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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 22, 2026

Mass Intentions:

Saturday March 21
5:30pm— Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Smith
Sunday March 22
7:30am— People of the Parish
10:00am— Homebound Parishioners

Monday March 23 +St. Turbius of Mogrovejo+
12:15pm— Dolores Sneeringer
Tuesday March 24 +St. Oscar Romero+
No public Mass
Wednesday March 25 +Annunciation of the Lord+
8:30am— Margaret H. Smith
Thursday March 26
No public Mass
Friday March 27
6:00pm— Holy Hour of Adoration
7:00pm— Samuel Smith
Saturday March 28
5:30pm— In Honor of Troy & Jennifer Brenner
Sunday March 29 +Palm Sunday+
7:30am— Mary R. Swisher, Lillian Koluch
and Victoria DeMarco
10:00am—People of the Parish

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. Deadline for submission is **tomorrow March 23** in the office. Thank you.

Mailing Address

We have been having some trouble with our US Mail service. To help solve this trouble, please note the following: when sending mail to the Conewago Campus of St. 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.

Cemetery Clean Up

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

Parish Calendar

Saturday March 21
4:00pm Confessions
Sunday March 22
Third Scrutiny during 10:00am Mass
4:30pm Fulton Sheen's Way of the Cross
and light supper in the parish hall
Monday March 23
6:30pm Christian Initiation Class in convent
Tuesday March 24
Wednesday March 25
9:15am Women's Bible Study in convent
6:30pm CCD classes
6:30pm Women's Bible Study in parish hall
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Thursday March 26
6:30pm Anchor of Hope Grief Support group in convent
Friday March 27
6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration
7:00pm Mass
Saturday March 28
10:00am Emmaus Retreat for young adults in parish hall
4:00pm Confessions
Sunday March 29 +Palm Sunday+
11:00am Coffee and Donut Social after 10:00am Mass

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering	$14,872.19
Capital Campaign	$440.00
Heat	$75.00

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. For the 2025 campaign, we exceeded our goal by $11,288– all of which will be refunded to the parish this month. Thank you so much!

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.

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." Today marks the Third Scrutiny

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)

Fulton Sheen's Stations of the Cross

Join us for Fulton Sheen's Way of the Cross today at 4:30pm. Afterward, there is a light Lenten dinner consisting of soup and salad in the parish hall. Tickets are $5 for the supper and may be purchased at the door.

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.

Donut Social

Mark your calendars for March 29 after the 10:00am Mass in the parish hall for donuts, coffee, refreshments and socializing with fellow parishioners. Free will offerings accepted.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday March 30:	4:00pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Harrisburg
		(No 12:15 Mass at the parish today)
Wednesday April 1:	8:30am	Mass
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Thursday April 2:	8:00am	Morning Prayer
	12:15pm	Office of Readings
	7:00pm	**Liturgy of the Lord's Supper**
	9:45pm	Night Prayer
Friday April 3:	8:00am	Morning Prayer
	12:15pm	Office of Readings
	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**
Saturday April 4:	8:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:30am	Preparatory Rites of Christian Initiation
	12:15pm	Office of Readings
	4:00pm	Confessions
		(No 5:30pm Mass on Holy Saturday)
	8:00pm	**Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection**
Sunday April 5 :	7:30am	Mass
	10am	Mass

Free Service: Church Teaching for Health Care Decisions

The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) equips you with reliable references, thorough explanations, and case-based guidance so you can form your conscience with Catholic teaching when making health care decisions. This free service covers topics including end-of-life care, assisted nourishment, and hospice; avoiding, achieving, or managing pregnancy; biomedical research; cooperating with the wrongdoing of others; and many more.
Contact: 215-877-2660

www.ncbcenter.org/ask-a-question

Cash Bingo

Cash Bingo sponsored by Delone Catholic Athletics and the Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg Date: Saturday March 28, 2026. Cost is $20 per ticket which includes a roast turkey platter and 20 games of regular bingo paying $50 per game. Doors open at 4:00pm. Dinner is served from 5:00pm to 6:15pm. Bingo starts at 6:30pm. Takes place at 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

How to Create a Tech-Ready Home

Free Workshop for Parents and Grandparents
Monday April 13, 2026
6:30pm—8:00pm in the parish gym

