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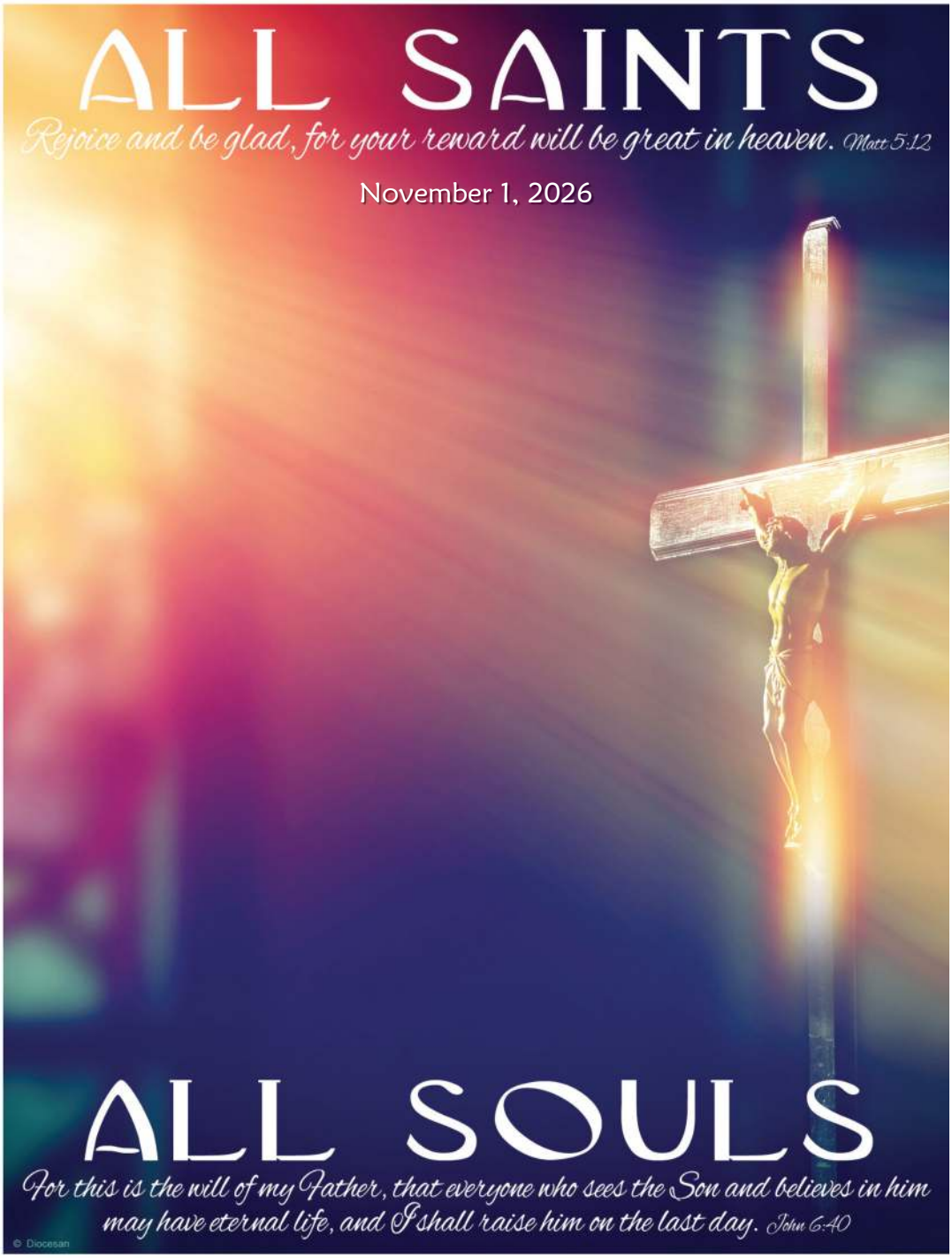

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday Closed
Telephone: 717-367-1255 Fax: 717-367-1270

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 5:15 pm - 5:30 pm Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00pm
By Appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil - 4:30 pm - Church
Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:30 am - Church

DAILY MASS ~ HISTORIC CHURCH & CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am HC
Thursday 6:00pm Church 5:30 pm Rosary C

Sharing God's Bounty

November

Rejoice in the Lord

Psalm 104 recounts the wonders of God, talking about his creation and sustenance of the earth. What might the psalmist be thinking about as he composes this hymn of praise?

