Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 25, 2022

Flowers on the Main Altar have been designated by Jean Noel in memory of Carroll & Rita Little. Flowers on Mary's altar have been designated by Karen Little in memory of Curtis Harnack's birthday.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 24	5:30pm	The living & deceased members of Raymond & Gladys Staub Family
Sunday September 25	7:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Jerry Sneeringer
Monday September 26	12:15pm	Carroll & Katherine Sneeringer
Tuesday September 27	12:15pm	George Riser & Gladys Staub
Wednesday September 28	8:30am	Barbara McDougall
Thursday September 29	12:15pm	Darlene M Staub
Friday September 30	12:15pm	Elsie Mae Howard
Saturday October 1	5:30pm	Monsignor Vincent Topper
Sunday October 2	7:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Barbara Raville

Check the bulletin regularly for daily Mass times.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

Saturday September 24	5:30pm	Volunteers needed
Sunday September 25	7:30am	Brian & Janet Zeigler
	10:00am	The Arter Family
Saturday October 1	5:30pm	Volunteers needed
Sunday October 2	7:30am	Mary & Fred Small
	10:00am	The McCall Family

Bulletin Submissions

Email your proofread announcement as text (not scanned) no later than Wednesday to agiampietro@hbgdiocese.org Pastor and Office Administrator reserve the right to edit or omit any announcements as deemed necessary.

Offertory Procession

If you are interested in bringing the gifts forward for the offertory procession at a weekend Mass, please speak to an usher before Mass.

Beginning Experience Weekend

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Kirchenwald, Lebanon, PA, for a Beginning Experience Weekend, November 11-13, 2022.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends.

The weekend is led by persons who have lost a spouse through death or divorce and are trained in facilitating a weekend. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization.

The following is a testimonial of a person who attended the Beginning Experience Weekend:

"I can tell you that my encounter with the Beginning Experience weekend has brought me greater peace and given me an extended family of lifelong friends who I quickly grew to love and lean on. If you or someone you know is suffering the isolation and pain that can accompany the loss of a spouse or marriage, I encourage you to seriously consider attending the Beginning Experience weekend."

Beginning Experience Weekend

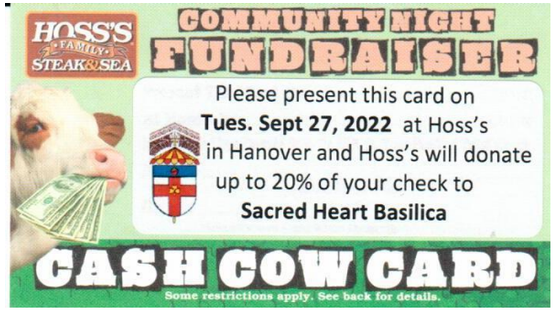
Beginning Experience is your Church at work to provide help, healing, and spiritual restoration. Check the Harrisburg Diocesan website: http://www.hbgdiocese.org/ and go to marriage and family or check out: www.beginningexperience.org Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team by phone at 717.379.0800 or jpennat_58@comcast.net.

All CDC recommendations will be followed. Anyone sick will have to leave the weekend. The number of attendees for the weekend may be limited due to current COVID regulations. As with all Diocesan sponsored events, this program could be canceled pending changing pandemic circumstances.

Nancy Staub thanks everyone for the birthday cards, well wishes, and prayers.

Hoss's Day

Sacred Heart Day at Hoss's is this Tuesday September 27. Use this coupon or pick one up in in the back of the church.



Thank you!

Sacred Heart Parish has received over 170 donations to the Interior Restoration Project. This week we would like to recognize and thank the following donors:

Annette Flannery
Elizabeth Adams
In memory of Gary & Keith Adams

The following have made donations in memory of Shannon Jesko:

Kenneth and Catherine Kohler
The Epley Family
Martin and Martin, Inc.
Darlene & Joseph Strausbaugh
The following friends of Shannon:
Jess & Nick
Roxanne & Tim
Kathy & Greg
Janelle & Dave
Lisa & Bill
Lynn & Jason
Jean

Becoming Catholic

(RCIA)

The Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

In the early church, there were various little ceremonies that prepared interested persons for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. In the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church recovered the importance of these ceremonies. Today at the 10am Mass, we celebrate one of these ceremonies. It is called the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. These are people who are wanting to join the Roman Catholic Church, who have never been baptized before and will become "catechumens" by means of this ceremony. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to descend upon them.

The Adams Deanery
Perpetual Adoration Chapel
9 North Third Street, McSherrystown, PA

Is in need of adorers for the following times:

Sunday @ 3am & 9pm
Monday@ 3pm
Friday @ 12pm & 9pm

Please contact: Gloria Murren at 717.479.1071 to volunteer.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta School News

Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School is holding their PA Calendar Raffle Fundraiser. It runs from October 1st- January 8th. Help support the school by buying a raffle ticket. Tickets are $25 each and there are 100 chances to win! Daily winners receive $50 and there are 10 special payout days ranging from $200-$400. These make great gifts for family and friends. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact via email mkidder@stck8school.org or pick up your tickets at either of the Saint Teresa School campuses. **All tickets and payments must be returned to the school by September 30**. You may also be able to purchase some after the 7:30am and 10am Masses this weekend.

If you are interested in being a vendor at the Saint Teresa of Calcutta school's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 19, please email kwenger@stck8school.org

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Workbooks for lectors have arrived. Lectors may pick one up from the Chapel closet or see Sandy Timmins for one.

