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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL - CHURCH

5pm - April thru October

4pm - November thru March

SUNDAY - 8:30AM & 10:30AM - CHURCH

DAILY MASS ~ HISTORIC CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am

Thursday 6:00pm Church Confession 5:00 pm &

Rosary 5:30pm

HOLY DAYS

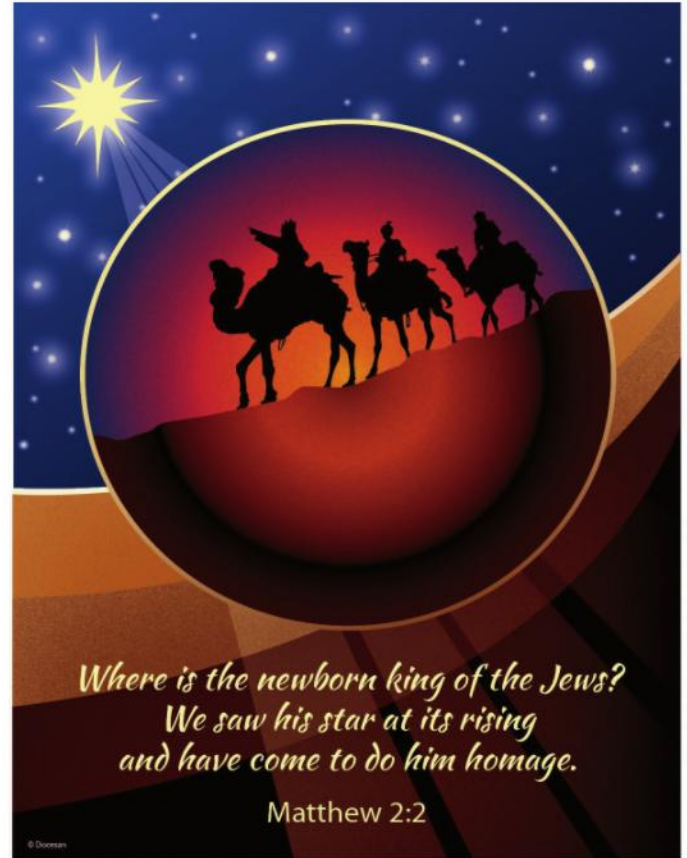
Holy Day Vigil - 5:30pm Church

Holy Day - 7:00am Historic Church / 7:00pm C

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:30pm - April thru October

Saturday 3-3:30pm - November thru March



BAPTISM

Second Sunday of each month. Please call the Parish Office to set a date and to register for a Baptism class.

MARRIAGE

Couples contemplating marriage are reminded not to set a wedding date before arranging an appointment with the Parish Priest. Please schedule this at least **one** year before the intended marriage.

SICK CALLS

Please notify the Parish Office for visits and/or Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins and those hospitalized.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to parishioners who are registered, active, and fulfill the requirements of Church law.

SCRIP

Gift certificates are available in the Parish Office during normal business hours. Proceeds from the sales benefit our Guardian Angel program.

Epiphany Door Signs: 20 + C + M + B + 24

2024 signs are available after all masses this weekend. "Chalking the door" is a traditional way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk would fade. The Epiphany cards we use today let the meaning of the symbols sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions, with the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedictat*, "May Christ Bless This Home."

MISSION STATEMENT

We are the church of St. Peter committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through prayer, service, scripture and sacrament in the living Catholic and apostolic tradition. We welcome all to walk with us on this journey of faith.

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SUNDAY MORNING: 8:30AM & 10:30 AM - CHURCH



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Mt 2:2). This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Epiphany- the revelation of Jesus to the whole world. God has now extended The Light of Faith to the Gentiles. God has lifted restrictions on who is considered a chosen child of God; He has opened the boundaries and let others partake in the salvific blessings. After their audience with the king, the magi set out. "And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star (Mt 2: 9-10).

