



## February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent



At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*” Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

- Matthew 4:10-11



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## MASS AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 4:30 pm-Church

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am-Church

**HOLY DAYS** Variable (see inside bulletin)-Church

**DAILY MASS** Mon/Sat 9:00 am, Tues/Thurs 6:30 am & 9:00 am, Wed 6:30 am & 7:00 pm and Friday 6:30 am & 9:00 am

**ADORATION** Wednesdays from 7:00 am - 6:30 pm with recitation of the holy rosary at 6:20 in the Chapel followed by Benediction.

**CONFESSIONS** are Saturdays from 7:30—8:45 am and 3:00-4:15 pm in the Chapel. Also by appointment. Call Parish Office.

**REGISTRATION/PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Printable forms are available at [www.stleos.org](http://www.stleos.org) under "Downloads." New parishioners may also register by emailing or calling the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parishioners who would like to have their child baptized at St. Leo's are requested to call Monsignor Hahn at the Parish Office to personally schedule an appointment to meet with him to discuss this great Sacrament. Normally Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of each month, after our 11:00 am Mass, or approximately at 12:00 Noon. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, age 16 or older, Confirmed, and must present a sponsor certificate if from another parish. Parents must be registered members of St. Leo's parish.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage must contact Monsignor Hahn at the Parish Office at least one year before the date of the intended marriage. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

## HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made to bring Holy Communion to the person.

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Adults interested in learning more about their faith or in becoming Catholic may join the program of formation and instruction which begins in September. Call the Religious Education Office.

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish and who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

## PARISH COUNCIL

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## Mass Schedule

### 02/22-First Sunday in Lent

*Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11*

7:30 AM-Garry Adams-(Maggie Griesser)  
9:15 AM-Jay Greider-(Kenney Family)  
11:00 AM-Mary Ann Weisser-(Mark & Dixie Wolf)

### 02/23-Monday-Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

*Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46*

9:00 AM-Eileen Vatter-(Family)

### 02/24-Tuesday

*Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15*

6:30 AM-Rosemary Fritz-(Naylor Family)  
9:00 AM-Daniel Keating-(Bob & Lee Stover)

### 02/25-Wednesday

*Jon 3:1010; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32*

6:30 AM-Anthony Horney-(Cathy Fair)  
7:00 AM-Adoration  
7:00 PM-Ann Goodworth-(Polansky Family)

### 02/26-Thursday

*Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12*

6:30 AM-Daniel Keating-(Liz Baak)  
9:00 AM-Bernadette McBride-(Mark & Donna Matuzak)

### 02/27-Friday-Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

*Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26*

6:30 AM-Karen Remley-(Alexia Kielb)  
9:00 AM-Suzanne M. Person-(Skidmore Family)  
2:15 PM-Stations of the Cross  
7:00 PM-Stations of the Cross

### 02/28-Saturday

*Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48*

9:00 AM-David Schumacher-(Bob & Janet Schied)  
4:30 PM-Mark Dunlevy-(MaryAnn Hanley & Leslie Staskel)

### 03/01-Second Sunday in Lent

*Gn 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9*

7:30 AM-Anna K. Welsh-(Jack & Carol Hohman)  
9:15 AM-Parishioners  
11:00 AM-Elaine Aulenbach-(Carl & Val Christiansen)  
12:00 PM-6:45 PM-**40 Hours Devotions** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 PM-40 Hours Evening Prayer & Homily

## Gospel Message

March 1, 2026

Abram places trust in God's promise of making his name and descendants great on earth. In Jesus' transfigured glory is revealed that life and immortality will rob death of its power.

