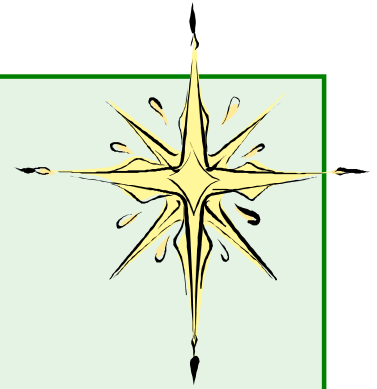


From the Desk of our Pastor

The Roman Missal

✠Third Edition✠

Merry Christmas



Each Christmas many parishes around the world will begin with these simple words from a much loved song, “In the little village of Bethlehem was born a child one day and the sky was bright with a golden light o’er the place where Jesus lay.” There is a hush in the parish as the song is sung. It is both familiar and reassuring as we all sing together as a family. The words bring forth an image that is imprinted in our minds, the humble place where The Blessed Virgin Mary gave birth to the infant, Jesus.

Throughout the Advent season we have been immersed with new “words” of the Revised Translation of the Roman Missal for the Mass. Words that give us great images of holy Scripture and the essence of our faith. For many of us the change brought us closer to Christ and the deeper spiritual enlightenment.

For those who may have missed a few of the instructions or perhaps those who would like to reread some of the instructional leaflets that were in past bulletins during the advent season rest assured that you can go to our Diocesan website (www.hbgdiocese.org) and become better acquainted on the actual changes in the Mass texts, especially the peoples parts. All these changes are positive and they help to convey many of the rich biblical images and allusions in the original Latin text. These changes help to emphasize God’s unconditional love, goodness, power and glory for us. When we become immersed with the meanings of the revised text we can better understand the Eucharist as the sacrificial memorial of Christ’s death, and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The more we grasp the meaning of what we say and do at mass the better our encounter with Christ can be. The Liturgy will then be familiar and imprinted in our minds and heart with the great images of holy Scripture and the essence of our faith. Then a month, six months or a year from now, when we sit together as the Body of Christ, as a family celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we will be fully immersed as active participants.

Msgr. Richard A. Youtz
Pastor

DONATIONS FOR USED FURNITURE

To donate your “gently” used furniture and household goods to the San Juan Bautista Thrift Shop.
Please call Milzy Carrasco at 283-0289 or
Ron Dell at 569-2637.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26	9:00 a.m.	Paul Thornhill (The Book Family)
Tuesday, December 27	9:00 a.m.	Edwin Quinn (Marie Quinn)
Wednesday, December 28	9:00 a.m.	Alberta Barone (Sally Simpson)
Thursday, December 29	9:00 a.m.	Leon Bright (Dan and Barbara Wagner)
Friday, December 30	9:00 a.m.	Rosemarie Jupin (Sally Simpson)
Saturday, December 31	4:00 p.m.	Eugene and Joanne Rice (Cynthia Harrison)
Saturday, December 31	5:30 p.m.	William O'Neill (The Carney Family)
Sunday, January 1	7:30 a.m.	James and Elizabeth Hofmann (The Hofmann Family)
Sunday, January 1	9:00 a.m.	People of Parish
Sunday, January 1	11 a.m.	Anne Burchill (The Hofmann Family)
Sunday, January 1	5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Russoniello (A parishioner)

IN YOUR PRAYERS REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ESPECIALLY

Helen White, Ron Hess, Larry Sills, Joseph Fallon, Fannie Troccoli, Jim Burbrink, Vivian Garrett, Lauren Amanda Campbell, Peg Mc Geown, Mary Lou Joseph, John Scheuerman, Jr., Barbara Sinopoli, Kitty O'Neill, Dolores Hess, George Kandra, Char Opdenaker, Antonio Ciro, Nancy Rybicki, Kathleen Wolff, Sarah Kita, Ray Blossick, Marguerite Erker, Dennis DeVorbik, Logan Andrew Bomgardner, Rose Fronczak, Anthony Auriti, Pat Russoniello, Giovina Bradley, Margaret Kropf, Diane Grove, Reggie Eggerstadi, Diane Grabowski, Michael Lavery, Gary Umstead, Jerome Gbur, John Palumbo, Elizabeth Duschl and all those in the Prayer Circle.

Sick and Shut Ins Please notify the Parish Office, 569-8531 if you have a loved one from the parish who is in need of our prayers and would like their name placed in the bulletin. Please notify the Parish Office 569-8531, when you enter the hospital. Also, call if you desire weekly or monthly Communion brought to you in your home

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION January 8-9, 2012

To honor the forty hours that the body of Christ rested in the tomb, the Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed for this period of time, during which public services, private meditation, and prayer take place. The devotion was developed in the 16th century.

During the 19th century, because of lack of attendance, frequently the period of adoration was interrupted during the night so that it lasted three days. In other situations, a shorter period of time was established.

St. John Neumann, Bishop of Philadelphia, advocated the devotion in the United States. Visiting his parishes in the 1850's, Bishop John Neumann noted with sorrow that few people took the time for a private visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

From his boyhood in Europe, he recalled the practice of Forty Hours Devotion, with crowds coming all day to pray before the Body of Christ. John Neumann wished to capture that same fervor in our country.

