

# St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church

## December 14, 2025

### Third Sunday of 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

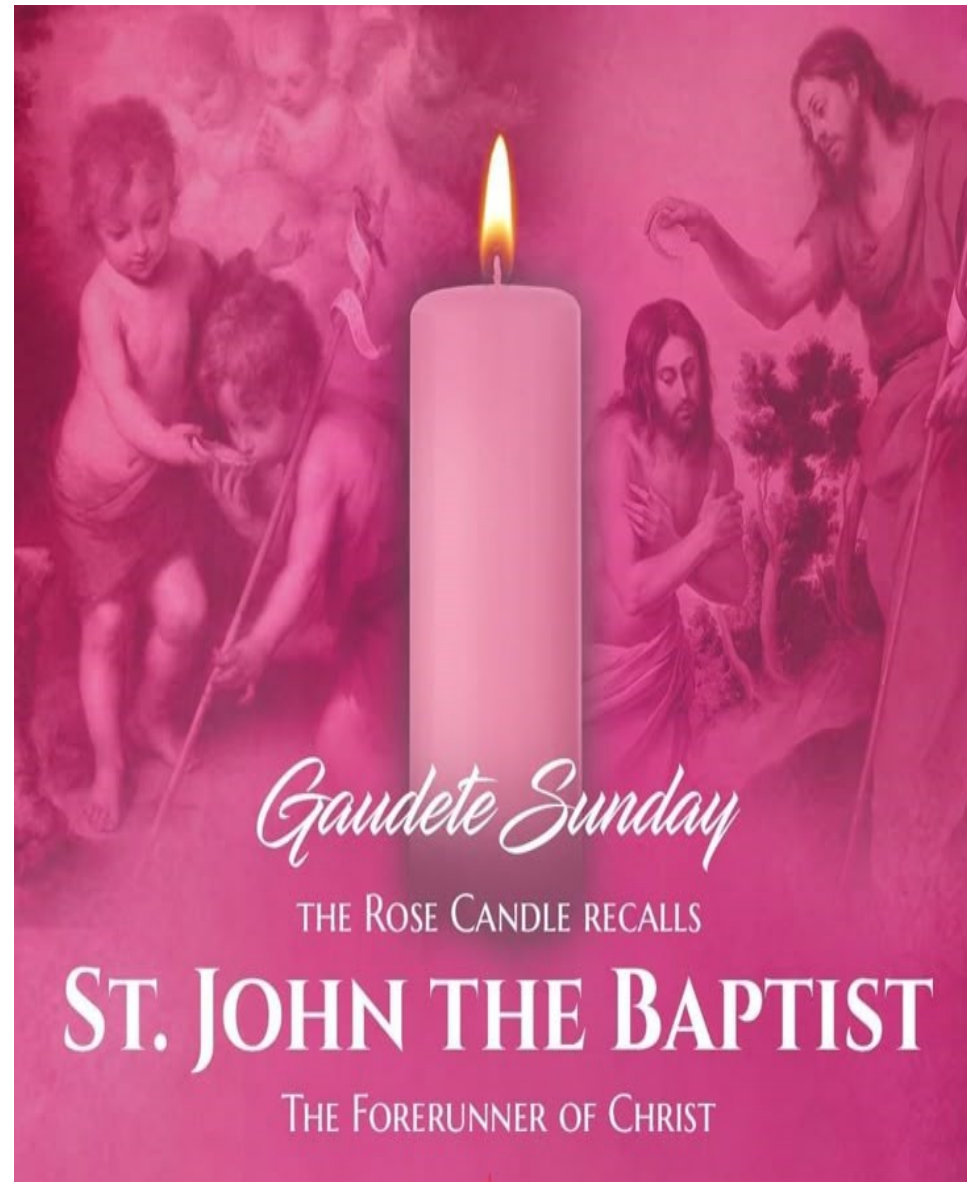
#### Confessions

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

1095 Church Road, Orrtanna, Pennsylvania 17353

www.stignatiusofloyola.org | Office 717-677-8012

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



## "The Week at a Glance" for December 13 ~ 21, 2025

Saturday, December 13 ~ St. Lucy

8:00 am ~ That Man Is You, Lower Loyola  
4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center  
5:00 pm ~ Mass + Joanne Esham  
6:00 - 8:00 pm ~ Religious Ed Student Event, Lower Loyola