Perhaps he was lying on his back on a beautiful, warm day, looking at a sun-filled sky. He starts to ponder the vastness of blue, and, as he does, he cannot help but break into praise. His thoughts shift from the beauty of the heavens to the wonder of the seas and their depths. Then he focuses more immediately on how God provides for all that he has made. The more he praises God, the more reasons he thinks of to continue doing so.

The beauty of nature can bring about such feelings of awe in us. Like the psalmist, we should give credit to the Creator and praise him for his works of such beauty and wonder. But what about the cloudy days, the days when the sun doesn't break through, the days when cold winds blow through our souls, the days when the future looks bleak? At those times, our feelings of praise are not found within us. Instead of being compelled to break into songs of thanksgiving, we may break into complaining.

The psalmist says, "*I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live*"(verse 33). Our praise is not the result of our feelings but rather in response to God for all he has done. Our praises resound all our lives – the sunny and the cloudy days. Our praises continue because they emanate, not from the sun, but from the Son and flow back to him again.

Creator God, we look around ourselves and see the wonder of your work. Help us never to take for granted the beauty with which you surround us. Thank you for the even greater work you have done within us as you have given us eternal, spiritual life in your Son. Give us such gratitude that we cannot but help breaking into praise and telling others about what you have done for and in us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Are the majority of Christians in the world today really aware of the simple and sometimes difficult needs of others, as Jesus had been?

Opportunities to serve are all around us. In our churches, volunteers can commit to being a disciple of Christ by willingly giving of their time and talent.

All Saints Day - November 1, 2026

National Vocation Awareness Week starts November 2nd

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

The saints show us that true joy and freedom come from placing God above all else. Their lives remind us that holiness often begins in simplicity and humility, responding generously to God's call. During National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for more men and women to courageously follow Him, discerning a life as a priest, religious brother or sister, or through holy matrimony. Could God be inviting you to join in this holy witness? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

Sanctuary Candles Illuminate This Week:

~ Historic Church ~
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
From Ann Shank

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Mass Intentions

SAT OCTOBER 31
4:30 PM Our Parish Family (C)

SUN NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
8:30 AM + Irvin Brockman (C)
10:30 AM + Terry Thomas Molkenthin (C)
1:00 PM + Charles Weymer (College Mass HC)

MON NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY
8:00 AM + Laurence Oniwe (HC)
12:00 PM Holy Father (HC)
6:00 PM All Souls (C)

TUE NOVEMBER 3
8:00 AM + Jane Smith (HC)

WED NOVEMBER 4
8:00 AM Special Intentions of Kathy Mowrer (HC)

THU NOVEMBER 5
6:00 PM Vocations (C)

FRI NOVEMBER 6 FIRST FRIDAY
8:00 AM + Chris Klinger (HC)
10:00 AM + Deceased members of the Pfautz Family (Emerald)

SAT NOVEMBER 7 FIRST SATURDAY
8:00 AM + Patrick Mulleavy (C)
4:30 PM All Souls (C)

SUN NOVEMBER 8
8:30 AM + Jim Bonner (C)
10:30 AM Our Parish Family (C)
1:00 PM + Joseph Seibert (College Mass HC)

October 31, 2025 - October 31, 2026

Mary Ann Waleff 12/3/2025
Anne Burkhart 2/25/2026
William "Terry" Murray 4/6/2026
Scott Schneider 4/18/2026
Nicholas A. Consoli 6/6/2026
Bernie Bleacher 07/18/2026
Charles Weymer 08/31/2026
Joseph X. Gotowski 10/6/2026
Paul Weber 10/28/26

~ Altar Flowers ~

The Front Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory of Carol Mulleavy
From Karen Haith

The Main Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory of Ben & Mary Yeckley
From Ann Shank

The Blessed Mother Flowers
In Loving Memory of Roger & Suzanne Boltz
From Melissa Heim

The Saint Joseph Flowers
In Loving Memory of Robert J. Heim
From Richard J. Heim

Scripture Readings

For the week of November 1, 2026

Sunday	**Solemnity of All Saints** Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Monday	**The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Stewardship

October 24/25, 2026

SUNDAY ONLINE	**$2,683.00**
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	**$6,821.00**
YOUTH	**$69.00**
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING	**$9,573.00**
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL	**$539.00**

EXTRA COLLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 1	**All Saints**
NOVEMBER 2	**All Souls**
NOVEMBER 22	**Matthew 25**

2026 DAC "*Faithful Stewards*"

Goal: $81,743
Total gifts & pledges: $84,718
Over: $2,975

GOAL ACHIEVED!!!

