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Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 01, 2026

THEY FEEL
prostrate
MATTHEW 17:6

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil - 4:30 pm - Church
Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:30 am - Church

DAILY MASS ~ HISTORIC CHURCH & CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am HC
Thursday 6:00pm Church 5:30 pm Rosary C

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"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."

—St. Therese of Lisieux



Beloved in Christ,

"This is my beloved Son, listen to him" (Mt 17: 5). What does it mean and cost to listen to Jesus, God's beloved Son? To listen to Jesus is to deny oneself, take up the cross, and follow him (See Mk 9:34). Abram, our father in faith, trusted God when asked to leave his home for the unknown. God made him promises without any concrete sign of fulfillment, but "Abram went as the LORD directed him" (Gen 12:4). We must listen to God and obey his commandments even if it leads to affliction and suffering. God never abandons us in our suffering; he provides us strength and hope. God continues to speak to us his words of conversion and faith. Lent is a season we must commit to listening to the word of God as Abram did. Pope Leo's 2026 message of Lent, "Listening and Fasting," calls us to listen to the word of God: "The willingness to listen is the first way to demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone," Pope Leo says.

The story of the transfiguration of Jesus on the holy Mt. Tabor is God's remedy to the Christian experience of suffering. The revelation of divine glory in the transfiguration of Jesus will aid the apostles when they see Jesus go through his passion and when they, too, encounter suffering in the world, as they listen to and obey Jesus' teachings. This event on the mountain points to a central truth of our Christian faith- that the cross is the key to heavenly glory. The cross eventually leads to the resurrection. Without the cross, there is no resurrection. We should never forget that our sufferings and afflictions are not the end of the story. When we continue to listen to and obey God's commandments, we should always trust that God will not abandon us, even if we feel that way in real-time. God will always point to the transfiguration of his Son as the definite end of our prayerful walk with Jesus, the denial of self, picking up our cross, and following him. The transfiguration is a source of hope in the midst of the trials we face as we live our faith.

One of the most instructive pious devotions in Lent, which captures the spirit of Jesus' passion, is the Stations of the Cross. The *Via Crucis* or *Via Dolorosa*, the way of the cross or way of sorrows/suffering, is an effective and impactful way of contemplating the suffering of Christ and a way of drawing inspiration and strength to endure our suffering as we strive to live our lives in obedience to the Gospel of Christ.

I strongly encourage everyone to make it a priority during Lent to attend the parish's Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 p.m., after we finish our Lenten fish fry dinner. Jesus invites us to pick up our cross and follow him; let us **listen to him!**

In Christ,

Fr. Alayode, OP

Second Sunday of Lent - March 01, 2026

"This is my beloved Son... listen to him." (Matthew 17:5)

God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

2026 FLOWERS & CANDLES

There are still flower and candle dates available for the 2026 calendar year. Please see the flyer in the Narthex, posted on the doors or call the parish office for dates. It is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one or honor a special occasion like birthdays or anniversaries!

Thank you



Mass Intentions

SAT FEBRUARY 28

4:30 PM + Kathy Possinger (C) Klinger Family

SUN MARCH 1 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM Special Intentions of Elizabeth Liebe (C)
Julie and Tim Wittman

10:30 AM Our Parish Family

MON MARCH 2

8:00 AM + Chris Klinger (HC) Klinger Family

TUE MARCH 3

8:00 AM + Rick Morton (HC) Dan & Deb Brockman

WED MARCH 4

8:00 AM + Shirley Yingst (HC) Azzalina Family

THU MARCH 5

6:00 PM + Patrick Helm (C) Sue Keener

FRI MARCH 6 FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM + Michael and Christy Apfelbaum (HC)
Schmitt Family

11:00 AM Special Intentions of Deb Thomas
(E-town Rehab) Jean Schleinkofer

SAT MARCH 7 FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 AM + Doug German (C) Kern Family

4:30 PM Our Parish Family

SUN MARCH 8

8:30 AM Special Intentions of Arlene Blew (C)
Rider Family

10:30 AM + Tony English (C) John English



PARISH ADORATION

Monday March 2
6:00 pm

Come spend an hour
with our Lord!

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING LENT

Thursdays~ 5:00pm C

Saturdays ~ 3:30pm C

Sundays ~ 9:45am –10:15am C

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday March 16th 7:00pm



~ In Memoriam ~

**~Stan Bradley~
Brother of Mil Mealey**

**~ Betty Shelley ~
Mother of Linda Garrity**

**~ Thomas Cusack'~
Uncle of Eileen Rider**

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May All of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen."



Scripture Readings

For the week of March 01, 2026

Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16- 17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:



FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE.



Stewardship

February 21/22, 2026

SUNDAY ONLINE	\$ 3,321.00
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 9,495.00
YOUTH	\$ 101.00
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING	\$ 12,917.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	\$ 2,434.00
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 200.00

2026 DAC "Faithful Stewards"

Goal: \$81,743
Total gifts & pledges: \$23,922
Need: \$57,821

Do not let a day pass without doing some good during it.
- St. Philip Neri

Be a *Faithful Steward* of God's gifts.