Sunday, December 14 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am ~ Mass + Paul, Dan Topper & Evelyn Grace  
9:10 - 10:15 am ~ CCD / Coffee & Donuts  
10:30 am ~ Mass — Our Parish Family

Breakfast with Santa after 8 & 10:30 Masses

2:00 Organ Recital

Second Collection: Retirement for Religious

Monday, December 15 ~ Advent Weekday

10:00 am ~ Mass + Margaret "Peg" Weaver

6:30 pm ~ Penance Service @ St. Mark's, Greencastle

Tuesday, December 16 ~ Advent Weekday

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass + Mary Steinberger  
10:45 am ~ Spiritual Reflection Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, December 17 ~ Advent Weekday

No Daily Mass

6:30 pm ~ Penance Service @ Corpus Christi, Chambersburg

Thursday, December 18 ~ Advent Weekday

5:00 pm ~ Daily Mass + Jack Ryff

Friday, December 19 ~ Advent Weekday

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass + Fred Dietsch  
1:30 pm ~ Mass at South Mountain Restoration Center

Saturday, December 20 ~ Advent Weekday

NO That Man Is You, Lower Loyola  
4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center  
5:00 pm ~ Mass + Alison Haring

Sunday, December 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am ~ Mass — Our Parish Family  
NO CCD / Coffee & Donuts  
10:30 am ~ Mass + Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Morris  
2:30 pm ~ Penance Service @ Corpus Christi, Chambersburg

To all who  
worship with us  
today, St. Ignatius  
of Loyola Parish  
warmly welcomes  
you. We pray that your time with us  
is spiritually enriching and enjoyable.  
We invite you to keep in touch with us  
by looking at our website,  
stignatiusofloyola.org.



#### The Sanctuary Candle for

November

In Memory of  
Jay, Dan & Matt Shaffer  
From Tom & Sue Switzer

In Memory of  
Dan Topper  
From Carolyn Topper



## Advent Season



### Foul Weather Closing

As we enter the snow season, we want to remind parishioners of our snow closing policies. St. Ignatius follows the Gettysburg School District for closings.

**Daily Mass:** there will be NO public daily Mass.

(The Mass intention of the day will still be said.)

The Parish Office will be Closed

**Weekend Masses:** if a snow emergency is declared, there will be NO Mass.

We ask you to exercise your prudence and good judgement during bad weather. There is no obligation to attend Mass if the weather prevents you from coming.

Stay safe and enjoy the snow!

## *Christmas Caroling*

### Hark, To St Ignatius Choir Singers!

There will be a practice session for anyone who is interested in joining the choir for Christmas Masses this year.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the church.

Everyone with a voice is welcome and auditions are not required. If you cannot attend the practice session and still want to sing, please contact Phil, Rose or Brenda after mass on the weekends before Christmas.

#### Wednesday December 24th

5:00 pm ~ Pre-mass sing-along 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm

8:00 pm ~ Pre-mass sing-along 7:30 pm to 7:50 pm

#### Thursday December 25th

9:00 am ~ Pre-mass sing-along 8:30 am to 8:50 am

Bring your voice, there are plenty of seats to welcome Christ our King.

Blessings to All from the Music Ministry!

### Retirement Fund for Religious

They gave their lives in service - Now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation — it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service.

Please consider giving!



### SMILE

By Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.

When he smiled I realised  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile  
then realised it's worth.

A single smile just like mine  
could travel around the Earth.

So if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.

Let's start an epidemic quick  
and get the world infected!

Please Join the Knights of Columbus Council 14035 for

## BREAKFAST with SANTA

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

FREE WILL OFFERING



Serving after Sunday Masses

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage

Toast, Juice & Coffee

\$500 of the proceeds from the breakfast  
will be given to the  
Diocesan Interfaith Homeless Shelter.



Come celebrate the joys of the  
season with Santa!

### Bulletin Announcements

BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS,  
ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKENDS OF:

**DEC. 27 & 28 and JAN. 3 & 4**

MUST BE SENT TO SUE AT [sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org)

**NO LATER THAN**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT NOON.**

Advent, a time to pause,  
reflect and prepare.