## Weekly Collections

2/15/26

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## Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Sunday at 10:30 AM (Church)  
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri at 9:30 AM (Chapel)  
Wednesday at 6:20 PM (Chapel)  
Saturday at 4:00 PM (Church)  
(First Saturdays: 8:00 AM in the Church)

*"The rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family rosary."*

- Pope Saint Pius X

## Grandparents Association

All Grandparents are invited to the next St. Leo's Catholic Grandparents meeting to be held on **Monday, February 23**, following the 9:00 am Mass, in Room 2, from 9:45 till 11:00 am. We pray the Rosary for all of our grandchildren no matter their ages. We especially pray to Jesus, Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the grandparents of Jesus, Saint Joachim and St. Anne for stronger faith as well as a return to the faith for those grandchildren who have left the Catholic Church. Our prayers represent our commitment to keeping our faith traditions alive in our families. Please join us and if you have any questions, call Jean Polansky (717-371-3264). God bless you and your families!

**“For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the One, the many will be made righteous.”**  
(Romans 5:19)

Saint Paul has such a skill for capturing, in a phrase, a deep and complex theological truth. This last sentence of our Second Reading today is certainly an example of this. He refers first, to the reality of Original Sin, how the sin of Adam and Eve has plagued every human person throughout history except for our Blessed Mother. He cites then how, through the sacrifice of Christ, the Son of God, in His obedience to the Father’s will, all of us are offered salvation and the promise of eternal life.

We come today, to this First Sunday of Lent, this special Season of grace in which all of us are meant to focus a bit more on the Sacrifice of Christ on His Cross. Our Gospel scene is very familiar to us since each year, on this First Sunday of Lent, we hear of this event as recorded by the various Gospel writers. It “sets the stage”, if you will, to what we are now called to embrace, having begun our “forty days” of Lent, to see how we are meant to be united to Christ in the “way of the cross”, which is the “way of our life”. We see that in our communion with Christ, we are to seek His strength to struggle and strain against all that can plague us, to follow Him always, ultimately to our death and then, we pray, to the never-ending glory of His resurrection. This past Wednesday, as we began this journey, we heard from Chapter 6 of the Gospel of Saint Matthew as Jesus gives us a three-part plan of Lent, to “pray”, “fast” and “give alms.”

Each is vitally important if we are to benefit from this time of grace. First and foremost, of course, is PRAYER. All of us are so busy so it is hard sometimes to take that time to pray and yet we need to do this. Maybe we should try to attend Daily Mass, or just stop in the Church to pray. Perhaps we should try, sometime each Wednesday, to come to our Daily Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Stations of the Cross each Friday. Certainly, we should mark our Calendars to be together each of our three evenings of our Forty Hours Devotions on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Then, there is FASTING. We must use this great exercise of denying ourselves something that we like, not as an end of itself, but to be drawn closer to the One whom we are called to love above all things.

Lastly, there is ALMSGIVING. I cannot begin to describe my gratitude for the generosity of so many in our Parish over the years, but each year in Lent, we are called to support our Diocesan Annual Campaign, formerly known as our Lenten Appeal. I urge all to please be generous at the same or higher levels that you have supported this Appeal in the past, and for those who have not, to embrace this call of God that will lead to a deeper union with Christ who “gave all” for us on the Altar of His Cross.

I hope and pray that this Lent will be the best one ever for us, that through our penitential practices, we may grow closer to Christ, “made righteous” by the power of His grace and His mercy until that day we are united with Him forever in heaven. God bless you.

Monsignor Hahn



# Forty Hours Devotion March 1, 2, & 3

## Homilist: Fr. Andrew St. Denis

**“Bring to your encounter with Jesus, hidden in the Eucharist, all the enthusiasm of your age, all your hopes, all your desire to love.”**