At the persistent urging of Bishop Neumann, the first Diocesan Synod of Philadelphia in April 1853 passed a resolution calling each parish to have a Forty Hours Devotion. The decree inaugurating the Forty Hours Devotion on a diocesan - wide basis went out in Bishop Neumann's own handwriting. Churches in Lancaster were part of that schedule. St. Philip Neri Church at 2nd and Queen Street in South Philadelphia was designated as the parish where it would begin.

At the Opening Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi, St. Philip's Church was crowded with people and a steady stream of the faithful came for three days and two nights to adore the Blessed Sacrament.

From St. Philip Neri Church Forty Hours spread to other dioceses becoming one of the highlights of the devotion life of Catholics living in the United States.

Sunday Collection

2010	Comparative	2011
December 19, 2010		December 18, 2011
\$22,318	Amount Received	\$23,731
2124	Attendance	2092
646	Envelope	622

DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Merry Christmas	26 Office Closed No Religious Education or Confirmation Classes	27 No Religious Education or Confir- mation Classes Knights of Columbus/ 7:15/ Rms 13-16 No Baptism Classes	28 No Religious Education or Confirmation Classes	29	30	31 Happy New Year

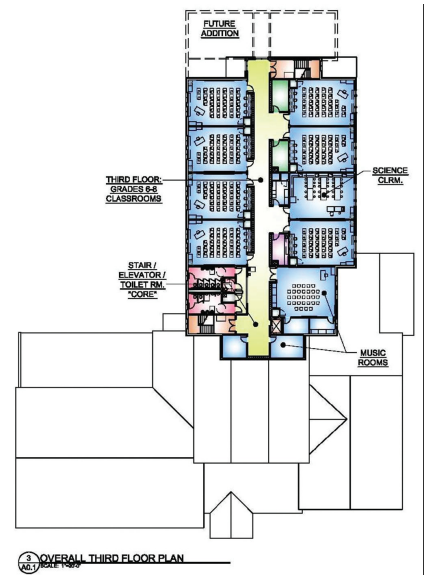
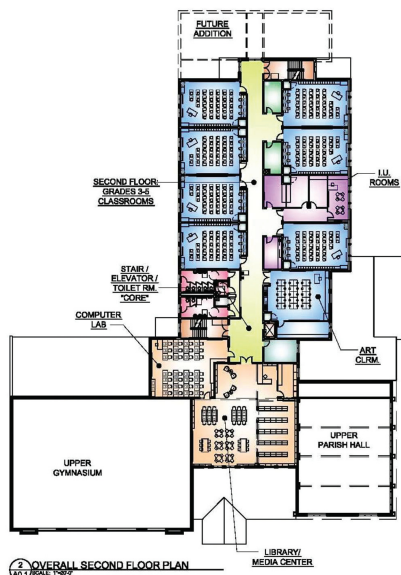
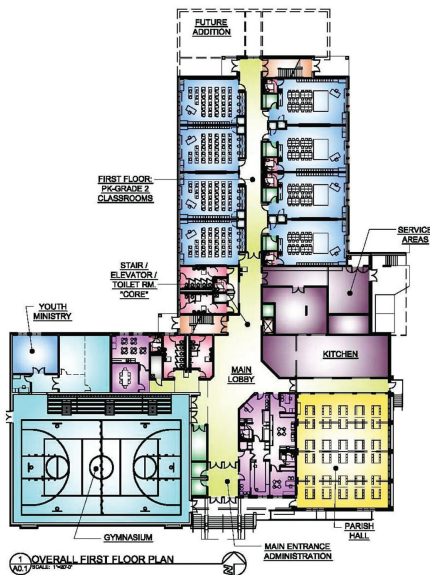
PROPOSED NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER



Capital Campaign

To-date, \$2,145,422 has been pledged to the Capital Campaign with \$243,422 qualifying for the **Capital Campaign challenge**. Remember that the challenge will expire in a week so please examine if you can become part of the program this holiday season.

A blessed Christmas to all!

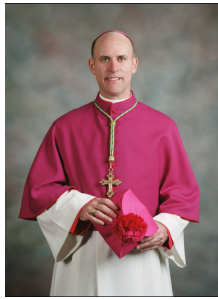


BLESSED JOHN XXIII CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*We thank you dear Lord for the energy and commitment of our parish family at Saint John Neumann Parish to further Your work through many ministries. Now we see Your guidance as we embrace the mission of **community, education and spiritual development**. Grant us Your wisdom as we embark on this campaign to provide a place where **all are welcome**. We ask this in Your name. Amen*

Annual Sanctity of Life Mass

Friday, January 20, 2012



7:00 P.M.

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin Rhoades
Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church
2427 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA

For more information, please go to
www.orderofmaltalancaster.com

A look at what's happening in your Parish School

Saint Anne School News

Sunday, January 1

Classes re-start this week on January 3rd. This month's Living Rosary is this Wednesday, January 4, at 8:00 in the school's gym (Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton). Parents and Parishioners are welcome. Come experience this beautiful demonstration of our faith.

