

Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

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

Love

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

21 DECEMBER 2025

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." So begins Matthew's narration of Mary and Joseph's first adventure as husband and wife. The

early Christians who were his audience must have been eager to hear the story of Jesus' early years, and wondered if what they had heard about Mary was true. It must have been Mary who handed this story down to the apostles, which subsequently found itself in the scriptural canon. One would imagine that this was a rather private matter between Mary and Joseph, but so important that it needed to be shared later. It's a tender and lovely story of a young couple in love and faced with a dilemma.

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Reverend Edward J. Casey
PASTOR

Reverend Binesh Joseph Kanjirakattu
SENIOR PRIEST



Splendor of ETERNAL LIGHT, SUN OF JUSTICE:
COME AND SHINE ON THOSE WHO DWELL IN
DARKNESS AND IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

O Radiant Dawn

CONTINUAL
CHRISTMAS

A good
CONSCIENCE IS A
CONTINUAL
CHRISTMAS.

~BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf-washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word.

Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. "I went to church, and some little baby became my brother." That's far more accurate than the adult's remark, "There was a baptism at Mass today." When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully.

~James Field

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be CHILDREN SOMETIMES,
AND NEVER BETTER THAN AT CHRISTMAS. ~CHARLES DICKENS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 7:10-14

You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Psalm — Psalm 24

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading — Romans 1:1-7

God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ.

Gospel — Matthew 1:18-24

The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us".

THROUGH HIM
WE HAVE BEEN
FAVORED
WITH
APOSTLESHIP

The King of



GLORY

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

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

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

D THURSDAY
Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

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

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

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S PARISH

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9:30am to 2:00pm

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Joan Dingee
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (December 22)
Advent Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ) *for the health & healing of*
♥ Stephanie Figueroa

Tuesday (December 23)
Advent Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)
† Charlie Denniston

Wednesday (December 24)
Advent Weekday

Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. (SJ)
† Intentions of the Priest

Thursday (December 25)
The Nativity of the Lord

10:30 a.m. (SJ)
† Intentions of the Priest

Friday (December 26)
Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

9:30 a.m. (SJ)
† No Mass

Saturday (December 27)
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

4:00 p.m. (SJ)
† Caitlyn Gara & Jack McCallum

Sunday (December 28)
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

11:30 a.m. (SJ)
† Dario Girelli Manzati

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

Offertory and Mass Attendance

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

November 30th

4:00pm	103	211
\$2,928	11:30am	108

Offertory to Date \$61,738

Weekly Average \$2,806

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 21st
at St. John Neumann Church
in Loving Memory of
Palmira Santos*



SAINT ANN'S PARISH

121 Richardson Avenue
Shohola, PA 18458
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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	26
	8:30am	63 195
	10:15am	106
\$3,250		

Offertory to Date \$68,394
Weekly Average \$3,108

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

**Let the Lord enter;
He is king of glory**

Psalms 24:1



*The Christmas Altar Candles at St. Ann's Church
are offered in Loving Memory of
Jean & William Leach,
Adele & William Bratkovics,
Father Thom Major
& Father John Ryan,
and in Celebration of
Deacon Frank Fanelli
generously donated by
Susan & Bruce Bratkovics and
Susan & Bernie Kozzkowski*



*The Sanctuary Votive Candle
will burn the week of December 21st
at St. Ann's Church
in Loving Memory of*

Donald & Carol Zauner

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (DECEMBER 22)

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† John Maher

Tuesday (DECEMBER 23)

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Stephen & Judy Jenricks

Wednesday (DECEMBER 24)

Advent Weekday

Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. (SA)

† Intentions of the Priest

MIDNIGHT (SA)

† Intentions of the Priest

Thursday (DECEMBER 25)

The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. (SA)

† Intentions of the Priest

Friday (DECEMBER 26)

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Vickie Barrett

Saturday (DECEMBER 27)

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:30 p.m. (SA)

♥ For the People

Sunday (DECEMBER 28)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Renate Muller

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

10:15 a.m. (SA)

