

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

December 6th and 7th

LECTORS

SA	5:00 PM	Grace Hanson and Grace Johnson
IC	8:00 AM	Boyd Young
SA	9:30 AM	Suzanne Hanna

ALTAR SERVERS

SA	5:00 PM	Marty Urbanic
IC	8:00 AM	Tristan and Peyton Leitch
SA	9:30 AM	Jacob Hau and Eli Miller

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 12/1/25	8:30 AM SA	Debbie McCoy by Kelly
Tuesday 12/2/25	8:30 AM IC	Graziano Family by Mary Louiose Graziano
Wednesday 12/3/25	8:30 AM SA	Eugene Cillo by his sister, Carol Ruoff
Thursday 12/4/25	8:30 AM IC	Msgr. Samuel Tomaselli Month's Mind
Friday 12/5/25	8:30 AM SA	Liturgy of the Word
Saturday 12/6/25	5:00 PM SA	The Martin Family by Connie and Bruce Wolfe
Sunday 12/7/25	8:00 AM IC	Larry Rine by his loving Family
	9:30 AM SA	People of the Parish

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, 12/1/25

Office Closed
LAMBS: 1 PM – PC Sm Room
SA Choir Practice: 4:30 PM – PC Sm Room
Parish Council: 5 PM – PC
Christian Initiation: 6 PM – PC 2nd Floor
K of C 4th Degree: 6:45 PM – PC 2nd Floor

TUESDAY, 12/2/25

Service at Lock Haven Rehab – 10 AM
CDA: 6:00 - 8:00 PM – Hanger 9

WEDNESDAY, 12/3/25

THURSDAY, 12/4/25

Youth Group: 6 PM – PC 2nd Floor

FRIDAY, 12/5/25

First Friday Adoration: 6-7 PM – IC

SATURDAY, 12/6/25

Confessional Confessions: 4 PM – SA

SUNDAY, 12/7/25

IC Choir: 7:30 AM – IC Church Basement
Religious Ed: 10:30 AM-12 PM – PC
Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers: 6 PM – IC

A Thanksgiving Message

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season of gratitude, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your faith, kindness, and support are what make our parish a true spiritual home.

May this Thanksgiving bring you peace, joy, and an abundance of God's blessings. We are grateful for the privilege of serving you and walking with you in faith throughout the year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

With gratitude,

 **Father Orr, Deacon Chip, Deacon Chuck,**
& the Parish Staff 

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Holy Spirit Parish

First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2025

Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory



Immaculate Conception Church

310 West Water Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745



Saint Agnes Church

3 East Walnut Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

By appointment after 12 Noon

Appointments with Father Orr – Call the Office

Main Office: 570-748-4594 Fax: 570-796-2642

Website: holyspiritlockhaven.org

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

8:30 AM – St. Agnes Church

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 AM – Immaculate Conception Church
or as announced

(the Rosary is recited after every weekday Mass)

Holy Days of Obligation

Check back for updated Mass times

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 5:00 PM – St. Agnes Church

Sunday, 8:00 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

Sunday, 9:30 AM – St. Agnes Church

Sunday, 12:00 Noon – St. Joseph Church, Renovo

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

11:00 AM – Immaculate Conception Church

4:00 PM – St. Agnes Church

or anytime upon request

Penance Service

Our annual Communal Penance Service will be held this Sunday, November 30th, 3:00 PM, at St Agnes Church.

Please pray for our second graders who will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at our parish penance service. Join us in praying for them and their families, that they will be renewed by the grace of this sacrament and feel God's mercy, love, and peace.



"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."
– C.S. Lewis

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is **purple**, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the **"Prophecy Candle,"** the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

Eucharistic Adoration and Vesper Services will be offered on **Sundays at 6:00 PM at IC Church** throughout Advent. Take some time to be with the Lord in silence and finish off His day in evening prayer (Vespers).

Jingle Mart Donations Needed!

LHCS will host its annual **Jingle Mart** on **Friday, December 5th**. Jingle Mart is a small, student-run Christmas "shop" where children can choose affordable gifts for family and loved ones, helping them experience the joy of giving during Advent. We invite parishioners to donate **gently used items**—treasures you no longer need but would make a meaningful gift. Donations will be accepted at the school **Wednesday, December 3rd** and **Thursday, December 4th**, during school hours (**8 AM–2 PM**). Thank you for supporting this special tradition!

Rosary Ministry

Beads are needed for the Rosary Making Ministry. The Rosary makers are using beads from old, beaded necklaces that are not being worn any more to make Rosaries.