**— St. John Paul II  
Mane Nobiscum Domine,  
Oct. 7, 2004**

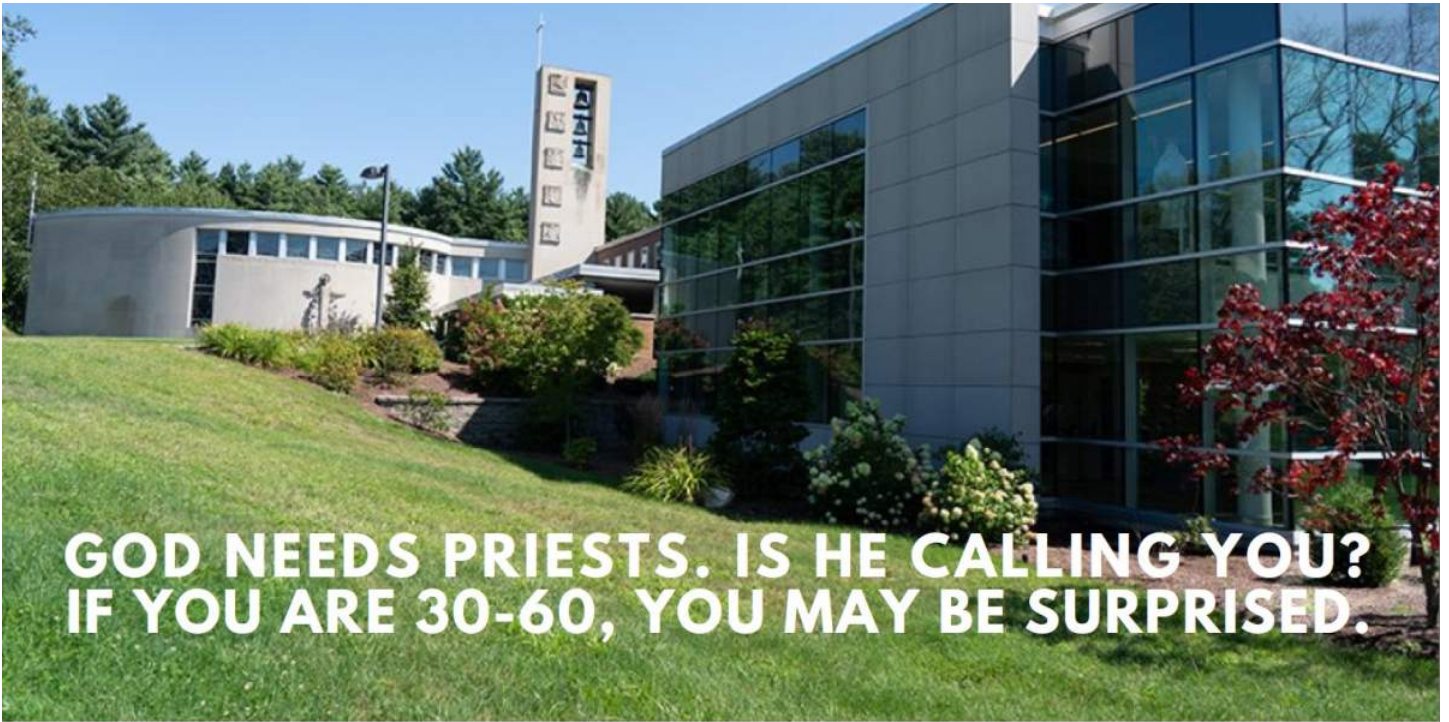
### Events Schedule

**Daily Adoration: Sunday from 12 PM to 6:45 PM**

**Mon. & Tues. from 9:30 AM to 6:45 PM**

**Evening Prayer: Daily at 7:00 PM with homily**

**Parishioner Dinner: Tues. March 3rd at 5:30 PM in the Gym**



## FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

March 13

5:00 PM EST

**Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary**

**HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER**

**In-Person Visit:** Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

**Register:** Contact Msgr. William Fay  
781-899-5500 ext. 134  
firstfriday@psjs.edu

**Virtual Visit:** Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit  
(Zoom link provided at registration)



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## Area Lenten Penance Services