AN INVITATION TO ATTEND  
A FREE CHRISTMAS  
ORGAN CONCERT  
@ ST. IGNATIUS

Sunday, December 14, 2025

2:00 pm

Featuring organists from the area playing  
sacred and secular songs of the season.

Lite refreshments following in the  
Upper Loyola Center.

A FREE WILL OFFERING TO

BENEFIT

THE CHURCH



Happy Birthday  
to all  
December  
Birthday's!

### NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

The book of Luke  
has 24 chapters and  
tells the story  
of Jesus' life.

Read one chapter per  
night in December and wake  
up Christmas morning  
knowing why we celebrate  
the King of Kings!



## Local Advent Penance Services

Mon., December 15 ~ St. Mark's, Greencastle

6:30 pm

Wed., December 17 ~ Corpus Christi, Chambersburg

6:30pm

Sun., December 21 ~ Corpus Christi, Chambersburg

2:30 pm

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Wed., December 24

5:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Thurs., December 25

9:00 am

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wed., December 31

4:00 pm

Thur., January 1

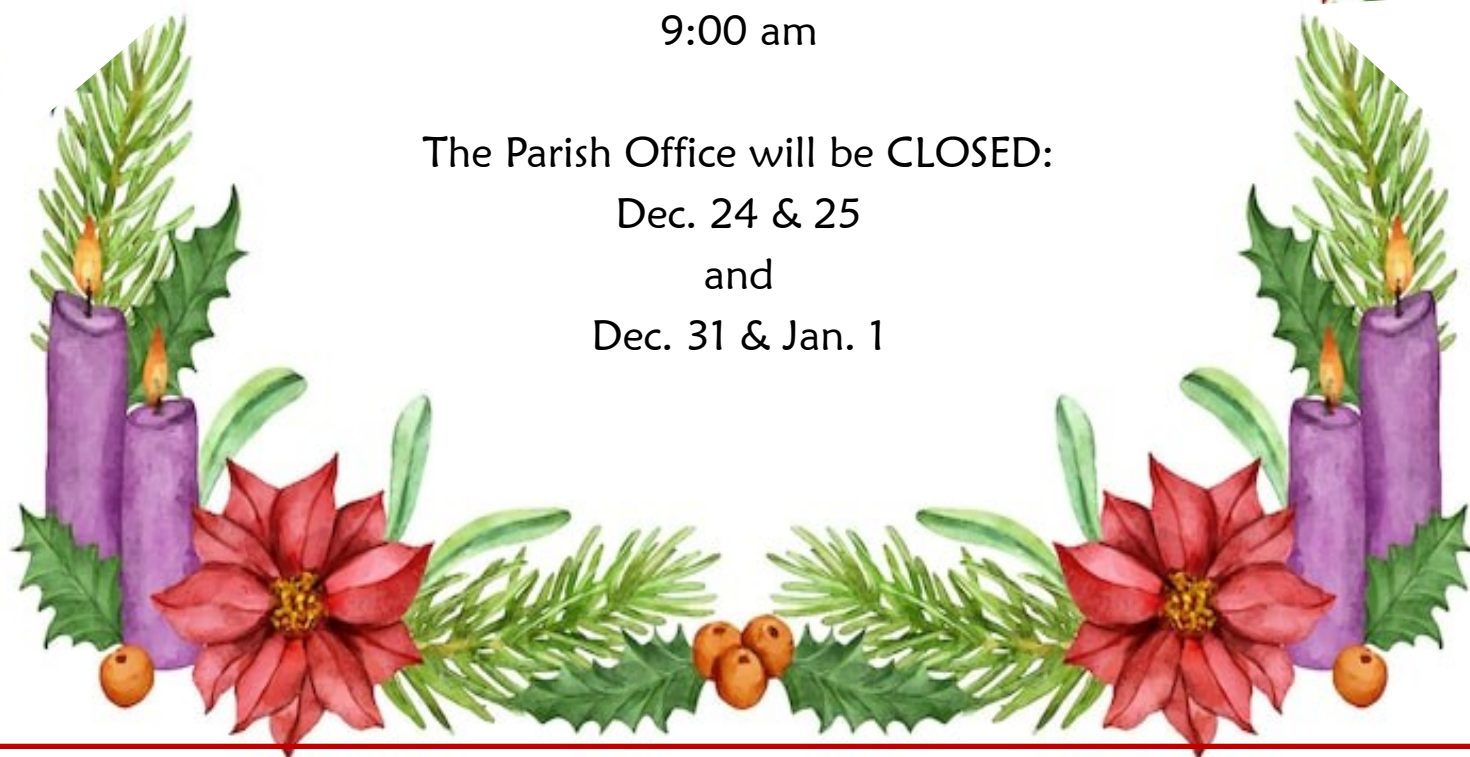
9:00 am

The Parish Office will be CLOSED:

Dec. 24 & 25

and

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1



**Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent**, traditions focus on **rejoicing** that Christmas is near, breaking the usual penitential purple with **rose-colored candles and vestments**, and shifting the mood to joyous anticipation, often marked by brighter music, special prayers, acts of kindness, and family gatherings celebrating God's coming.

### Liturgical Traditions

- **Rose Vestments & Candles:** Priests wear rose (pink) vestments, and the third candle in the Advent wreath is often pink instead of purple, symbolizing a shift from penance to joy.
- **Joyful Readings:** The liturgy includes scriptures about rejoicing and the nearness of the Lord, with themes of hope and God's love.
- **Music & Flowers:** Churches may feature more joyful music, hymns, and flowers, departing from the stricter solemnity of earlier Advent.
- **Lighter Mood:** The service aims for a celebratory atmosphere, acknowledging the approaching fulfillment of Christmas.

### Meaning & Focus

- **"Gaudete" means "Rejoice":** The name comes from the Latin opening of the Mass, reminding the faithful to be joyful as the Lord's coming is imminent.
- **John the Baptist:** A focus on John the Baptist's message of preparing the way for the Lord, and how we can live faithfully in our own professions and lives.
- **Hope & Anticipation:** It serves as a midpoint marker, a burst of joy in the waiting, signaling that Christmas is close, as highlighted by readings about the blind seeing and the poor hearing good news.