† Josie Febraro

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH**

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Lorraine Schmidt, Administrative Assistant

Jo-Ann Fay, Financial Secretary

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday (DECEMBER 22)***Advent Weekday*

No Mass

Tuesday (DECEMBER 23)*Advent Weekday*8:45 a.m. (C)
to be announced**Wednesday (DECEMBER 24)***Advent Weekday*

Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. (SV)

† Intentions of the Priest

Thursday (DECEMBER 25)*The Nativity of the Lord*

11:00 a.m. (SV)

† Intentions of the Priest

Friday (DECEMBER 26)*Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr*

8:45 a.m. (C)

No Mass

Saturday (DECEMBER 27)*Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

4:00 p.m. (SV)

† Susan Wheatley

Sunday (DECEMBER 28)*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*8:30 a.m. (SV)
to be announced

11:15 a.m. (SV)

† Edward Brown

(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 30th**

Envelopes	\$1,958	4:00pm	67
We Share	\$1,085	8:30am	131 304
		11:15am	106

Offertory to Date \$103,785

Weekly Average \$4,718

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



*The Sanctuary
Votive Candle
will burn the week of
December 21st at
St. Vincent de Paul Church
in Loving Memory of
Timothy Galeano*

**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.



Christmas Schedule

December

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Christmas Eve

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

December

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Christmas Day

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

December

26

No Mass

December

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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

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2026

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

January

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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!



VIRTUS® SAFE ENVIRONMENT REMINDER

If you have attended a Protecting God's Children training session, please remember that your participation will not be credited until you also complete your online registration in VIRTUS.

After your initial training, you are required to stay current by completing the ongoing online Training Bulletins.

In addition, Mandated and Ethical Reporter Training 1.0: Caring Adults and Reporting Child Abuse is now available online in VIRTUS for all participants.

Thank you for your commitment to providing a safe environment for our parish community.



SUNDAY KIDZ

4th Sunday of Advent

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S	D	U	P	M	U	S	U	W	M
D	A	S	B	I	N	L	O	B	H
D	N	G	I	R	D	A	W	N	X
R	G	D	R	Z	L	Q	M	V	L
E	E	U	T	W	I	F	E	E	I
A	L	M	H	R	N	I	H	M	P
M	R	B	P	C	H	I	L	D	D

Birth Child Spirit Angel Dream
Wife Son Name Fulfill Emmanuel

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.

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

To all who are celebrating with us today, if you are not registered, recently married, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please scan the code to complete registration online. We encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish. Registering also makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, religious education registration, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation.



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our sincerest thanks to those who sponsored flowers. Your generosity made the church beautiful this Christmas, bringing to life the wonder and feel as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

In Memory of...

The Lotito Family
 Porro Family
 Borgiovanni Family
 Joseph V. Heck
 Joseph J. Heck
 Joseph Scotti
 Aniello Scotti
 Irene Nucci
 John Scotti
 Anthony Scotti
 Damien Perrello
 Mary Hurst Baughman
 Maryann Hurst
 Edward Hurst
 Charles Dietrich
 Margaret Dietrich
 Tim Taylor
 Margaret Taylor
 Frank & Margaret Musarra
 Father Ryan
 Richard Romano
 David Pirozzi
 Antonio & Yolanda Pirozzi
 Michael & Evelyn Lennon
 Muriel C. Appel
 John M. Appel
 Frank Ardito
 Jean Ardito
 Anthony Martelli
 Roseann Martelli
 Robert Cervati
 Fred Gilcher Sr.
 Alice Gilcher
 James Aragona Sr.
 Mary Ellen D'Elia
 Charles J. Denniston
 Paul Roth
 Dick Zirpoli
 The Abate Family
 The Zaccaria Family
 The Martone Family
 John J. O'Connell
 Karen L. O'Connell
 Paul La Spina
 Lucy La Spina

