St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church

November 29, 2026

First Sunday in Advent



Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

Rev. Joseph R. Howard
Pastor

Deacon Steve Huete
Parish Manager

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30 am

Daily Masses
Mon, Tues, Fri - 10:00 am
Thurs - 5:00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation
See Bulletin

Confessions
Saturday - 4:15-4:45 pm
(Parish center)
Or By Appointment

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

"The Week at a Glance" for Nov. 28 ~ Dec. 6, 2026

Saturday, November 28 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am ~ That Man Is You, Lower Loyola
4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center
5:00 pm ~ Vigil Mass + Denise Baker



Sunday, November 29 ~ First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am ~ Mass ~ People of the Parish
No Youth Education or Coffee & Donuts
10:30 am ~ Mass + Roberta Schwartz

Monday, November 30 ~ St. Andrew

10:00 am Mass – Special Intention for the Ackerman Family

Tuesday, December 1 ~ Advent Weekday

10:00 am ~ Mass + Eugene Schott
10:45 am ~ Bible Study, Conference Room
6:00 pm ~ Parish Council, Conference Room

What does "Advent" mean? For the answer, continue through the bulletin.

Wednesday, December 2 ~ Advent Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, December 3 ~ St. Frances Xavier

5:00 pm ~ Mass + Linda Kimple
6:00 pm ~ Knights of Columbus, Lower Loyola

Friday, December 4 ~ St. John Damascene

10:00 am ~ Mass + Donald Gaettner
3:00 pm ~ Holy Hour/Adoration

Saturday, December 5 ~ Advent Weekday

8:00 am ~ That Man Is You, Lower Loyola
4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center
5:00 pm ~ Vigil Mass + Geraldine Deardorff
6:00 pm ~ "Noel Night" Social, begins on Parish Center Patio

Sunday, December 6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am ~ Mass ~ People of the Parish
9:10 am ~ Youth Education, Classrooms & Coffee & Donuts, Loyola Café
10:30 am ~ Mass + Mary E. Wendland

Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Prayer Requests

Nursing Home & Homebound parishioners, our Military men & women, Fr. Howard & Parishioners. Please also include the following special intentions; Gloria Shaffer, Maureen McGilloway Collins, John Sanders, Brenda Wolf, Hannah Engelmann, Regina Cooley, Terry Cabana, M. Snyder, Tim Huete, Chris & family, Ricardo Vega, Paisley Topper & Topper family, Jack Seifert, Chris, Bob, Rick Gaul, Matveii, Chris MacBeth, Scott Moksol, Christine, Steve Jaimes, Pat Zepka, Rhonda Kolleogy, Danny & Jean Hemler, Don DiDio, Maria Nimons, Trent Kennedy, Jo-ann McDannell, Dottie McDannell, Rusty Morse, Monique, Barbara Gillin, Kim, Michelle, Marion & Roland, Bernie Cabana, Corona Naylor, Cherry Sanders, Karlton Smith, Roseann Leiner, Barbara Lee Molloy, Terri Sanders, Shelli Smith, Tammy McCauley, Janie Singley, Peter Bellows, Shirley Marquardt, Kira Nowick, Katie Fellers, Frances Smith, Joanne Formosa, Carl & Sally Kempinski, Kenneth Kwisnek, Shelli Smalling & family.

If you or someone you knows needs prayers please contact Dorothy Vega 717-253-0051 or the parish office.

ADVENT



There are sets of Advent Candles In the Vestibule for a $5.00 offering.

The Sanctuary Candles for December

In Honor of the Family of Dick & Roxanne Dennis

In Loving Memory of Ron Grance from Katie Grance

Great way to start the 2nd week of Advent!
Hoping you will join us!



"Noel Night"

Saturday, Dec. 5th

6:00 pm
(after Mass)



Put on your hats & gloves and join fellow parishioners on the parish center patio for caroling, tree lighting, and desserts with coffee & hot chocolate!

First Friday Hour Holy

Friday, Dec. 4th

3:00 pm

Church Christmas Decorating will be:

Tuesday, Dec. 22

11:00 am

All parishioners are invited to help!





While it's a busy and giving time of the year, can you find a spot in your heart to help give the residents at South Mountain Restoration Center, some of whom have no family, a joyous and heartwarming Christmas.

We will be having a

Monetary collection

for the "Resident Christmas Gift Program." There is a collection box in the Vestibule for these residents.

The collection will run from November 28 – December 13.

Questions, contact the parish office 717-677-8012.

Bless those in the nursing homes with homemade Christmas ornaments and cards!!

The parish will be making ornaments and cards and the event is open to the parish.

Sunday, December 6 from 8:45 - 12:30
(after the 8:00 and 10:30 masses)
Where: Lower Loyola

We will have supplies, glue guns and craft ideas for you to make Christmas ornaments and cards. However, if you feel adventurous, go rogue and make your own creation. It is fine to bring your own supplies.
Light snacks will be provide.

We do ask that you RSVP to Jeanette at jmebackus@yahoo.com or Dodie.