### Home & Community Traditions

- **Advent Wreath:** Lighting the rose candle on the Advent wreath signifies "Rejoice!"
- **Acts of Kindness:** Many Christian communities use this day for charity, outreach, or special community service projects.
- **Family Meals:** Families gather for special meals, reflection, and joyful conversations about Christmas.
- **Jesse Tree Ornaments:** Some traditions add ornaments to a Jesse Tree, telling the story of Jesus' lineage and God's faithfulness.

## Daily Readings for Advent

### Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 - Ps 146:6-10 - Jas 5:7-10 - Mt 11:2-11

### Dec. 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a - Mt 21:23-27

### Dec. 16

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 - Mt 21:28-32

### Dec. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 - Mt 1:1-17

### Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8 - Mt 1:18-25

### Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a - Lk 1:5-25

### Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14 - Lk 1:26-38

### Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 - Ps 24:1-3, 4ab, 5-6 - Rom 1:1-7 - Mt 1:18-24

### Dec. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 - Lk 1:46-56

### Dec. 23

Mal3:1-4, 23-24 - Lk 1:57-66

### Dec. 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 - Lk 1:67-79

### Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5 - Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 - Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 - Mt 1:1-25

**Night:** Is 9:1-6 - Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 - Ti 2:11-14 - Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12 - Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 - Ti 3:4-7 - Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10 - Ps 98:1-6 - Heb 1:1-6 - Jn 1:1-18



Church Calendars

Calendars for 2026 are located in the Vestibule or in the Parish Center. Please only take one until all parishioners take one.



Advent Candles

If you don't have and need Advent Candles (3 purple & 1 pink), there are a few left in the Vestibule. The offering is \$5.00.

STEWARDSHIP BOOK-CASE

Our bookcase has been restocked with fresh literature for Advent and regular reading. Brochures, Books, CD's, Children's items and more. Stop by and check it out!

So often we think we don't have what it takes to become the saints we are called to be, or even to become a slightly better version of who we are right now. But God shows us again and again that we don't need fireworks. We just need a small light of faith and a willingness to let God do the rest. Are you willing?