Bahci & Dziagi Doviak
 Mary & Jim McGrath
 Margaret McGrath
 Louise & James D'Onofrio
 William F. Wahlert
 Camille Tooker
 Stella & Frank Gozel
 Vera & Alex Kodz
 Louis D. Lichtenberg
 The Percevault Family
 The Abrahamson Family
 Vincent Caputo, Jr.
 Constance Caputo
 Craig Gennaro
 Frank Novak
 Sheri Novak
 Frech Family
 Stella Sredinski
 Mina Bunting
 Anna Sredinski
 Louise Kuzdral
 John Hammel
 The Enright Family
 Paul Kruper
 Michael Daniel Manger
 Regina Carfora
 William Harris
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Burke
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Romano
 The Argentino Family
 The Uram Family
 The Stoller Family
 The Delucci Family
 The Testa Family
 The Hill Family
 The Ferris Family
 Wendy Sorace
 Robert Williams
 Joan Williams
 Joan Bender
 Anthony R. Mannarino, Jr.
 Theresa Corbett
 The Messana Family
 The Mannarino Family
 Mike Cerullo
 The Costantino Family
 The Farina Family

The Belfiore Family
 Shirley McManus
 Joan Smith
 Emmanuel John Castagna
 Jo Ann Castagna
 Helen De Losa
 Mary Josephine Underhill
 Frank & Helen Mokrzycki
 Lou & Pat O'Keeffe
 Bill & Dee Keefe
 The Maione Family
 Lucretia Di Rienzo
 Debra Golenko
 The Toniuk Family
 The Smilowitz Family
 Robert & Walter, Sr. Keough
 The Pastorino Family
 Margaret McGuire
 Halina Przytula
 The Haraburda Family
 The Wood Family
 The Malmgreen Family
 The Panetta Family
 The Findley Family
 The Hope Family

In Honor of...

Erin Fitzpatrick
 The Principe Family
 The Wnek Family
 The Flora Family
 The Small Family
 The Maruca Family
 The Savarino Family
 The D'Alauro Family
 The Linder Family
 The Papa Family
 The Arenson Family
 The Ferris Family
 The Marino Family
 The Cirri Family
 The Pron Family
 The Marino Family
 The Portella Family
 The Beloff Family
 The Jeanette Family
 The McCallum Family



SAINT ANN'S

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our gratitude goes to all who contributed towards the Christmas flowers. Your thoughtful gift brought color, warmth, and beauty, filling our church with light and joy as we celebrate the wonder of the Lord's birth.

In Loving Memory of...

Father Thom Major
 Father John Ryan
 Deacon Glenn Biagi
 Jadwiga & Zdzislaw Barancewicz
 Hipolit & Bronislawa Niedzielewski
 Zuzanna & Michal Barancewicz
 Eleanor & Charles Guze
 Josephine & Vincent Greco
 John J. & Ann Connolly
 Patricia & Warren Peters
 Nellie & John Guze
 Mary & Henry Mack
 Robert "Bucko" Ferry
 Joseph "Papa" Couturier
 Sally and John McGarry
 Alice & Fred Rietz
 Nicole Cancemi
 Helen Ward
 Elmer Ward
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 Doris Lawlor
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 Mary & Cesare Feltrin
 Carmella Amato
 Anna & Joe Chiocchi
 Rosina Tullo
 Colin Nikles
 Charles J. Costello
 Dorothy Voigt Costello
 Edmund F. Nikles
 Teresa C. Nikles
 Dan Thomas Costello
 Csilla Kalamar
 Alex Kalamar
 Margit Toth
 Rozalia Czintos

Lord & Taylor Families
 Carlstrom & Corrado Families
 Gomes Family
 The Antal Family
 The Best Family
 The Bachman Family
 The DelPrado Family
 Lynch & Cottone Families
 Bill Worzel
 Emmy & Harvey Eldred
 Emma & Raymond Worzel
 Eddie Wheeler
 Baby Ella Sommers
 Curtis Sommers
 Ken Byrne
 Mae & Fred Tomasone
 Grande Family
 Tomasone Family
 Wydawski & Smith Families
 Margaret & Alan P. Haldeman
 Gloria Rossi
 Brown Family
 Pollacco Family
 Haldeman Family
 Chinnici Family
 Herb & Frances
 Doris & Chap Sr.
 Roger Bisland
 Elizabeth Bisland
 Kyle Bisland
 Russell Hazen
 Garry "Pop" Hazen
 Madelene & James McGrinn
 Doris & Ed Collette
 Mildred & Bernard Brennan
 Bob Fahrenbach

Memory/Honor of...