CHARISMATIC MASS

There will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm. at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland.

Very Reverend Paul M. Clark, Pastor of St. Matthews Parish in Dauphin will be the celebrant. All are welcome!

For more information call Mary Ann at 717-512-3628 or Vicki at 717-364-6260.



Disabilities Ministry Training - March 9-10



Whether it is a long-time parishioner using a walker after a stroke, a teenager with Down syndrome, or a 30-year-old with hearing loss, all persons with disabilities have a home in the Church.

The Diocese of Harrisburg will be hosting the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD) to provide a free two-day disability ministry training.

Clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and **volunteers in any ministry** will gain foundational knowledge about disabilities and mental health. Ideas about how to remove barriers so that parishes can be places of belonging for all will also be discussed.

The training will be held at the Diocesan Conference Center. Register for one or both days. **All are invited.** For questions, contact Marianne Weltmer at mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext 322.

PRAY Adoration: Story and Songs

Play and Toys Available in the Hall

BUFFET Potluck: bring a dish to share!

MAR 8

CFCL INVITES FAMILIES TO ADORATION AFTER ST. CATHERINE'S 10:30AM MASS

CATHOLIC FAMILY CONNECTION

ST. CATHERINE'S IN QUARRYVILLE

11:30AM ADORATION
12:30PM POTLUCK

RSVP to catholic.families.lane@gmail.com

7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS

A NIGHT OF REFLECTION,
FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST

5:00PM-8:00PM

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DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

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ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME!



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IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND
STRENGTHENING FUNDING
FOR OUR MINISTRIES FOR
THE YEARS AHEAD.**

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your feedback:*

Go to steiergroup.com/survey
and click on Roman Catholic Diocese
of Harrisburg to view the fact sheet
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share your feedback.



2026 Men's Conference

Steadfast *in Mercy*



The Return of the Prodigal Son, Bartolome Esteban Murillo

Featuring

Father Boniface Hicks,
OSB

*Save
The
Date*

April 18, 2026

Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA





Parish Calendar

Saturday, February 28

6:30 am That Man is You
11:00 am Confirmation at Holy Trinity
3:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Brief Living Stations Meeting after Mass

Sunday, March 1 **NO DONUTS DURING LENT**

9:30/11:30 Brief Living Stations Meeting after Mass
6:30 pm 7th Grade Religious Ed, **NO 8th Grade**

Monday, March 2

6:00 pm **ADORATION**
7:00 pm OCIA Room 2

Tuesday, March 3

6:30 pm Bible Study "The Art of Living Well"
Room 2

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 am Bible Study "The Art of Living Well"
Room 2
6:30 pm PK4-6th Religious Education
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 5

10:00 am FISH FRY PREP
5:30 pm Rosary C
6:00 pm Mass/Adoration C

Friday, March 6

3:00 pm FISH FRY PREP
4:30 pm **FISH FRY**
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross C

Saturday, March 7

6:30 am That Man is You
3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, March 8

12:00 pm Living Stations Practice C
6:30 pm 7th and 8th Grade Religious Ed
7:00 pm Men's Club Meeting PH

THANK YOU to all the donors and patrons who supported the Respect Life Basket Raffle this year. We can't thank you personally as many of the baskets showed up anonymously. Your creativity and generosity helped raise \$1400 towards respect life programs in the parish! God's blessings be with all.

Pat Minick and Evelyn Weston



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
SUNDAY, MARCH 8th AT 2:00AM**

**Don't forget to change your
clocks next weekend.
We spring forward.**

Time to
Spring Ahead

**Stations of the Cross
Every Friday in Lent
7:00 pm
Church**



EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

\$14.00/Dinner

**Fish, Fries, Applesauce,
Coleslaw & a Roll**

SSBVM Chocolate Eggs \$2.00

Church Parking Lot

4:30-6:30PM



Stations
of the Cross

Once again, our St. Peter Youth will present "Living Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday at 8PM. We are seeking Youth in Grades 4 through 12 to help us with this very special annual event. There is need for performers and readers; some roles are non-speaking. **Sign up in the Narthex after ALL Masses this weekend or ask any questions. Practices begin next week at noon. Snacks provided.**

Mass Attendance February 21/22

Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM = 160
NOON = 200
7:00 PM = 270

TOTAL = 630

Saturday/Sunday

4:30 PM = 234
8:30 AM = 115
10:30 AM = 139

TOTAL = 488

God's Housekeepers


Friday ~ March 6

**Kay Millhouse, Pat Minick, Carole Horvath,
Janet Chipriano and Rose Kinsey**



All children entering PK4 through 6th Grade next fall are officially invited to spend a royal week with the King and Queen of Heaven and earth. Enter through the gates of the kingdom and learn all about Mary and how she leads us closer to her Son, the King of kings! This year's St. Peter VBS, "Cool Kingdom Party," will be held July 12-16 from 6 to 8PM each night. Mark your calendars!

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