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The flowers on the main Altar have been designated by Mary and John Kinneman in memory of Mary & Dominic Licalsi.

The flowers on both side Altars have been designated by Anne Shelleman in memory of Francis & Phil Leonard.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Sean Bollinger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Living & deceased members of Cletus & Mary Neiderer family
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Living & deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson, Sr. family
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Barbara E. Weaver
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Lillian Murren
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Special Intention
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Charlie Klunk & deceased children Mike and Judy

Sat. Christmas Eve 5:30p.m. Barbara A. Lawrence
7:30p.m. Tom and Beth McKim

Sun. Christmas Day 12:00a.m. Midnight Barbara Neiderer
9:00a.m. The People of the Parish

Offertory Procession

Sat. Dec. 24 th	5:30p.m.	Those previously scheduled
	7:30p.m.	Those previously scheduled
Sun. Dec. 25 th	12:00a.m. Midnight	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Little
	9:00a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Leonard

No Confessions Sat. Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Sat. Dec. 24th 5:30p.m. & 7:30p.m. Sun. Dec. 25th Midnight Mass at 12:00a.m. and 9:00a.m.

New Year's Mass times follow the regular weekend schedule. Sat. Dec. 31st at 5:30p.m. Sun. Jan. 1st 7:30 and 10:00a.m.

Area Advent Penance Services

Sun. Dec. 18th at 6:00p.m. St. Francis Xavier Church, 25 W. High St. Gettysburg.

Mon. Dec. 19th at 7:00p.m. St. Aloysius, Littlestown.

Tues. Dec. 20th at 7:00p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbottstown.

Wed. Dec. 21st at 7:00p.m. St. Joseph Church, Grandview Rd. Hanover.

From the Pastor: From a Letter of Pope St. Leo the Great regarding the mystery of our reconciliation with God excerpted from the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

To speak of our Lord, the son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as true



and perfect man is of no value to us if we do not believe that he is descended from the line of ancestors set out in the Gospel. Matthew's gospel begins by setting out *the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham*, and then traces his human descent by bringing his ancestral line down to his mother's husband, Joseph. On the other hand, Luke traces his parentage backward step by step to the actual father of mankind, to show that both the first and the last Adam share the same nature. No doubt the Son of God in his omnipotence could have taught and sanctified men by appearing to them in a semblance of human form as he did to the patriarchs and prophets, when for instance he engaged in a wrestling contest or entered into conversation with them, or when he accepted their hospitality and even ate the food they set before him. But these appearances were only types, signs that mysteriously foretold the coming of one who would take a true human nature from the stock of the patriarchs who had gone before him. No mere figure, then, fulfilled the mystery of our reconciliation with God, ordained from all eternity. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon the Virgin nor had the power of the Most High overshadowed her, so that within her spotless womb Wisdom might build itself a house and the Word become flesh. The divine nature and the nature of a servant were to be united in one person so that the Creator of time might be born in time, and he through whom all things were made might be brought forth in their midst. For unless the new man, by being made *in the likeness of sinful flesh*, had taken on himself the nature of our first parents, unless he had stooped to be one in substance with his mother while sharing the Father's substance and, being alone free from sin, united our nature to his, the whole human race would still be held captive under the dominion of Satan. The Conqueror's victory would have profited us nothing if the battle had been fought outside our human condition. But through this wonderful blending the mystery of new birth shone upon us, so that through the same Spirit by whom Christ was conceived and brought forth we too might be born again in a spiritual birth; and in consequence the evangelist declares the faithful to have been *born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God*.

ALL Poinsettia orders must be in the Parish Office Sun. Dec. 18th. No orders will be accepted Mon. as the count must be called in to the florist first thing in the morning.

Thanks to all who ordered (and picked up) Cookie Trays! From

the amount of Trays sold 22,500 meals will be provided through Cross Catholic Outreach Meal Program for Haiti and Nicaragua.

The Angel Tree Coordinators wish to express their sincere appreciation to all who assisted in the project by donating, sorting, or delivering the presents, or preparing the angels for the Tree. The Program reached out to 9 adults, 24 children, and 27 shut-ins from our Parish. There were 171 pounds of gifts delivered to New Hope Ministries. May God bless you all! A note from Laura Mull: "I have been blessed to have this opportunity to serve the Church community, but after 10 yrs, as coordinator I have decided to turn this position over to someone else. If you would like to take over as Angel Tree Coordinator please contact me at 634-9168."

Enjoy a Christmas Concert at Delone Catholic Sun. Dec. 18th in the Old Gym beginning at 6:30p.m.

The 106th Annual Carol Sing will be held Sun. Dec. 18th at 7:00p.m. at Emmanuel UCC 124 Broadway, Hanover. This Hanover Tradition will have Christmas Carols sung and their stories (re)told by Steve McKonley and Landy Grimm, accompanied by a community orchestra directed by Jamie Brown. All are welcome!

The Parish Office will be closed Fri. Dec. 23rd – and will re-open Jan. 2nd at 9:00a.m.

The music preludes for Christmas Masses are as follows: Christmas Eve Mass at 5:30p.m. will begin with a prelude at 4:30p.m. The 7:30 Mass prelude begins at 7:00p.m. Midnight Mass prelude begins at 11:15p.m. The 9:00a.m. Christmas Day Mass prelude begins at 8:30a.m.

Bishop Gainer will be celebrating Mass for Homeschooling Families in Room 103 of the Diocesan Center Fri. Jan. 6th at 6:30p.m. The Sacrament of Penance will be available before Mass from 5:30 - 6:15p.m. After Mass, there will be a light reception. Please RSVP to Jim Gontis by Jan. 3rd at jgontis@hbgdiocese.org with the number of people planning to attend. The Diocesan Center is located at 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111.

The 18th annual Cash Raffle/Dinner Fundraiser benefitting Delone Catholic Athletic Assoc. will be held Sat. Jan. 14th at SAVES Social Hall, Hanover Rd. Hanover. The donation is \$100.00 per ticket which admits 2 people for dinner and open bar. You must be 21 to attend. For tickets call Patty Smith at 717-451-7618 or the School Office at 637-5969.

Sacred Heart School News
Make your Christmas shopping easier by supporting SHS's "Helping Hearts Gift Card Program"! In the church vestibule before all Masses, volunteers are selling gift cards to many local stores and restaurants. Proceeds from your purchase benefit both Sacred Heart School and our important tuition-assistance program.