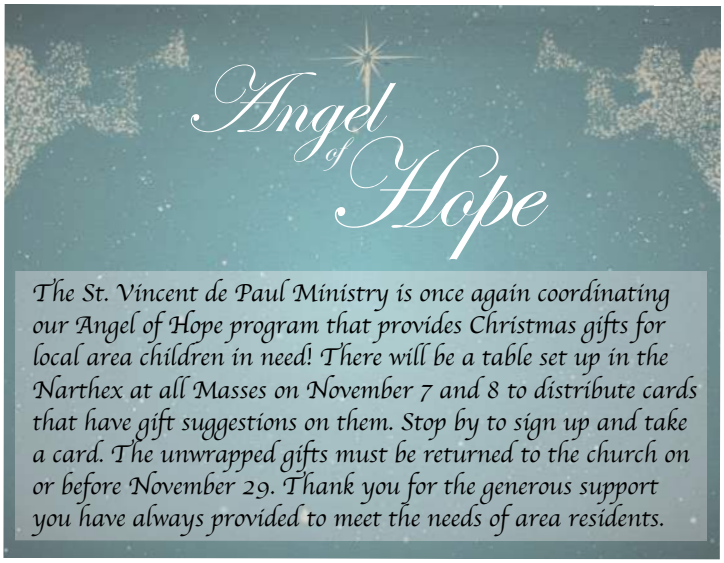
All gifts over the goal are returned to the Parish!

~ In Memoriam ~

~ Frank Rajnik ~
Father of Paula Mancini

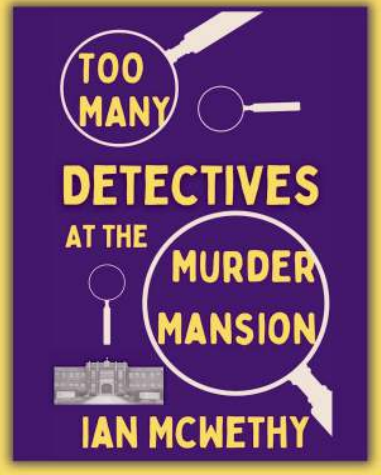
~ Paul Weber ~
Parishioner and Husband of Judy

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May All of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen."



The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry is once again coordinating our Angel of Hope program that provides Christmas gifts for local area children in need! There will be a table set up in the Narthex at all Masses on November 7 and 8 to distribute cards that have gift suggestions on them. Stop by to sign up and take a card. The unwrapped gifts must be returned to the church on or before November 29. Thank you for the generous support you have always provided to meet the needs of area residents.

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS
LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



NOVEMBER 13 – 14
LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OLD MAIN AUDITORIUM

RESERVED SEATING – $12
GENERAL ADMISSION – $10
STUDENT (AT THE DOOR) – $5

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LCHSYES.ORG/FPA OR AT THE DOOR

TOO MANY DETECTIVES AT THE MURDER MANSION IS PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH STAGE PARTNERS. (WWW.YOURSTAGEPARTNERS.COM)

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Counting Down to Christmas – Celebrating ADVENT as a Catholic | Ep. 1

Advent is only a few weeks away. Can you believe it? Join us over the next few weeks as we prepare for this season with "How to Advent."

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!

Welcome to our New Parishioners

We would like to extend a warm welcome to those that have recently joined our Parish Family.

Justin and Morgan Cullum
and daughter Dakota

Laura Kuchinski
and children Brigid, Frank, and Evelyn

Kyle Doty and Emily Kulinowski

Tim and Lee Malcom
Welcome Back

Francis and Karen Sheboy

Larry and Michelle Hess

Sue Howarth and Pat Maguire

Faye Kirchner

Nolan Plantz and Amber Shughart
and daughter Rhaelynn

Robert and Kathryn Stack
and son Matteo

Lebanon VA Hospital

For the month of November, the St. Peter Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be collecting needed items for the **Lebanon VA Medical Center** in honor of Veteran's Day! You may drop off the **new items** from **November 1st - November 29th** in the marked bin in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MOST NEEDED COMFORT ITEMS

LOTION – MALE (8 OZ OR ABOVE)

MALE BODY WASH (18 OZ OR ABOVE)

MALE 3N1 BODY WASH (18 OZ OR ABOVE)

2in1 (SHAMPOO+CONDITIONER) (18OZ OR ABOVE)

DENTURE ADHESIVE SMALL TUBES

MENS UNDERWEAR BRIEFS SIZE MEDIUM

MENS T-SHIRTS SIZE 4X

HAIRBRUSHES

VARIETY PUZZLE BOOKS (Multiple games in one book)

- PLEASE LOOK AT AMAZON WISH LIST TO BUY ITEMS TO DONATE: https://shorturl.at/MDgD4
- PLEASE TRY NOT TO DONATE OUT OF SEASON CLOTHING
- MAKE SURE THESE ITEMS ARE NOT EXPIRED.