Palm Family
 Maganzini Family
 Mase Family
 Armstrong Family
 Gould Family
 Richard Worzel
 Stephen Zaccaro
 Joseph & Irene Kostige
 Samuel Kutz
 Fanelli Family
 The Casey Family
 The Falsetta Family
 Rizzi Family
 Reisen Family
 Maher Family
 Bonfiglio Family
 Kelly Family
 Johnson Family
 Doreen Sapolis
 Louis Sapolis
 Harry Berger
 Anna Resauy
 Magel Family
 Dubowski Family
 Grazyna & Mieczyslaw Gajewski
 Mrs. Lorraine O'Reilly
 Whalen & Kasa Family

Honor of...

Heather & Keith Palm
 Gerrie & Rich Quinn
 Danielle & Guy Hoehmann
 Virginia & Frank Schorling
 Denise, Anthony & Ryan Riccio
 Melissa & Kevin Riccio
 Kathleen Scofield
 Karen & Paul Vasiadis

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.

**SHE WILL BEAR A SON &
YOU ARE TO NAME HIM JESUS**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.



St. Vincent de Paul

Our Lady of the Mountain Council #9832

KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus **second Sunday** of each month from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Join fellow parishioners for a full hot breakfast. Cost \$5/person

maximum \$20/family

Knights of Columbus #9832 of St Vincent de Paul

**CHRISTMAS
BREAKFAST**

All are welcome!

ST. VINCENT'S
PARISH HALLFREE - ALL YOU CAN EAT
Pancake & SausageSunday, 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.

50th ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Can you believe St Vincent de Paul Parish celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2026? It's time to start planning the festivities. We're counting on the incredible and varied talent we have to help plan and implement the celebration. Initial planning meeting January 18, 2026 in the Parish Hall between the 8:30 and 11:15 Masses. Please come to share your ideas and talents for this important milestone. If you would like to help, but cannot attend the meeting, please email your name, phone number, and email to stvoff@ptd.net Hope to see you at the meeting.



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 icon on the cover...

The icon by an unknown artist depicts Christ Pantocrator, the ancient image of Jesus as the Ruler of All. His right hand is raised in blessing, and His left holds the Gospels, signs of the peace and truth that draw all creation toward His light. The golden background reflects not earthly sunlight but the uncreated light of God—the eternal radiance that reveals Christ as the Light of the world. In the O Antiphon "O Radiant Dawn," we pray: "Splendor of eternal light, Sun of Justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death." Here, the icon echoes that longing as Christ shines upon all who seek Him.

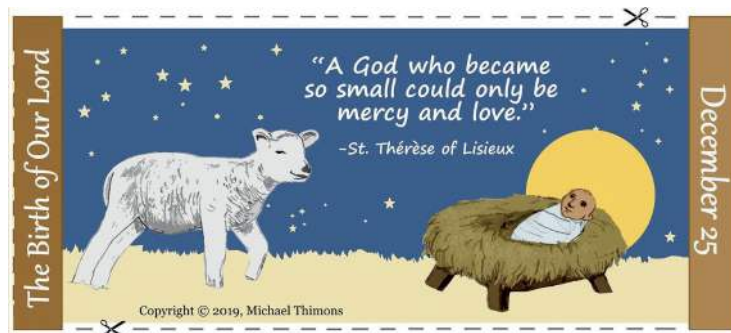
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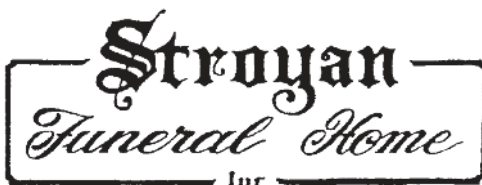
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