your child would like to participate, please email Mary Bajda at marybajda@stannshohola.org with the following details:

- Child's name, age, and size
- Preferred character (options include angel, shepherd, sheep, king/queen, cat, dog, mouse, or donkey)

Thank you for supporting our children and helping make this pageant a cherished part of our parish Christmas tradition!





BREAKFAST

Free! with *Santa*

ST. ANN'S CHURCH IN MULLIGAN HALL

Sunday, December 21st - 11:15am

SEATING IS LIMITED - MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY







SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

**SPEND A HALF HOUR
WITH YOUR MOTHER**

St. Vincent de Paul Church

Come Pray the Rosary 1st Saturday of the month 10am in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #9832 Lady of the Mountain. Rosaries provided if needed.

**SHARING THE
SUNDAY READINGS**

Tuesdays 6:30pm via Zoom

Relax at home and join us online - PJs welcome! Each week, we reflect on the Sunday scriptures, exploring their meaning and how they guide our lives.

No commitment—share your thoughts or simply listen. For details, call the Parish Office at 570-686-4545.

Grow+Go

Grow+Go helps us reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and live as evangelizing disciples of Christ. Each week's message offers simple, concrete ways to GROW in faith and GO share it with others, following Christ's call in Matthew 28:19. Find Grow+Go on our parish website, Facebook, and in St. Vincent's Updates weekly email.



Knights of Columbus #9832 of St Vincent de Paul

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

All are welcome!

ST. VINCENT'S
PARISH HALL

FREE - All YOU CAN EAT
Pancake & Sausage

Sunday, December 21st 8:00am-12:00pm

STELLAR SAINTS**Second Thursday of the Month**

Learn some interesting tidbits about some of the lesser-known saints. The sessions will be available through Zoom. the Parish Office 570-686-4545 to register and receive the connection information.

Cursillo Small Grouping

All Cursillistas are invited to gather for small grouping at St. Vincent de Paul's Chapel on the first Tuesday of each month, following the 8:45am Mass. We begin by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by grouping.

Tax-Aide Volunteers Needed

The Pike/Wayne AARP Foundation Tax-Aide District is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation for older adults with low to moderate income—no AARP membership required.

Training includes self-study and classroom sessions in January; the amount depends on your role. Volunteers serve February–April, one to three days per week, helping with tax preparation or greeting and organizing documents.

For details, contact District Coordinator Debra Croston at debra.croston@gmail.com or apply online at:

aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer

**AARP Foundation
Tax-Aide**

We are looking for volunteers to help those in our community, who need it most, receive the income tax refunds they deserve. You can help.

To become a volunteer visit:
www.aarp.org/taxaide

You do not need to have an AARP Membership to volunteer



NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hot-line (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. This end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being.

Information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

The beautiful icon on the cover...

This Byzantine-inspired icon shows the Virgin Mary with her hands raised in prayer, bearing the Christ-Child on her chest. Known as the "Weeping" icon of Novgorod, it is celebrated for a 12th-century miracle, when the icon's tears were seen as a sign of divine protection during a siege. On this Third Sunday of Advent — Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing — the icon invites us to reflect on the joy and hope brought by Christ's coming. Mary, as intercessor and bearer of Emmanuel, points us toward the light of salvation and reminds us that even in times of fear or uncertainty, God's presence brings comfort and deliverance.

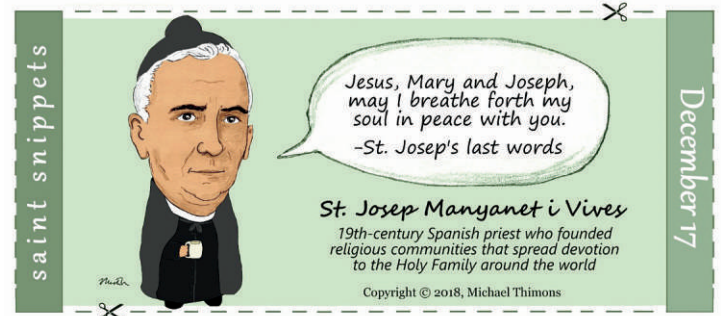
Living Stewardship Now

"We must wait for God, long, meekly,
in the wind and wet, in the thunder
and lightning, in the cold and the
dark. Wait, and he will come. He
never comes to those who do not wait."

~Copyright-F.W. Faber (1814-1863)



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We encounter Christ in Word, Worship, Service and Community.

ST. ANN'S PARISH

125 Richardson Avenue
Shohola, PA 18458
570-832-4275

Adoration on Monday 9:00am

Confessions on Sunday 9:30am-10:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30am

No Mass Wednesday

Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm - St. Ann's Church

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:15am - St. Ann's Church

St. Mary's Church - Closed for Season

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Deacon Frank Fanelli - Deacon John Hanley
Deacon Joseph A. LaGorte
PERMANENT DEACONS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

101 Saint Vincent Drive
Milford, PA 18337

570-686-4545 Fax: 800-565-1762

Confessions on Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:45am

No Mass Monday

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm Sunday: 8:30am & 11:15am

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

705 Route 739

Lords Valley, PA 18428

570-775-6791 Fax: 570-775-1527

Adoration on Friday 10:00am

Confessions on Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30am

No Mass Wednesday

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm - St. John Neumann Church
Good Shepherd Church - Memorial Weekend, July Fourth
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Sunday 11:30am - St. John Neumann Church

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