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Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm
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Parish Registration

Welcome new parishioners! Please contact the Office Administrator during office hours to register in the parish. When changing your address, phone number or email address, please notify the parish office to update your information.

Parish Picnic

Third Saturday of July at Basilica Picnic Grove, 3175 Centennial Road, Hanover

Bulletin Submissions

Email your proofread announcement as text (not scanned) by Tuesday 9:00am to Office Administrator.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am & 10:00am
First Friday of the Month: 7:00pm
Weekdays & Holy Days: Check bulletin

Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm; First Friday of the Month: 6:00pm

Baptism of Children

Call the parish office to prepare.

Anointing of the Sick

Notify the office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound and wants to receive the Sacrament.

Marriage

The marriage preparation process takes at least nine months. Couples should meet with the pastor as soon as possible after getting engaged.

Christian Initiation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic Christian, email us: ConewagoRCIA@gmail.com. Meetings are usually Mondays at 6:30pm.

Burial Plots

To purchase a burial plot, please call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Jean.

Catholic Education

Saint Teresa of Calcutta School: grades preK- 8
717-637-3135; 717-632-8715; Stck8school.org

Delone Catholic High School: grades 9-12
717-637-5969; DeloneCatholic.org

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 8, 2026

Mass Intentions:

Saturday March 7
5:30pm — People of the Parish
Sunday March 8
7:30am — Christopher Noel
10:00am—Curtis Buie & in honor of Anita Buie

Monday March 9 +St. Frances of Rome+
12:15pm— Donna Marie Carnazzo
Tuesday March 10
No public Mass
Wednesday March 11
8:30am— Cindy Kindon
Thursday March 12
No public Mass
Friday March 13
6:00pm— Holy Hour of Adoration
7:00pm— Steven Walter
Saturday March 14
5:30pm — People of the Parish
Sunday March 15
7:30am — Shirley Carbaugh
10:00am — Leon & Anna Klunk

Altar Flowers

Flowers on Saint Joseph's Altar have been designated in loving memory of Joseph P. Groft from his family.
The flowers on Mary's Altar last weekend (March 1) were designated in Honor of Joan Baker's 90th birthday from her family.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to designate Easter flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one this year, please stop by the parish office or drop an envelope in the collection basket with check or cash for $14 and designated name(s). Deadline for submission is March 22 for collection basket or March 23 for office. Thank you.

Visitors of the Homebound News

There will be a meeting of the Visitors of the Homebound on Thursday March 12 at 2:00pm at the home of Christine Reynold, 2691 Centennial Road, Hanover. Anyone interested in joining our group or attending the meeting is always welcome. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from us, please call Christine at 717-632-5717.

Parish Calendar

Saturday March 7
4:00pm Confessions
Sunday March 8
10:00am Mass with First Scrutiny
1:30pm STC Cash Bingo in Gym
Monday March 9
6:30pm Christian Initiation Class in convent
Tuesday March 10
Wednesday March 11
9:15am Women's Bible Study
6:30pm CCD classes
6:30pm Women's Bible study in Parish Hall
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday March 12
9:00am Church Cleaning, new faces always welcome!
2:00pm Visitors of the Homebound meeting
at Christine Reynold home at 2691 Centennial Rd.
6:30pm Anchor of Hope Grief Support group
Friday March 13
6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
7:00pm Mass
Saturday March 14
4:00pm Confessions
Sunday March 15
10:00am Mass with Second Scrutiny

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering	$13,645.62
Capital Campaign	$675.00
Heat	$844.00

Diocesan Annual Campaign

Our goal for the 2026 Diocesan Annual Campaign is $74,205. We appreciate all of your generous support. Remember that all donations above and beyond our goal are returned to the parish unassessed. Thank you for your generosity.

Special Lenten Supper

Save the Date: Special Lenten Supper with Stations of the Cross Join us for Fulton Sheen's Way of the Cross followed by a light Lenten dinner of soup and salad at 4:30pm on Sunday March 22, 2026. Tickets are $5 and are available after all Masses and through the parish office.

A Housekeeping Item

After using it, please place the *Missalette* **behind** the black *Parish Hymnal* in the pew book rack.

To Restore True Charity Always from the Heart

Is this not the charism of Sacred Heart Parish?
May everything we do in this parish be inspired by this charism.

Christian Initiation

In the early church, there were various little ceremonies that prepared catechumens for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. In the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church recovered the importance of these ceremonies. Three of those ceremonies are called "Scrutinies."

