First Sunday of Lent

The flowers on St. Joseph's Altar have been designated by JoAnn Leonard in loving memory of Joseph P Groft.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30pm	Joseph P Groft
Sun.	7:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Sean Bartley
Mon.	12:15pm	Gary Adams
Tues.	8:00am	Anthony Capobianco
Wed.	8:30am	Kathleen Smith
Thurs.	8:00am	Darlene Staub
Fri.	8:00am	Cam Harris
Sat.	5:30pm	Donald Todt
Sun.	7:30am	Anthony Capobianco
	10:00am	People of the Parish

Offertory Procession

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Sat. Mar 5	5:30pm	Volunteers needed
Sun. Mar 6	7:30am	Volunteers needed
	10:00am	The Arter Family
Sat. Mar 12	5:30pm	Ben & Kathy Montgomery
Sun. Mar 13	7:30am	Brian & Janet Zeigler
	10:00am	Alex & Ginny Timmins

A Hebrew Creed

A Statement of the Defining Events of Hebrew History Mirrors our Creed

At Sunday Mass, we recite together the "Creed." The Creed states the most essential historical events that define Christianity- the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus for example. Our first reading today (Deuteronomy 26:4-10) gives us an example of a statement of faith that Hebrews made centuries ago-- a statement of the defining events of Hebrew history. This little creed reviewed the history of Israel- God calling Abraham from his homeland ("a wandering Aramean" mentioned in verse 5), promising him descendants, and then a very short summary of the Exodus event- how God miraculously delivered his people out of Egyptian bondage and slavery.

This "creed" was to be recited by those who finally entered the Promised Land at the conclusion of the Exodus event. There was a ritual involved: First, they were expected to take the first fruits of the crops and put them in a basket (vs. 2). Then they were to take that basket to the "dwelling place" of the Lord (vs.2). Next, they were to say to the priest, "Today, I acknowledge to the Lord, my God, that I have indeed come into the land which he swore to our fathers he would give us" (vs. 3). Then they recited the creedal statement you hear in the first reading today.

In a similar way, we also profess what God did in history- now focusing on the eternal "Son of Abraham" (cf. Matthew 1:1) and the new "exodus" that He has accomplished in Jerusalem (cf. Luke 9:31). In our Creed, we review His earthly life, passion, death and resurrection- his new Exodus freeing us not from Egyptian bondage but rather from satanic bondage!

Interestingly, this Old Testament creed formed a constitutive part of a "thanksgiving" sacrifice at the "altar of the Lord (verse 4)" in the presence of a priest. In the same way, we state our faith right before we make the liturgical sacrifice of Jesus to our Heavenly Father at Mass.

Although the Christian Creed wasn't always in the Mass its presence there mirrors the presence of this Hebrew creed as a critical element of the thanksgiving sacrifice mentioned in Deuteronomy: we first approach God declaring aloud His saving deeds, then we offer to Him our thanksgiving and praise.

Lenten Penance Services in the Adams Deanery:

Sunday, March 20, 2:00pm ~ Annunciation BVM
Sunday, March 27, 1:00pm ~ St. Vincent Parish
Saturday, April 2, 10:00am ~ Sacred Heart Basilica
Monday, April 4, 7:00pm ~ St. Francis Xavier Gettysburg in the OLD CHURCH
Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm ~ St. Joseph the Worker, Bonneauville
Tuesday, April 12, 7:00pm ~ IHM, Abbottstown
Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 ~ St. Joseph Parish, Hanover

Help is needed to clean the church Thursday, March 10 at 9:00am. Please bring a rag and a bucket.

There is a Health Care meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 2:00pm at the home of Christine Reynold. Please call her at 717.632.5717 for more information.

The Prayer Group Movement for Youth and Children will gather Sunday, March 20 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Hanover. A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2:00pm, followed by the Rosary beginning at 3:00. Call Vicky Bunty at 717.632.3245 for more information.

Eucharistic Retreat "The Real Presence of the Eucharist".
A powerful Lenten half-day retreat is coming to the Seton Shrine! Join Fr. Roch Mary Greiner, CFR, on a day of reflection on the Real Presence of the Eucharist on Saturday, April 2nd at the Seton Shrine. Cost is $15. Learn more or register at setonshrine.org or call 301.447.6606.

The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Sat. April 2nd at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. The theme is: '*Becoming Champions for Christ.*' All men are invited to experience this premier conference filled with Liturgies, Topical break-out sessions, Sacraments, and featuring this year's keynote speaker: Adam Janke, President of St. Paul's Street Evangelization. Bishop Gainer will be in attendance. Cost is $35/in attendance; and $20/virtual. Information is available at: www.hbgdiocese.org/men

Cash Bingo sponsored by the Delone Catholic Athletic Association and the Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg:
Dates: Saturday, March 19 and Saturday, April 23
Cost: $15 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 begins at 6:30.
Location: 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 6 are permitted.
Contact Patty Smith for tickets or questions. 717.451.7618

Delone Catholic will be performing the musical Suessical.
Dates are March 25 and 26 at 7pm and March 27 at 2pm
Doors open 30 minutes prior.
Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for student.

St. Teresa of Calcutta School news

St. Teresa of Calcutta School is hosting ***Cash Bingo*** on Sunday, March 27th at the Conewago campus. Doors open at 12:30 and games begin at 2:00. Tickets are $20 per person in advance (before 3/21) or $25 at the door. Admission includes 20 games of Bingo. Additional cards, Special Letter Games, 50/50, and food will be available for purchase. All money raised will be for the educational needs of STC students. Please call Mrs. Wenger at 717.632.8715 for tickets or visit www.stck8school.org to order tickets.