Anyone who has beaded necklaces that they are not using, please leave in the box in the church. They would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone who offered help in the past, and the Miller family who wanted to help, please contact Johnnie Cancelarich. 207-764-1885. Thank you.



Breakfast with Santa

Please RSVP by Friday, December 5th

On Saturday December 13th the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring "Breakfast With Santa". The breakfast is FREE and will start at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center, with Santa arriving at 10:00 AM.

RSVP THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Call the Office at 570-748-4594
- Sign up in the back of either church
- Register online at forms.gle/qQZSrJUGNxu2KEcDA

SNACK BAR

Teachers and staff at Lock Haven Catholic School were delighted with the surprise holiday "snack bar" set up in their faculty room last week. The goodies were compliments of Court Ave Maria #399 Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

*Pictured here are new members, **Karen Houseknecht** and **Maren Urbanic**, and recording secretary, **Charlene Peter**.*

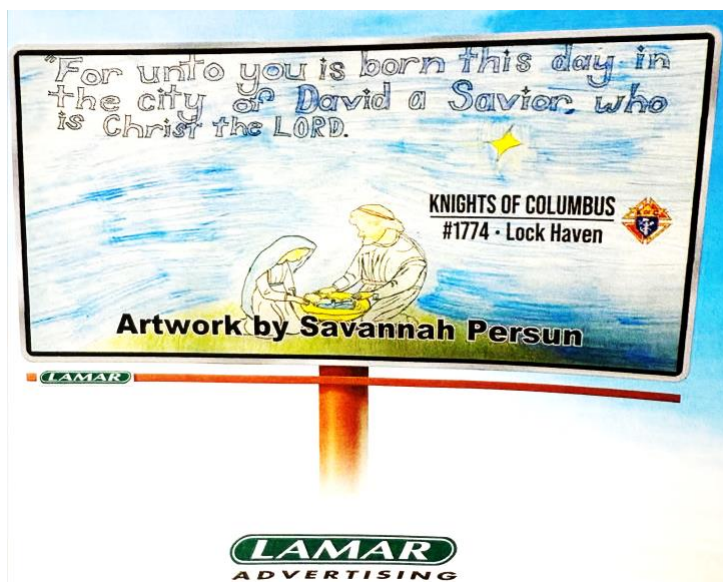


CDA December meeting and Christmas Dinner will be at Hanger 9 Restaurant at 6 PM on December 2nd. Please RSVP to Charlene Peter by November 29th and consider carpooling due to limited parking.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Congratulations to LHCS 7th grader, **Savannah Persun**, for winning this year's Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.

Savannah's drawing has been made into a banner which will be displayed at LHCS and a billboard located on Route 220 between the Mill Hall and Salona exits for the month of December.



Youth Invited!

Our youth will meet this **Thursday, December 4th, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center (2nd floor)** for fellowship, food, and fun. **All 7th-12th graders are invited** and can bring a friend.

Questions? Contact Tammy Nesbitt, 570-748-7303 or tnesbitt@dioceseaj.org

Communion Bread

Catholic Communion wafers must meet strict criteria defined by Canon law and liturgical norms to be considered to be valid for the Eucharist. The wafer must be made solely from wheat flour, mixed with pure natural water, and be unleavened, meaning no yeast or leavening agents are used in the production process. In the past the wafers were often made by local church community personnel, local bakers, or religious communities of nuns, but today the shift has been to large industrial manufacturers supplying the wafers. It is reported that the Cavanagh Company in Greenville, Rhode Island, produces 850 million wafers each year to Catholic churches in the United States, Canada, England, and Australia.

Stewardship REFLECTION

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent.

It is a season meant for preparation – but for what exactly are we preparing? Two things actually – the celebration of our Savior's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks that have eternal consequences. So, let us Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us in His ways and we may walk in His paths."

How can we Christian stewards prepare ourselves and our families for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on December 25th and for his certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world's pressure to have the 'perfect Christmas.' Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, and the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for spiritual preparation: confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and performing acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain to climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let's go climb the Lord's mountain.

Advent Thought

The season of Advent calls us to "*Stay awake for the presence of God*" and to stay aware of the ways we can make the most of our lives right now, not procrastinating to the future. Today is precious time already in our hands. Make that phone call. Write the letter. Text a friend. Make a visit. Attend an Advent daily Mass each week. Pray five minutes longer each day. Tomorrow is never guaranteed. Do what you need to do today!

Sanctuary Candles

The sanctuary candle for the second two weeks of November at Immaculate Conception Church is burning in memory of **Royce Miller, Sr.** by Family.

Point to Ponder

*Take care of the minutes;
the hours will take care of themselves.*