The Scrutinies

at 10:00 am Masses on these Sundays:

- First— March 8
- Second— March 15
- Third—March 22

The Spiritual Purpose of the Scrutinies

"The Scrutinies are ordered toward liberation from sin and the devil, and they give strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life of the elect. Moreover, the Scrutinies are set forth to purify minds and hearts, to fortify against temptations, to convert intentions, and to awaken the will, so that the elect may cling more closely to Christ and pursue more vigorously their desire to love God. (From *The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* §141)

Parish Penance Service

Saturday March 21, 2026
10am in the Church

Several priests will be available to hear your Confession in preparation for the solemn remembrance of the great sacrifice made for us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Movie about Fr. Stanley Rother

A movie about the life of Father Stanley Rother is currently being produced. Fr. Rother, who had studied as a seminarian at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland, served as a missionary priest in Guatamala and was murdered there in 1981. This past Thursday a theater company was here at Sacred Heart. They filmed a few scenes in the church and convent. They used some of our historic artifacts and other items in the scenes. We look forward to the release of the film and hopefully we will be able to have another movie night at the Basilica Picnic Grove.

Barn Renovation Update

Closer analysis on the barn and the attached garage has recently been done. The garage portion of the barn is structurally unsound. At this point, the right thing to do is to demolish it. Restoring it would cost much more than simply razing it. For years, this garage has been used for various purposes including as a drop off spot for recycling. Unfortunately, that will need to cease for the time being.

Regarding the rest of the barn, a few designs have been recommended by architects. It seems more prudent to have the museum and gift shop space of the barn as one combined space rather than two smaller ones. The location of the bathrooms has also been modified in light of various considerations including cold weather, the threat of pipes freezing in the winter, etc.

We appreciate all of your support of this momentous project which is steadily increasing our parish's reach: restoring true charity always from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bulletin Advertisers

We are extremely grateful for the local businesses featured in our bulletin. Their generous support helps sustain our church and print the bulletin each week. Please take a moment to look over their advertisements and consider supporting them as a way of sharing that gratitude.

Family Praise and Worship!

All families are welcome to join us for
praise, worship and fellowship
in the gym around 6:30pm on Friday March 20.
Recording Artist Nick Higgins will lead the music.
Check out his YouTube channel
"Nicholas A. Higgins."
Especially his "A Song for the King."

Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday of Lent at 7:00pm in the Church

The Diocese's New Feasibility Study for a New Diocesan Wide Capital Campaign Make Your Voice Heard!

Some initial thoughts to consider as you send your feedback to the Steier Group:

- Delone Catholic High School is in the midst of preparing for a major capital campaign.
- Our neighboring parish, Annunciation BVM in McSherrystown has an ongoing capital campaign.
- Another neighboring parish, Immaculate Conception BVM in New Oxford is also in need of major building repairs. It would not be a surprise if they begin a capital campaign soon.
- It's possible that Saint Joseph Parish in Hanover may be planning to add on to their school.
- Our parish currently has a capital campaign for the renovation of the parish barn into an activity center, museum, and gift shop with bathrooms. This enables us to accommodate the multiple groups of pilgrims that visit our historic parish each year.

Please take the survey. There are lots of good concerns that can and should be expressed to the diocese before undertaking such a massive effort. Bishop has asked for honest feedback about this. So let us make sure we respond in a helpful way.

Adams Deanery Lenten Penance Services:

Saturday March 14	10:00am	Saint Vincent DePaul Parish, Hanover
Saturday March 14	10:00am	Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg
Saturday March 21	**10:00am**	**Sacred Heart Basilica**
Thursday March 26	7:00pm	Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Bonneauville
Saturday March 28	10:00am	Annunciation BVM Parish, McSherrystown
Tuesday March 31	7:00pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Abbottstown
Wednesday April 1	7:00pm	Saint Joseph Parish, Hanover

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A Photograph Discovered in the Barn

While cleaning out the parish barn, a box of very old photographs was discovered. This is one such photograph. Notice the lack of electricity— no electric lamps at the front of the church. This seems to be a photo taken from the time of the pastorate of Reverend John F. O'Donnell 1925-1947.

Mailing Address

We have been having some trouble with our US Mail service. To help solve this problem, please note the following: when sending mail to the Conewago Campus of Saint Teresa of Calcutta School, please send it to "30 Basilica Drive" **not** "55 Basilica Drive." The address "55 Basilica Drive" identifies the convent, not the school. When there is a substitute carrier, they fail to leave the mail at the proper place because the mail is addressed to 55 Basilica Drive. This becomes a bigger problem than one might think. So please help us out with this. Thank you.