The star led them on their journey of faith. They needed help with their search. They lost the subject of their search and faced deception from King Herod. But the grace of God led them to baby Jesus when the star stopped at his location and saw him lying in a manger. They found the one they sought, and his grace moved them to worship. They offered the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The whole event indicates the hunger for the truth, redemption, and aspiration for life in the heart of the wise men who represent all non-Jewish people, the Gentiles.

They found faith in a little child lying in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem. God reveals himself and humbly in a vulnerable little child. His grace of enlightenment must have filled the magi because they saw beyond the fragile, infant Jesus, the savior of the world. They offer gifts representing their total self-giving to the King, who will save the universe by his suffering and death.

We, too, are on a journey of faith. We will meet with obstacles and lose our focus from time to time. We will face falsehood and deception originating from the devil and its agents. We must, however, preserve our initial vision and drive. We will find direction through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We must approach the Sacraments frequently to see Jesus, to encounter and embrace him. Like the wise men, we have the light of faith to guide us on our journey. And God's grace will guide us to Jesus in the simple Sacred Host, His actual body. Like the wise men, we will find Jesus in the Eucharist and be overjoyed at seeing him.

This Sunday evening, we have an excellent opportunity to encounter Jesus joyfully and worship him as the Magi did. Beginning at 7 pm, we will have "an epiphany of blessings," the manifestation and outpouring of God's gracious blessings upon us and our families. With this parish Eucharistic Adoration on the evening of the Epiphany, we anticipate the end of the Christmas season, which kicks in tomorrow with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and we will walk as blessed people into the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year!

Come to Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration tonight and "do him homage." Jesus awaits to bless you.

In Christ,

Fr. Alayode Bernard Oniwe, OP

The Epiphany - January 7, 2024

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people."

Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

SANCTUARY CANDLES ILLUMINATE THIS WEEK FOR:

~ HISTORIC CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of the

Theresa Barone

From the Rankin Family

~ CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of

George Ulrich

From the Stark & Ulrich Families





Mass Intentions

SAT JANUARY 6 FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Fr. Michael Grab (C)
Georgann Azzalina
4:00 PM Our Parish Family

SUN JANUARY 7 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

8:30 AM In Celebration of Mary & Rob Lopez's Wedding
Anniversary (C) Maryjane & Norman Chartier
10:30 AM Living Intentions of the Schmitt Family (C) Angel
of Hope Team

MON JANUARY 8

8:00 AM + Helen Kloess (HC) Bill & Jeane Dahlmann

TUE JANUARY 9

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Mary Ann Penatzer (HC)
Annie Norment

WED JANUARY 10

8:00 AM + Ralph Lehman (HC) Kohlweiler Family

THUR JANUARY 11

6:00 PM Living Intentions of the Becker Family (C) Yoder
Family

FRI JANUARY 12

8:00 AM + Tom Martin (HC) Desjardins Family

SAT JANUARY 13 VIGIL

4:00 PM + Richard Alexander Sr. (C) Azzalina Family

SUN JANUARY 14 ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM + Philip Bottenfield (C) Evelyn Weston
10:30 AM Our Parish Family
1:00 PM + Jane Fellingner-College Mass (HC) E-Town College
Center for Student Success

Scripture Readings

Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
JANUARY 7, 2024
A SPECIAL EPIPHANY ADORATION
REFLECTION WITH FORGIVEN

Save the Date
Saturday, January 27, 2024
1:30 – 3:00 pm
Diocesan Center, Harrisburg



**Harrisburg Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women
Pro-Life Baby Shower**

Mark your calendars, plan to join us.
All donated baby items will be distributed to Pro-Life
organizations in our Diocese. Watch the bulletin for
more information. A list of request items is on the
bulletin board.

2024 March for Life

The 51st national **March for Life** is being held in Washington D.C., on Friday, January 19, 2024 for the purpose of keeping the horror of abortion alive in the conscience of the nation. Catholics Defending Life of Lancaster PA (CDL) is sponsoring a bus to this worthy pro-life event. Anyone interested in going to this year's March aboard this bus should phone Rosie at 717-397-6966 for details and necessary reservations.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

January is **Poverty Awareness Month**. During this month, you are invited to join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor. Sign up to receive daily reflections and learn more about the poor at <https://www.usccb.org/catholic-current/weeks-catholic-current-our-lady-guadalupe-poverty-awareness-month-cultural>

Foster Parents Are Needed

If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. Please contact Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or gpfeifer@cchbg.org for more information and to register for our virtual Information/Orientation session on January 8, 2024.