Do your kids play Roblox? Are you aware that there are elements of this app that allow for the uploading of adult and potentially pornographic material into user-made games and chat rooms? *The Today Show* recently had an expose story on this, and you can learn how to protect your family against tech dangers like this one by attending the *Protect Young Eyes* Digital Safety Seminar on Monday April 13. Unless you already registered for the February 22 event, be sure to register for your tickets—our school community is sponsoring this opportunity, so tickets are free, but they are also limited in quantity. Parishioners are also invited to register. Don't miss this important opportunity and tell others to register too! Let's work together to keep families in our community safer! Scan this QR code for a free ticket.

Convention for Catholic Women

Save the date to join the Harrisburg Diocese Council of Catholic Women at their annual convention as they Celebrate 100 Years: Faithful Past, Hopeful Future. The HDCCW 100th Convention is scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2026, at the Harrisburg Diocesan Center. Enjoy hearing keynote speaker: **Kelly Wahlquist** who is a Catholic speaker and author. She is the founder of WINE: **Women In the New Evangelization.** Come celebrate a century of faithful service, step with us into a hopeful future guided by Christ including The Gospel of Magic with special guest Rev. Leo Goodman. We hope you will all be able to join us for a day of centennial celebration liturgy, dynamic workshops rooted in faith, fellowship, prayer and special anniversary moments. Visit: https://www.harrisburgdiocesanccw.com

Beginning Experience Weekend

Friday May 1– Sunday May 3, 2026 at Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, PA

The Harrisburg Diocese Beginning Experience Team will host a Beginning Experience Weekend on May 1–3, 2026, at Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, PA. Beginning Experience is an approved, ecumenical program offering healing, hope, and spiritual restoration for those grieving the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Led by trained facilitators who have experienced loss themselves and certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization, these weekends have helped hundreds move toward renewed peace and purpose. For more information, contact Julie at 717-379-0800.

Adams Deanery Lenten Penance Services:

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

The Diocese of Harrisburg is in the midst of a feasibility study to receive feedback on the best way to address immediate needs and to strengthen funding for our ministries in the years ahead. For the next several weeks, we will be highlighting the priorities of the campaign. To learn more about these priorities, review the mailing you received or go to steiergroup.com/survey and select Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

Priority: We must give every person the opportunity to have Christ in their life, build a relationship with Him, and experience the joy that comes from living by faith. We need to more effectively assist parishes in finding new ways to bring hearts to Christ – reaching out to those who are struggling to feel connected to Him and seeking a greater purpose in life. The diocese would like to expand the FOCUS missionary discipleship program, empower grassroots evangelization efforts in parishes, engage with and support our expanding multicultural ministry programs, and create a general-purpose endowment for the Office of Catholic Life and Evangelization.

Priority: The diocese delivers exceptional and unparalleled support to 88 parishes, 6 missions, and 32 schools across our 15-county region – at little or no cost to those we serve. This vital assistance strengthens our faith communities, enhances education, and sustains parish life. To preserve and grow this level of service, we must invest in the infrastructure and resources that enable it.

Share your feedback on these important initiative and others by completing the feasibility study survey at: steiergroup.com/survey or scan this QR code and select Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel

9 North Third Street McSherrystown , PA

Announcement Line: 717-632-2154

Adoration Chapel has the following hours open for adorers;

Monday: 6:00pm & 11:00pm
Tuesday: 10:00pm
Thursday: 8:00pm, 9:00pm, 11:00pm
Friday: 5:00am
Saturday: 1:00am, 1:00pm , 6:00pm, 7:00pm

If you desire to give one hour a week in prayer to Our Lord in the Eucharist, please call Maxine Staub 717-637-5683.

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Fast for Vocations This Lent

Join Bishop Timothy Senior in fasting on Wednesdays during Lent for an increase in vocations in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Parishioners are invited to offer this sacrifice in prayer and to make a commitment through the online pledge form: https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/lenten_fasting_program

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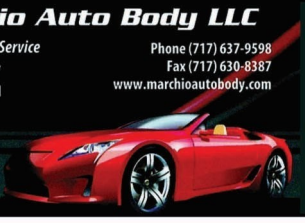

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