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Delone Catholic Mulch Sale

Delone Catholic Music Association is now accepting pre-orders for its Annual Mulch Sale, to be held on March 28, April 11, and April 25 from 9:00am—12:00pm. 2 cubic ft. bags of brown shredded much costs $5.50 each and must be pre-ordered for curbside pick or delivery no later than Friday March 20 at 12:00pm. Orders of ten or more bags can be delivered free of charge to the McSherrystown/Hanover area. Place orders online at delonecatholic.org/mulch. Questions can be addressed to Jerry Ricucci , '97, at 717-476-7461 or Ricucci@rocketmail.com .

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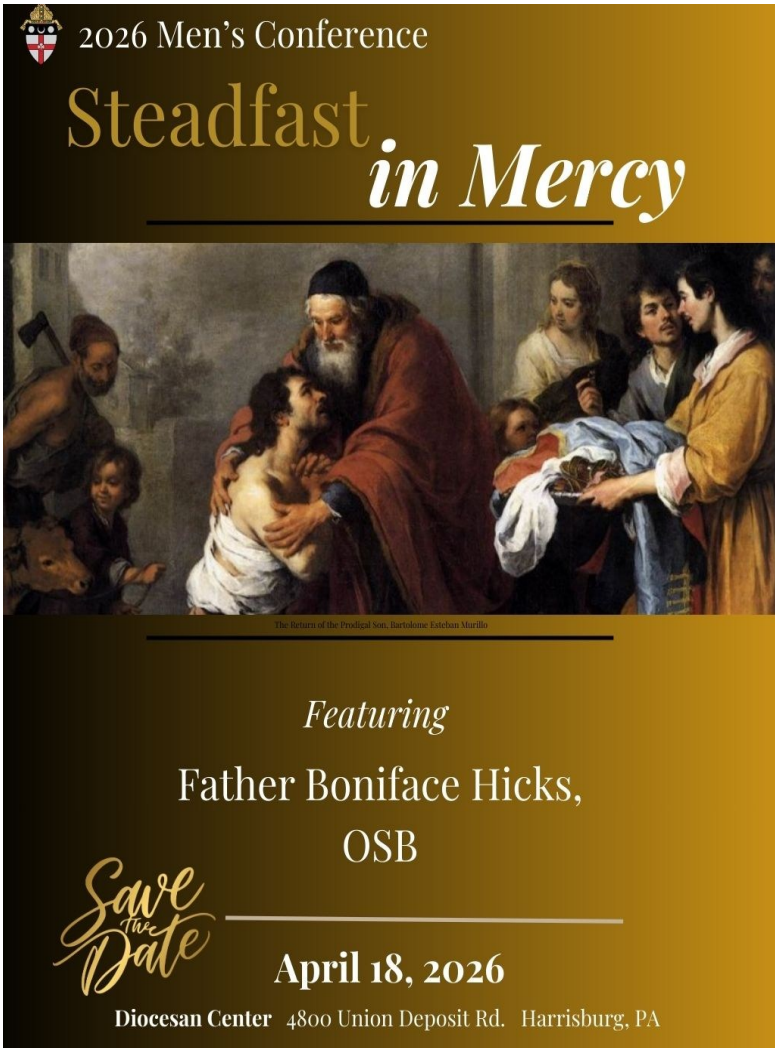
Cost: $20 per ticket which includes a roast turkey platter and 20 games of regular bingo paying $50 per game
Time: Doors open at 4:00, Dinner served from 5:00-6:15, Bingo starts at 6:30
Where: Delone Catholic High School cafeteria
Specials and speed bingo games are also available.
Door prizes will be given out.
No children under the age of six are permitted.
Contact Patty Smith for tickets. 717.451.7618



Annual HDCCW Retreat

NEW!