Wednesday is also an early dismissal day (1:00) for faculty training.

If you'd like more information on the school, don't forget to join us for coffee and donuts between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses on January 15 in the Social Hall. Also, as a reminder, St. Anne School's Open House and Registration is on January 31, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 8

There will be a PTO Meeting this Tuesday, January 10, at 7 p.m. in Room 14. Also, School Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m., this Wednesday in the St. Anne parish church. All Parents and Parishioners are welcome!

Don't forget to join us for coffee and donuts next week between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses on January 15 in the Social Hall. Also, as a reminder, St. Anne School's Open House and Registration is on January 31, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 15

Don't forget to join us TODAY (January 15) for coffee and donuts between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses in the Social Hall. Also, as a reminder, St. Anne School's Open House and Registration is on January 31, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please call 394-6711 for additional information.

There will be no school on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The Middle School will be having clubs this week on Wednesday and Movie Night is scheduled for Friday!

Sunday, January 22

St. Anne School's Open House and Registration is on January 31, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please call 394-6711 for additional information. In addition to a tour and information about the school, you will also be able to see our students proudly present their Science Fair projects for this year. Last year, St. Anne School students captured 11 awards at the county-wide Science Fair held at F&M University—more than any other private school!

School Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m., this Wednesday in the St. Anne parish church. All Parents and Parishioners are welcome!

Sunday, January 29

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Wednesday, February 1, is an early dismissal day (1:00) for faculty training.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13: 34-35

A Christmas Prayer for Loved Ones

- For those who have an abundance of love, a bounty in heart and home, keep them mindful of the world's poor, lift their voices often to you in gratitude, loving God.
- For those who carry hurts and angers and other heartaches, help them to feel the peace which only you can give and the grace to let go of long burdening memories.
- For those who struggle with the lack of this world's riches, those who know what unemployment and empty pockets feel like, gift them with a counting of blessings which are often hidden and far more valuable than earthly treasure.
- For those whose faith has grown dim and whose sense of you seems far away, raise in their hearts a great yearning for you that will not cease and a desire for the truth that cannot be ignored.
- For those who are tired, weary, worn from a constant generous giving of their lives in love, be their energy and enthusiasm, be a great spark of light and add happiness within them.
- For those who grieve the goodbye of a loved one and whose hearts are very lonely at this time of year, touch them with dear memories and transform the inner missing and heartache into a vision of what lies far beyond this time and space.
- For those whose lives speak of growing old, bless again and again with peace and serenity, let them know what gentle witnesses they are to all of us who still ponder the meaning of life and growth.
- And finally, savior God, for those with young eyes, keep their hearts full of wonder, and thank you for slipping some of their delight and simplicity into our own hearts each time we celebrate the Christmas moment. Amen

Joyce Rupp, OSM

Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas. God Bless you.

St. John Neumann Holiday Party

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
Join us for an evening of Dinner and Dancing.
Spend some quality time with old friends and make some new ones with others from the Parish.

January 6, 2012
6 p.m. to Midnight

Eden Resort Inn * 222 Eden Road
Lancaster, PA

Hot and Cold hor d'oeures/ Cash Bar
(Beer and Soda only no charge)

Dinner Grand Dinner Buffet
Music by Impressions
Entertainment
8 p.m. to Midnight

For more information please call
Jim Graham at 664-1024

Please RSVP by mail to Jim Graham
SJN Knights of Columbus 12532
1238 Lexington Road
Manheim, PA 17545

Please include your name,
the number attending and payment.
(\$35 per person)

Please make checks payable
to Knights of Columbus 14524

Deadline: December 31, 2011.
Adults only.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Soup Sales

January 21 and 22, 2012

Pre-order your soup now. We have enlisted the help of two of our best cooks: Angela with her authentic Italian Wedding Soup and Miss Linda with her secret recipe for Chicken Corn Soup. All Proceeds help to benefit youth who are going on Mission trip 2012 and NDVision Leadership Camp. Thank you for your Support.

Pre-Order Form

Angela Richard's

Authentic Italian Wedding Soup

___ X \$8.00 quart: \$ ___

___ X \$5.00 pint: \$ ___

Miss Linda's

Chicken Corn Soup

___ X \$8.00 quart: \$ ___

___ X \$5.00 pint: \$ ___

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Make Checks payable to SJNYM
Drop off in the Parish Office, YM Office or
mail to the church.

Angela's Corner Giving Card

Year-to-Date Sales \$55,000
Year-to-Date Earned \$2,905.55

A happy and holy holiday season to all in
our community

Nativity Raffle

Please take a chance on winning
a beautiful Bethlehem hand carved Nativity Set.
All money raised by
December 31, 2011
will go towards the
**Matching Campaign
Fund Raiser.**

So please help buy a ticket before Dec. 31
to double your contribution to the Parish Center building
fund.
All moneys for tickets sold after Dec. 31 will go towards
the Building Fund without the
doubling benefit. God Bless