Interior Restoration Project

NB: The **mock-up** will be completed October 3-6.

This week, the **conservators** will be working in the vestibule of the church.

What is happening to the coats of arms?

Short answer: We are keeping them for future use—perhaps in a parish museum someday.

Longer answer: The coats of arms that are on the interior walls of the church were placed there in the 1960s. They do not coalesce well with the pre-1960s art that we are restoring. Luckily, the coats of arms are not painted on the wall. Rather they are on canvas and pinned to the wall. During the mock-up, the coat of arms for Bishop George Leech was removed safely and stored carefully in the rectory. The same will happen with the others.

Get Connected for Young Adults

Get Connected is back for 2022 and all young adults in the Diocese of Harrisburg, aged 20 to 39, are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. The day begins with Sunday Mass at 11:30 am, followed by a potluck lunch and games. During lunch, leaders from regional Catholic young adult groups will talk briefly about their groups and upcoming events. Get Connected is scheduled for Sunday October 9 at Saint Margaret Mary Church, 2800 Paxton Church Road, Harrisburg. To RSVP and for more details, please visit the event on Facebook at https://fb.me/e/2WCRKP065

Parish Adult Education

The Science and Significance of Eucharistic Miracles
Sunday October 9 at 7:00 pm in the Gym

This multimedia presentation highlights the importance of the Holy Eucharist and provides an overview of the amazing findings of *scientific studies* of several Eucharistic miracles. It will be given by Steve Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) and author of a trilogy of published apologetics books. Many of his ancestors attended Conewago Chapel and are buried here.

The consistent teaching of the Catholic Church is that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. But most people, even many Catholics, doubt this teaching. In order to manifest Christ's Real Presence and dispel doubts, God sometimes provides us with Eucharistic miracles, which include consecrated hosts being transformed into real human flesh and blood. This presentation will strengthen faith in the Real Presence and equip attendees with new information for sharing with family and friends about the importance of regularly attending Mass.

Change in Daily Mass Times

More often, daily Masses will be celebrated at 12:15pm.

Why the change?

This year it has become apparent that 12:15pm is a good time for many parishioners of diverse schedules and ages. A few months ago, when we had started offering a Monday daily Mass at 12:15pm, the attendance was significant. It still is. Neighboring parishes have morning daily Masses but few or none offer 12:15pm as an option.

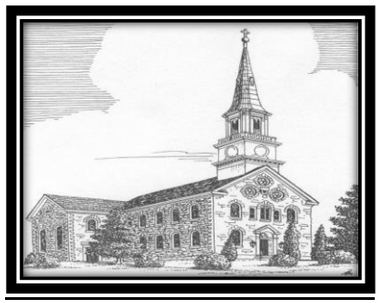
Moving Forward

To be honest, 12:15pm on weekdays is not the easiest time for priests to celebrate Mass, particularly when there are all day conferences to attend. Sometimes, we will need to cancel a daily Mass in order to have a funeral Mass. We will note that in the parish bulletin and/or announce it at daily Masses before the day of the funeral. As is tradition here, first Fridays, Fridays of Lent, national holidays, Wednesdays during the school year, Holy Days of Obligation, Ash Wednesday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Forty Hours, and other special days have their own unique schedules. **Check the bulletin regularly to see when daily Mass will be celebrated.**

Special Event Bingo to Benefit New Hope Ministry

Date: *October 8*
Time: *7:00pm*
Place: *St. Aloysius Church Parish Hall, 29 South Queen Street, Littlestown*
Sponsored by: *St. Aloysius Parish and the Knights of Columbus*

Basilica in Time



Franz Stecher painted fourteen large stations of the cross on canvas in 1851 and they hung on the walls until 1901, when Father Cowardin, through the generosity of a former student of his, Mr. Shanley of Newark, N.J. placed new ones made of Munich stone with large wooden gothic frames. The frames were removed in 1961, leaving the stone stations in place as well as the little crosses of 1851. A few years earlier the pastor found eight of Stecher's paintings in the loft of the barn and had them removed to the rectory. One of these, the Third Fall of Christ, is on display in the Chapel of Relics. Today, we know the Chapel of Relics as Our Lady's Chapel.

Holy Hour for Life
Sunday October 16, 2022
3-4pm
In the Basilica

October is Respect Life Month. Remembering the importance of all human life- especially innocent human life- we come together to pray that Our Lord would have mercy on us for all of the ways we have violated his precious gift of life. Come pray to Jesus with us for He is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 25th, at 11:15 am. Students in grades 2 through 8 are welcome to join the Junior Choir. This year they are scheduled to sing at the 10:00 am Mass on World Mission Sunday, October 23rd, and the First Sunday of Advent, November 27th. They will also be singing for the 5:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule and on the parish website. https://www.sacredheartbasilica.com
For more information contact Jody at 717.524.8684 or jrichter@hbgdiocese.org

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Important Meetings for Parents of Children Receiving First Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation

There will be mandatory meetings for parents of children receiving First Holy Communion this year **AND** parents of students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year to explain the process for each sacrament.

First Holy Communion parents will meet in the gym at 6:30 pm on Wednesday September 28th.
Confirmation parents will meet in the gym at 7:00 pm on Wednesday September 28th.
These are MANDATORY meetings for at least one parent. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT ATTEND.
Please contact Bridget Wurtz with questions. bridgetwurtz@gmail.com or 717.965.9500. If you have not received an email from Bridget Wurtz regarding these meetings, please email her, so she can add you to the list.