Lord, come and save us



2025 Parish Directory

Parish Directory: If you would like your photo in the upcoming parish directory but cannot schedule a sitting, please contact Deacon Steve for options, Phone 717-677-8012 or email shuete@hbgdiocese.org

Our next photo dates are: Dec. 22 ~ 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Diocesan & Local Church News/Events:

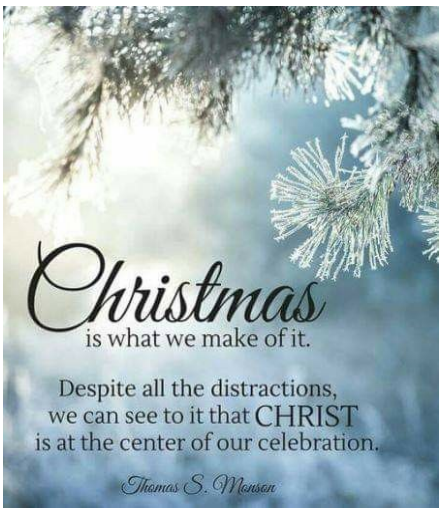
On Thursday, January 22, 2026, an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at Saint Patrick Cathedral (212 State St., Harrisburg) to mark the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The schedule is:  
12:00 pm – Holy Mass (Daily)  
12:30 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:30-5:30 pm – Eucharistic Adoration  
5:30 pm – Benediction

You are invited to sign up for an hour (or more) of Eucharistic Adoration by visiting: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BADAC29A2FECF8-60227394-eucharistic#/#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BADAC29A2FECF8-60227394-eucharistic#/)



ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE  
WEEKEND FOR COUPLES  
January 9, 2026  
Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg, PA

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorces. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For information, contact Mike & Dawn 717-356-2185 or HelpOurMarriage.org.

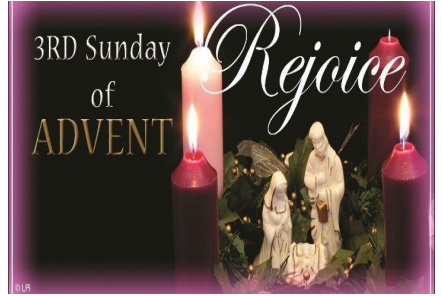


Dates to Remember

- Dec. 14 Breakfast w/ Santa by the K of C
- 14 Organ Recital, church
- 21 No CCD / Coffee & Donuts
- 22 Directory Photo Session
- 24 Christmas Eve  
Parish Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Day  
Parish Office Closed
- 31 Solemnity of Mary, Office Closed
- Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, Office Closed

Upcoming Collections

December  
25 - Christmas



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.



Guests & Visitors

Parish Directory

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

Pastoral Staff

Parish Manager - Deacon Steve Huete - 717-816-9600 - shuete@hbgdiocese.org

Finance Coordinator - John Neiderer - 717-578-7536 - jneiderer@hbgdiocese.org

Secretary - Sue Switzer - 717-677-8012 - sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org

Maintenance - OPEN

Councils

Pastoral Council Members

- Phil Mobley - 571-236-7580
- Beth Gilbert - 717-673-1002
- Bicky Redman - 717-677-8592
- Mary Osmolenski - 717-778-1390
- Dr. Bob Ternes - 717-658-3987
- Kathy Dietsch - 717-352-4558
- Sue Jeffcoat - 717-677-6544

Finance Council Members

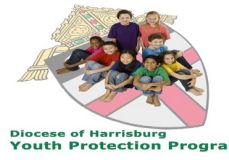
- Greg Ernst - 717-352-6098
- Ali Morris - 717-360-3903
- Bill Pulig - 717-870-9456
- Dorothy Vega - 717-253-0051
- Terri Pendleton - 717-360-6804

Buildings & Grounds

Greg Osmolenski - Chair

Wally Kane, Donnie Althoff, Tom Switzer, Rob Mentzer, Mike Baker, Al Jeffcoat, Andy Lower, Brian Ambrose, John Neiderer

See full parish directory on our website, lobby bulletin board or call the parish office.



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