9 Days for Life - January 16-24

9 Days for Life is the USCCB's annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Visit respectlife.org/9-days-signup to access the resources and to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

SAVE THE DATE!

Young Catholic Professionals is launching in the Diocese of Harrisburg on January 26 at the Keystone Building, 400 North St., Harrisburg, from 7-9pm. All adults 21-39 are welcome to join. RSVP details coming soon! Learn more on Facebook: @ycpsouthcentralpa.

Diocesan Catechetical Conference

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened..." (Mt 11:28) All are invited to join Bishop Timothy Senior and catechists from throughout the Diocese on **Saturday, February 3, 2024**, at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg for the annual Catechetical Conference. Keynote speaker Colette Lienhard will address "Care for the Catechist's Soul." Bishop Senior will celebrate Mass to open the conference, which will include additional presentations, lunch and the opportunity for Confession. For more information, or to register, visit www.hbgdiocese.org.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Saturday~ January 13, 2024

**Marie Strait, Ginny Blazer, Marianne Nicklaus
& Cora Mathin**



December 23/24, 2023

SUNDAY ONLINE	\$ 2,883.00
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 7,756.29
YOUTH	\$ 44.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$ 10,683.29
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 10.00

December 30/31, 2023

SUNDAY ONLINE	\$ 3,553.00
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 6,313.00
YOUTH	\$ 118.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$ 9,984.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 3,936.00
CHRISTMAS	\$10,781.13
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$795.00

MASS ATTENDANCE DEC 30/31

4:00 PM =	115
8:30 AM =	127
10:30 AM =	176
TOTAL =	418

2024 AVAILABLE FLOWER & CANDLE DATES

MARY	JOSEPH	HC-CANDLE	C-CANDLE
6/9/2024	1/21/2024	2/18/2024	3/10/2024
8/4/2024	2/5/2024	3/17/2024	10/13/2024
10/29/2024	10/8/2024	9/29/2024	10/20/2024
11/17/2024	10/15/2024	11/17/2024	
	10/22/2024		
	11/3/2024		
	11/10/2024		
	11/24/2024		

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

In Loving Memory

From:

Joan Cruice
Dullinger Family
Grinnell Family

Sylvia Spagnolo
Philip Wise

Dullinger Family
Sylvia Spagnolo
Philip Wise

For:

Kathleen & John Cruice
John Lilly & Joseph F. Dullinger
Arlene Grinnell, Sue & Bucky Weisgarber
Gabrielle Stevenson, Vincent Spagnolo, Dorothy Spagnolo, Betty Wise & Ken Wise

In Honor

Dullinger & Lilly Families
Bridget Still & Ruthmark Rapp

DECEMBER

~Religious Education~



Sharing God's Bounty

January

A New Year – New Opportunities

Each new day brings promise of a new start. For many, the start of a new week is the time to begin that diet, get serious about exercising, or forego TV viewing. For a vast majority, though, there's something especially motivating and invigorating about seeing the January calendar on the wall. This is the year we'll accomplish great things!

God doesn't necessarily call us to do great things, however. God asks that we be trustworthy in small things (Luke 16:10-11). To that end, God gives us gifts to use to build up the Body of Christ and to reach out to the lost.

Some of us have many gifts. People like Michelangelo – painter, sculptor, and poet and Thomas Jefferson – architect, statesman, and scientific farmer – come to mind. God, the Giver of gifts, knows that the number of gifts each of us has varies. Jesus told the Parable of the Talents pointing up this fact and teaching us that success lies in using what we've been given, not in having the greatest amount.