Church	Date	Time
Our Lady of Lourdes, New Holland	Every Sunday in Lent	9:15 - 10:15 AM
St. Philip the Apostle	Sunday, March 8	2:00 PM
Sacred Heart	Monday, March 9	7:00 PM
San Juan Bautista	Tuesday, March 10	7:00 PM
St. Peter's, Elizabethtown	Monday, March 16	7:00 PM
St. Catherine, Quarryville	Tuesday, March 17	7:00 PM
OMPH, Ephrata	Thursday, March 19	7:00 PM
St. James, Lititz	Thursday, March 19	7:00 PM
Mary, Mother of the Church Mount Joy	Monday, March 23	7:00 PM
<b>Saint Leo the Great</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
St. Joseph, Lancaster	Wednesday, March 25	7:00 PM
St. John Neumann	Thursday, March 26	7:00 PM
St. Mary's	Sunday, March 29	6:30 PM

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. Queen of Peace #1023 of Lancaster invites ladies of the parish to participate in a spiritual retreat on **Sunday, March 8th, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM** in rooms 3 & 4 following Adoration in the church from 12:00 PM -1:00 PM. The theme is *The Potter*. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by March 6th to Lois- 717-341-9695, Mary- 717-538-5885, or Susan- 814-932-5182.

*“Converted, strengthened, called and forgiven, made joyful, saved from death, given life and light through Jesus Christ.”*

From the Book of Lamentations  
by St. Gregory of Narek, Doctor of the Church  
Feast Day: February 27

### LENT BY CANDLELIGHT Tues., Mar. 24th at 6:30 pm

Ladies, you won't want to miss the annual Lent by Candlelight at Sacred Heart Lower Church (enter from Nevin St.). Together with beautiful meditations and reflective music, Women at the Well will lead us as we "Walk with Mary Through the Seven Sorrows," focusing on her journey from Simeon's prophecy to Jesus' burial, teaching lessons in patience, fortitude, and hope through shared suffering. All women in the community are welcome. *Suggested donation is \$10 at the door.* Refreshments will be served. *Seating is limited, so please register by March 20 by emailing MaryEllen at [genoese609@comcast.net](mailto:genoese609@comcast.net) or texting 717.808.7393.*

This Lent...

# Fast for Vocations

Bishop Senior invites you to join him in fasting on **Wednesdays during Lent** for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This fasting is the same as what we observe on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but whatever sacrifice you offer for vocations is greatly appreciated

Offer this sacrifice in prayer and make a commitment through the online pledge form.


Make your pledge online by scanning the QR code or visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/fast](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/fast)



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 - Christopher West

Limited tickets are available so be sure to get yours today at the parish office or online at [www.stleos.org](http://www.stleos.org).

Select the video to learn more: <https://vimeo.com/1105237188/09a4e690b5?share=copy>.

Want to see a priest’s perspective on the event? View a video from Fr. Paul Houlis from River Edge, NJ: <https://vimeo.com/234588366>.

**2nd Annual St. Patrick’s Basket Bingo**  
**Tues. March 17th**



Doors open at 12:30 PM. Games start at 2:00 PM. Baskets valued at over \$100. Entry ticket includes 20 games/9 cards per game. Strip tickets available for purchase! Food, beverages, and snacks available for purchase. St. James Catholic Church, 505 Woodcrest Ave. Lititz, PA. Reserved tickets available: call the Bingo office 717-626-5580, ext. 4.

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March 20<sup>th</sup> - Flag Football Combine  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> - Team Practice  
 April 10 - Games  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> - Games  
 April 24<sup>th</sup> - Games  
 May 1<sup>st</sup> - Youth Track and Field Meet  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> - Playoffs  
 May 15<sup>th</sup> - Playoffs






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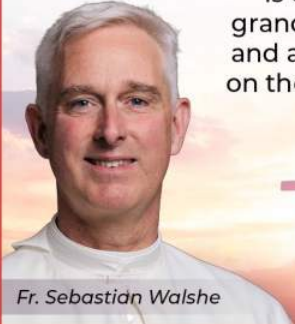
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**March 21, 2026:  
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St. James Catholic Church 505  
Woodcrest Ave. Lititz, Pa 17540

# A CALL TO SERVE

Planning for upcoming parish events is underway and we need your help!