Christmas Raffle



for a large white

Outdoor Nativity

Tickets will be available after Masses

Oct. 31st – November

Drawing will be Dec 5th
In support of community needs.
Monsignor Louis J. Yeager's Knights of Columbus Council #14035



Thank you to EVERYONE who donated to, volunteered their time, and supported the Turkey Bingo. It was a huge success due to your support!
Diane and Donald MacBeth

It's a great day to have a great day!

Christmas Music

The St. Ignatius music group is looking for members of the parish to sing in the choir on Christmas Eve/Day.
Please feel free to join us for practice on
Monday, December 21st @ 6:00 pm
Questions contact: Phil Mobley 571-236-7580

Answer of the Advent Wreath –

The word Advent comes from a Latin word meaning "coming." During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas and remember that Christ will come again in glory.

And the Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

The Liturgy guarantees for us the possibility of such an encounter. For us a vague memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at that Supper, to be able to hear his voice, to eat his Body and to drink his Blood. We need Him. In the Eucharist and in all the sacraments we are guaranteed the possibility of encountering the Lord Jesus and of having the power of his Paschal Mystery reach us. The salvific power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance, and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the sacraments. I am Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man possessed by demons at Capernaum, the paralytic in the house of Peter, the sinful woman pardoned, the woman afflicted by hemorrhages, the daughter of Jairus, the blind man of Jericho, Zacchaeus, Lazarus, the thief and Peter both pardoned. The Lord Jesus who dies no more, who lives forever with the signs of his Passion continues to pardon us, to heal us, to save us with the power of the sacraments. It is the concrete way, by means of his incarnation, that he loves us. It is the way in which he satisfies his own thirst for us that he had declared from the cross. (Jn 19:28)

Our first encounter with his paschal deed is the event that marks the life of all believers: our Baptism. This is not a mental adhesion to his thought or the agreeing to a code of conduct imposed by Him. Rather, it is a being plunged into his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, a being plunged into his paschal deed. It is not magic. Magic is the opposite of the logic of the sacraments because magic pretends to have a power over God, and for this reason it comes from the Tempter. In perfect continuity with the Incarnation, there is given to us, in virtue of the presence and action of the Spirit, the possibility of dying and rising in Christ.

Pope Francis

(*Desiderio desideravi*, 10-12)



Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, and was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood, Be for us a foretaste of heaven, during our final trial.

The "Virgin of the Inexhaustible Chalice" icon written by Roberta K. Davis, parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Harrisburg.

The *Angelus*

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary . . .

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

V. And the Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Angelus is traditionally prayed by the Church three times a day at 6 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m. as we pause to remember the Incarnation of God the Son in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Blessing for Your Home Advent Wreath, Nativity and Christmas Tree

Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord Jesus, Light of the World,
Shine within our hearts today.
As we light this Advent Wreath,
Help us wait in joyful hope.
May each candle guide our prayer.
May its circle speak of love.
May its green branches promise life.
Prepare our hearts for Christmas.



Teach us to welcome
you with joy.
Come, Lord Jesus,
and be near.
Amen.

Prayer over the Nativity/Manger

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon the manger: may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.



God comes to dwell with us. Make room for him.
Zechariah 2:14

Christmas Tree Blessing

Lord Jesus,
Encircle this tree with your blessing.
May its twinkling lights remind us of the hope and promise of your coming.
May we find joy in the memories we share in its tinsel and trimmings.
May the presents we place beneath it
Give rise to an appreciation
for the gift of your presence among us.
We ask this in your holy name.
Amen.



~ Weekly Advent Reflection ~

"What does the Lord, your God, ask of you but to fear the Lord, your God, to follow in all his ways, to love and serve the Lord, your God, with your whole heart and with your whole being."

Deuteronomy 10:12

What do I want to happen this Advent to strengthen my life with God?

Diocesan & Local Church and other News/Events:



Advent email series, beginning November 29.
Each Sunday's email includes a short reflection, a Catholic video, simple family activities, and Advent resources.





Did you know...
You are stronger than you think.

Upcoming Collections

December

6 – Christmas Flowers
13 – Retirement Fund for the Religious

Dates to Remember

Nov.	28-29	First Sunday of Advent
Dec.	4	Adoration
	5	Noel Nights
	8	Immaculate Conception
	11/28-12/13	Monetary Christmas Collection for S.M.R.C. residents
	25	Christmas

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday ~ 4:15 - 4:45 pm; or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death. If possible, the Sacrament should also be administered before major surgery or when one is initially hospitalized.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Diocesan policy requires 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. No arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a Baptism preparation class prior to the Baptism if this is your first child baptized. Requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for Information and to register your child for Baptism.

Parish Registration

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. Please contact the parish office to obtain registration forms, or if you are uncertain of the parish where you should register.

Parish Directory

Pastor – Fr. Howard – 717-677-8012 – frjhoward@hbgdiocese.org

Pastoral Staff

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Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program

www.YouthProtectionHBG.com

First – Call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 800-932-0313

Then – Call the Diocesan toll-free hotline at 800-626-1608