Please remember in your prayers 2 of our Parishioners who recently went home to be with the Lord. Dr. Vincent Pisula and James M. Groff. Pray for their family too dealing with their loss.

For the month of January we will be collecting pennies for the “Pennies for Life” program. Participants are asked to donate one penny for each year of their lives in thanksgiving to God for the life He has given them. (Folding money is also accepted.) All proceeds benefit our local Tender Care Pregnancy Consultation Services. Tender Care is a Pro-Life, Christ-centered ministry designed to encourage and assist women to carry their pregnancy to term. They are located at 300 John St. in Hanover.

The Parish Office is closed from Dec. 26th to Mon. Jan. 2nd at 9:00a.m.

Sacred Heart Day at Hoss’s Restaurant will be held Tues. Dec. 27th. Cards are at the doors of the Church.

Bishop Gainer will be celebrating Mass for Homeschooling Families in Room 103 of the Diocesan Center Fri. Jan. 6th at 6:30p.m. A reception with light refreshments will be held following Mass. RSVP to Jim Gonis by Jan. 3rd tgonis@hbgdiocese.org or call him 717-657-4804 ext. 227.

Be the first Kindergarten class at the new St. Teresa of Calcutta School. There will be an Open House here at the Conewago Campus Sun. Jan. 8th from 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. For more information call 652-8715 or 637-3135.

The Children’s Rosary Group will gather at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown on Sun. Jan. 8th at 3:00p.m. Rosaries and prayer books will be provided. For more information contact Vicky Bunty at 632-3245.

From the Pastor

From a Sermon of Pope St. Leo the Great excerpted from the Liturgy of the Hours Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up, life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

Father Howard, Parish and School Staff as well as our Sisters of St. Joseph wish everyone Christmas blessings and a happy and healthy New Year!