A Complete list of items may be found in the Narthex

Parish Calendar

Saturday October 31
6:30 am TMIY (PH)
3:30 pm Confessions (C)

Sunday November 1 ALL SAINTS
5:00 pm *Mandatory* 7th Grade Retreat
6:30 pm 8th Grade RE

Monday, November 2 ALL SOULS
12:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Mass of Remembrance/Adoration
7:00 pm CCW Meeting (PH)
7:00 pm OCIA (Rooms 1-2)
7:15 pm Contemporary Choir (C)

Tuesday, November 3

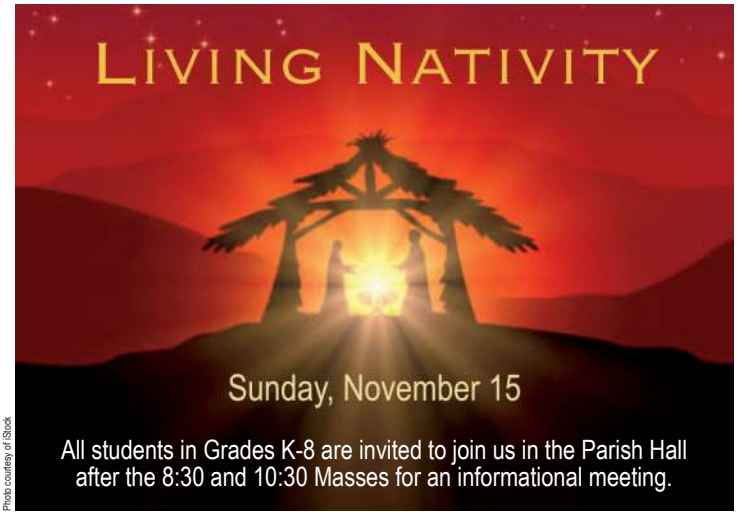
Wednesday, November 4
6:30 pm PreK-6th Grade RE
6:35 pm Bits and Bites (PH)
7:00 pm Choir (C)

Thursday, November 5
5:15 pm Confessions (C)
5:30 pm Rosary (C)
6:00 pm Mass and Adoration (C)
7:00 pm Book Club (PH)

Friday, November 6

Saturday November 7
6:30 am TMIY (PH)
2:00 pm Handmaids (PH)
3:30 pm Confessions (C)
6:00 pm Dinner and Movie (PH)

Sunday November 8 DONUT SUNDAY
8:45 am SVDP Meeting (PH)
6:30 pm 7th and 8th Grade RE
Safe Environment Lesson
7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting (PH)



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We'd love your thoughts! What do you like most about St. Peter's Church? What improvments would you suggest for our commuunity? Please take a few minutes to complete our survey using the link or QR code. If you are not comfortable with technology, we will have paper surveys and a suggestion box in the Narthex. Please share your feedback and help our church community grow!

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

https://forms.gle/u1Et5tcEh9vcv6XW7

Religious Education News

Throughout November, all students in Religious Education will receive instruction in the mandatory Diocesan Safe Environment lessons that are taught each year. Georgann Azzalina will be teaching the lessons to the different age groups, and all materials are available for parents to review through VIRTUS. Parents will receive letters with more information, and program overviews are available in both English and Spanish at the RE table. As always, parents have the options to teach the lessons themselves or to opt out completely. Keeping all children safe remains a top priority here at St. Peter and throughout the Diocese.

BITS & BITES

All RE Parents, as well as, all parishioners are invited to attend the RE Bits & Bites event on ***Wednesday, November 4th at 6:35PM*** in the Social Hall. This will be the first installment of a 5-part series on the Mass, as presented by Dr. Edward Sri. Come learn a few *bits* of how the Bible has shaped the Mass while enjoying a few *bites* of refreshments. Everyone who attends will be entered into a raffle drawing for a $25 gift card. Hope to see you there!

Please join the CCW in celebrating our military on ***Monday, Nov. 2 at 7:15 pm*** in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be Jo Garvin discussing Quilts of Valor for our veterans. Come learn about this interesting program and enjoy a few fall treats! See you there! Contact Terry Martin terrymartin735@gmail.com with any questions.

CCW Council of Catholic Women

God's Housekeepers

Friday ~ November 6

Michele Switalski, Annette Eckinger, Gail Mohr, Theresa Hirkala, and Nanette Slater

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