Our gifts also differ in degree. There are many sculptors but few, if any, compare to Michelangelo. Yet their art can bring satisfaction and inspiration to others. You may not be able to sing opera, but you can sing God's praises. You may not be a great orator, but you can witness to the love and grace of God in Christ. You may not be a mechanic, but you can provide transportation for someone needing to get to an appointment or to church.

That's why God gives us gifts and abilities; that we may be equipped to serve others. The start of a new year offers us an opportune time to assess those gifts and see how we can use them for God's glory and the good of his people. The motivation to do this comes from the same one who gave the gifts! Just as God was motivated by love for us to give us, not just our gifts, but his greatest gift, his Son, so we are motivated by love for God to serve those he calls us to serve.



The Scriptures call each of us to a deeper awareness of the wonders of God's blessings, the gifts that he has showered on us in so great an abundance, and to the challenge to use those gifts and talents creatively and responsibly.

But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7



What's Happening

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am First Saturday Mass & Devotions

*** Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign-ups***

Sunday, January 7 Donut Social After 8:30 & 10:30 Mass

*** Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign-ups***

9:30 am Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting PH

6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade RE

6:30 pm Youth Meeting

7:00 pm Epiphany Adoration with music by
"FORGVEN" C

Monday, January 8

7:00 pm OCIA "The Sacraments"

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 pm Bible Study PH

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 am Bible Study PH

6:30 pm PreK—6 Religious Ed

7:00 pm Choir C

Thursday, January 11

5:00 pm Confessions C

5:30 pm Rosary C

6:00 pm Daily Mass & NO Adoration

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

6:30 am TMIY PH

9:00 am Ministry Mass & Meeting C/PH

1:00 pm Handmaids Doc's Roller Rink

Sunday, January 14 * Knights of Columbus Blood Drive *

2:00 pm CCW Matinee Movie PH

6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade RD

6:30 pm Youth Meeting

7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting PH

2024 RESPECT LIFE BASKET RAFFLE



The raffle baskets will be in the Narthex in January through Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th. New baskets are added every week. Some basket ideas include Hershey Park tickets, sporting event tickets, restaurant gift certificates, baking basket, wine & cheese... the possibilities are endless. Mark your calendars and look for the baskets in the Narthex. If questions, call Pat Minick at 717-367-5370.

BASKETS NEEDED!!!!

MEN'S CLUB LOTTERY CALENDARS WINNERS

Richard Miller, Ann Byrne,

Mark Nissley & Ginny Blazer



Blood Donation



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30 am—2:30 pm

Parish Hall

There are plenty of available time slots for blood donations. Stop by the table in the Narthex to sign-up.

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BIY!!!

Check out the "Bible in a Year" podcast and begin your journey through the story of our salvation. It will astound you!! **We will be starting a new, relaxing, and supportive group of "travelers" in 2024.** If interested, email cre@stpeteretown.org.



St. Valentine's Day Dance— It is time to buy your tickets for our St. Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday February 10, 2024, in our social hall from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Music and lighting by Matt Cleveland. BYOB. Beverages, mixers, and party food provided including Gluten Free. Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$25.00 per couple. Tickets on sale after each Mass or in the office. For more info contact John

Gulya at john.gulya@gmail.com or 717-693-2195.

Upcoming RE Dates

1/07/24	7th/8th RE In Person classes resume
1/17/24	RE Adoration (Families welcome 7pm)
1/21/24	7th/8th "Godly Goals" Formation 5:30pm
1/27/24	Confirmation Dinner following 4pm Mass
1/28/24	First Reconciliation Workshop after 10:30am Mass
1/28/24	NO 7th/8th RE
1/31/24	Bits & Bites: "Pillars & Precepts" 6:40pm

Let's Celebrate Our Youth! WOW

Congratulations to Mary Bolesky on her 1000 point accomplishment for the Lancaster Catholic's Varsity Basketball team. Mary is a senior at LCHS and has played on the girls varsity basketball team four years. Mary plans to attend The American University in Washington DC and hopes to play for the University! We are proud of you!



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