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the 14th annual weekend retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. The Retreat begins Friday evening, June 12th until noon Sunday June14th, 2026. Our Retreat Master is Fr. Matthew Cannon, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Annville, PA. The registration deadline is May 23, 2026. Registration forms and more details are available from Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, warrenjs@aol.com or 717-503-9429 or visit & click on Retreat to access a Registration Form online, www.harrisburgdioceseanccw.com

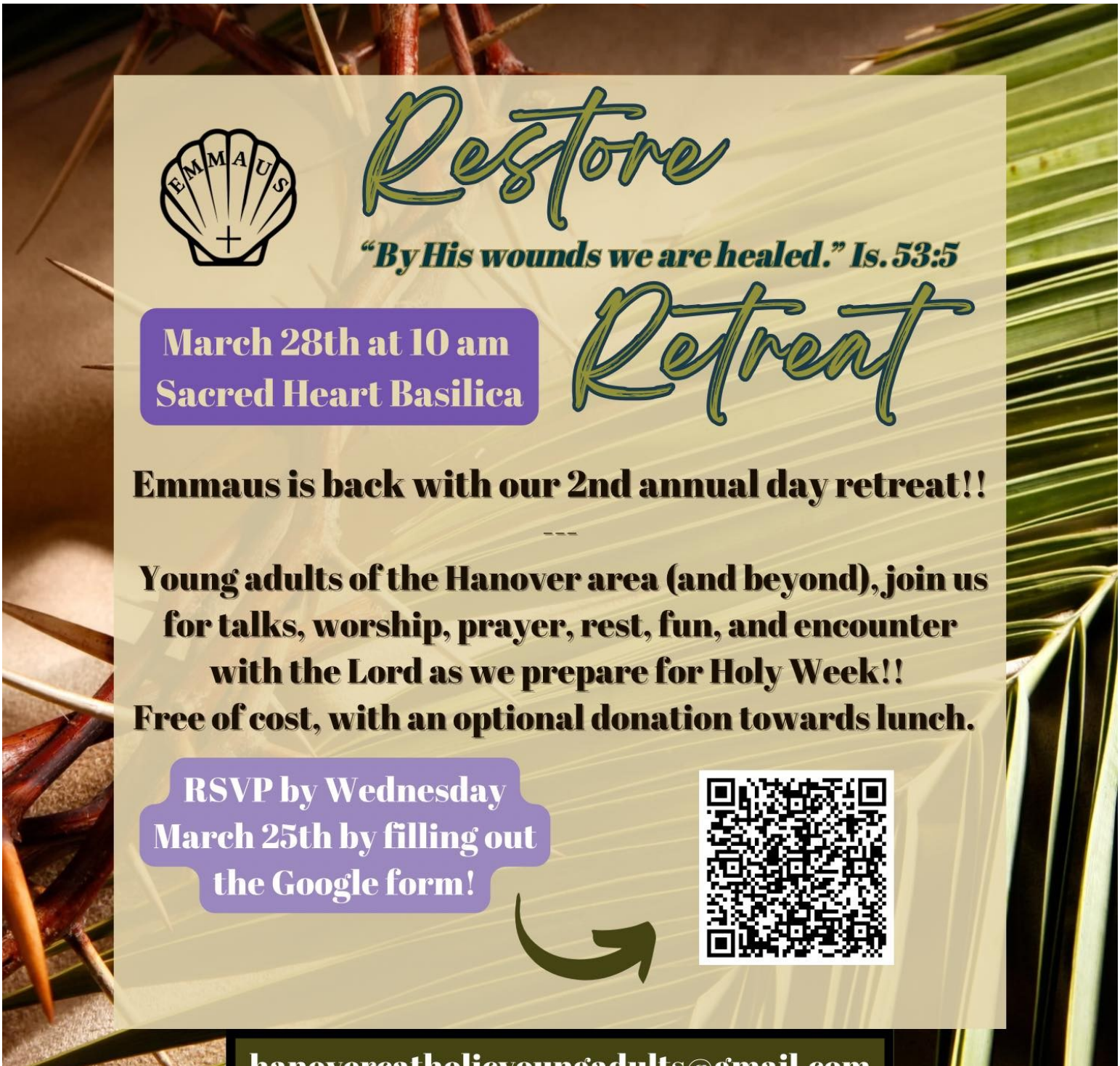
Cemetery Clean Up

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

VOCATION MINISTRY

Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." (John 4:14) Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

Prayer, fasting, and sacrifice have always strengthened the Church. This Lent, Bishop Timothy Senior is encouraging the faithful to fast on Wednesdays and offer that sacrifice for an increase in vocations in our diocese. By fasting together, we ask the Lord to inspire generous hearts to follow His call. An online pledge form is available for those who wish to participate: https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/lenten_fasting_program



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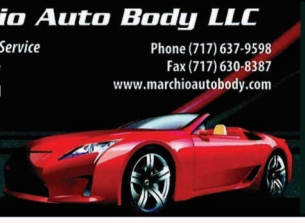

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