- Coffee & Donuts
- 40 Hours
- Lenten Meals
- Special Events
- Event Photographer
- Golf Outing
- Parish Picnic
- Funeral Luncheons



**VOLUNTEER NOW**

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EMAIL: [MDIFFENDALL@STLEOS.ORG](mailto:MDIFFENDALL@STLEOS.ORG)  
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## 2026 Saint Leo the Great Lenten Meals

Fridays in Lent from 5:30 - 6:45 PM  
in the Parish Hall - all are welcome!

### 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Menu and Ministries**  
Free-will offering to benefit the  
St. Vincent de Paul fund.


2/27/26: Choice of Clam Chowder or Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Salad & Bread - served by the SLTG PTO

3/6/26: Fish Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Fruit Cup and Chips - served by SLTG Parish Council

3/13/26: Seafood Chowder and Mac & Cheese - served by the Vocations Ministry Team


3/20/26: No Meal

3/27/26: Tomato Pies from Corropolese, Fruit Cup, Chips - served by SLTG PSR Teachers and Sister Dorothy



## That Man Is You

Week 19: A Heart Bound by the World  
**Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 AM in Rooms 3-4**



- Finances and Your Faith
- Our Culture and Money
- Where Are the Desires of Your Heart?
- Work to Provide
- Who Has the Highest Life Satisfaction?
- Can Someone be Addicted to Success?
- Seven Steps to Financial Freedom

## A Pilgrimage to France

Father Augustine Joseph, MSFS, of St. Peter Parish in Columbia is hosting a pilgrimage to France from **September 28 to October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Some of the highlights will be: Lourdes, Paris (including the newly restored Notre Dame Cathedral), Ars, Chartres Cathedral, Lisieux, Mont Saint-Michel, Nevers (the final resting place of St. Bernadette) and the cemetery and D Day museum in Normandy. Daily Holy Masses will be offered. The base price is \$4,899 (\$4,999 after 6-20-26) + \$659 for airline taxes and fuel surcharge. Our flight, which will leave from Philadelphia, is sponsored by Pentecost Tours, Inc. For a brochure and for more information, call 717-684-7070, or email [stpeterscolumbia@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterscolumbia@gmail.com).

## Parish Events

### SUNDAY-02-22-26

NO EVENTS

### MONDAY-02-23-26

9:45 AM-GRANDPARENTS ASSOC.-RM 2  
3:30 PM-HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CYO-GYM  
6:30 PM-OCIA-RMS 3-4

### TUESDAY-02-24-26

NO EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY-02-25-26

7:30 PM-CHOIR REHEARSAL-CHAPEL

### THURSDAY-02-26-26

10:00 AM-CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP-RM 2  
3:30 PM-SCHOOL CHOIR REHEARSAL-LOFT

### FRIDAY-02-27-26

9:45 AM-CFCL-WEBER CENTER  
2:30-STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CHURCH  
5:30 PM-LENTEN MEAL-PARISH HALL  
7:00 PM-STATIONS OF THE CROSS-CHURCH

### SATURDAY-02-28-26

7:00 AM-THAT MAN IS YOU-RMS 3-4

### SUNDAY-03-01-26

12 PM-6:45 PM 40 HOURS ADORATION-CHURCH  
7:00 PM-40 HOURS HOMILY AND NIGHT PRAYER



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## Hempfield Food Pantry



**FEED THE  
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Thank you, dear people of Saint Leo's! Our collection for February brought a total of 943 pounds of food. You are a blessing to all the people who rely on the Hempfield Food Pantry to feed their families. In January the pantry served a total of 1,527 people - 439 children, 762 adults and 326 seniors. The need remains great.

Our next collection will take place **March 7th & 8th** at all Masses. The pantry requests NO glass jars and no expired food items.

Requested items are: cereal, pancake mix, canned mixed fruit, canned peaches, canned Mandarin oranges, canned spaghetti sauce, egg noodles, salmon(15 oz), canned cream of chicken soup, dried beans, raisins, crackers, cake mix & icing ketchup, mustard, salad dressing. May God Bless you!



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