FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The flowers on Saint Joseph's Altar have been designated by Mr. & Mrs. George Zimmerman in loving memory of Charles R. Vaccaro.

Mass Intentions:

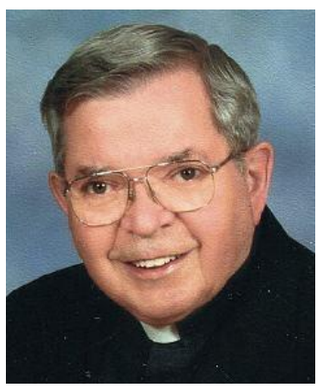
Saturday March 8	5:30pm	Francis McDannell
Sunday March 9	7:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Living & Deceased members of Mark Smith Sr. Family
Monday March 10	12:15pm	Eloise Hopkins
Wednesday March 12	8:30am	Barry Altland
Friday March 14	7:00pm	Keith & Gary Adams
Saturday March 15	5:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Smith
Sunday March 16	7:30am	Don Becker
	10:00am	People of the Parish

Fridays of Lent

It is tradition here to have a 7:00pm Mass every Friday of Lent. For every 7:00pm Mass on Fridays of Lent, we will have a holy hour before Mass - starting at 6pm. All are welcome!

VOCATION MINISTRY

Vocations from Sacred Heart Parish



Monsignor Thomas Smith knew he wanted to be a priest early in life. Two posters at Sacred Heart School impacted him in a special way. One was a picture of a student staring at Jesus who said to him, "Come follow me". Another was of a Boy Scout with a priest behind him. A Boy Scout himself, Tom felt the message was meant for him. He credited the daily rosary, masses and novenas at Sacred Heart as well as a firm family foundation as his inspiration of religious life. When asked about his early life in an interview in 2013, he said "We didn't have much, but we had family, we had food, we had faith—everything that we needed." Tom received the Distinguished Graduate award from Sacred Heart and often remarked that the school taught him to be a leader. He attended Delone Catholic, was ordained in 1957 and named a Monsignor in 1982. He served the Harrisburg Diocese at Bloomsburg, Mount Carmel, Annville, and Lancaster and as Chaplain at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill. He was the oldest active pastor in the diocese until his retirement to Saint Anne's Retirement Community in Columbia, PA. He died on August 31, 2014 and is buried in the priest area left of the main entrance to the church he loved, Sacred Heart Basilica. He left an admonition to do what you can, as much as you can, for as many as you can, for as long as you can.

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:8) This Lenten season, reflect on your life's direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Reverend Joshua Weaver, Diocesan Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org.

Stations of the Cross in Lent 2025

7pm on Wednesdays— Liguori version
2pm on Fridays—Stations for Children
7pm on Sunday March 23—Fulton Sheen's version
7pm on Sunday April 13—Mary's Stations
3pm on Good Friday—Fulton Sheen's version

Parish Penance Service

Saturday April 12, 2025 10:00am

Several priests will be available to hear your Confession in preparation for Easter.

Parish Bible Study

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the gym
March 13 – 2 Corinthians 4-8
March 20 – 2 Corinthians 8-11
If interested in joining, contact Jessica.fitzgerald2@gmail.com

What are "Ember Days?"

The Church first observed Ember Days in its early centuries. Once each season, the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of one week were set apart to pray, fast, and thank God for the blessings of the season (particularly the crops that yielded oil, bread, and wine), and to pray for priests. (At one time, priests were ordained during Ember Days.) Ember Days are no longer times of mandatory fasting and abstinence, so they are not on the Church calendar, but observing the tradition of Ember Days is a helpful reminder to:

- Thank God for the gifts He gives through nature.
- Thank God for the priesthood and the gift of the sacraments.
- Pray and sacrifice for vocations to the priesthood.

The next Ember Days, March 12, 14, and 15, occur during the first week in Lent. Perhaps we can include the intention of priestly vocations in our Lenten prayers and sacrifices.

Rite of Election

Today Catechumens will travel to Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg to be formally chosen by Holy Mother Church as members of the "elect." Catechumens have chosen to embrace Jesus Christ and His Church. Now the Church formally chooses them in this special ceremony entitled the "Rite of Election." All are invited to attend the ceremony.

The Handing on of the Creed

On Wednesday March 12, there will be a special ceremony called the **Handing on of the Creed** to our catechumens and candidates. This is one of the steps along the journey of Christian initiation. All are welcome to join. It begins at 6:30pm and will conclude before Stations of the Cross which begin at 7:00pm.

Delone Catholic Music Assoc. Mulch Sale

Cost- $5 per bag of brown shredded mulch.
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Church Cleaning

This Thursday at 9:00am. All are welcome to join in. Bring a bucket & rag.

Cemetery Clean Up

Our cemetery clean-up begins mid-March through the end of March. Items not removed will be discarded. No exceptions.

Visitors of the Homebound Meeting

This Thursday March 13 at 2:00pm at the home of Christine Reynold. If you are interested in joining our group, you are welcome to come to the meeting. Call Christine if you know someone would like a visit at 717-632-5717.

Diocesan Annual Campaign

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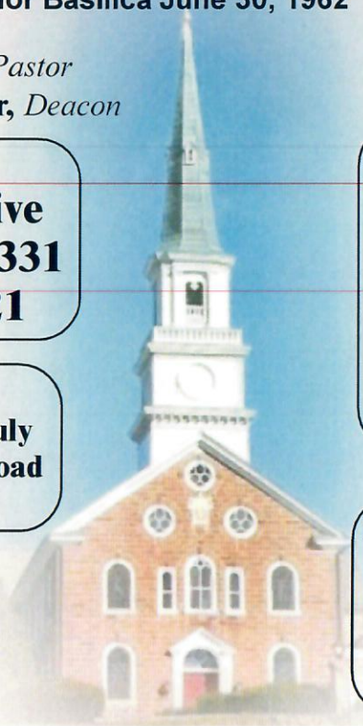

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Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Confessions
5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30am Mass
10:00am Mass

First Friday of the Month

6:00pm: Adoration & Confessions
7:00pm: Mass

Other Mass Times

Times vary. Check weekly bulletin.

Baptism & Anointing of the Sick

Call parish office.

Marriages

Couples contemplating marriage are to approach the pastor at least nine months before the date on which they hope to marry.