Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30p.m. Brian Riser
Sun. 7:30a.m. Dennis Neiderer
10:00a.m. The People of the Parish
Mon. New Year’s Day 9:00a.m. Rita Walter
Tues. 8:00a.m. Joan Riser
Wed. 8:00a.m. Leona “Pony” McIntyre
Thurs. 8:00a.m. Dolores Adams
First Friday 8:30a.m. Robert V. Myers
Sat. 5:30p.m. Stanley Starzec
Sun. 7:30a.m. Franny Zinn
10:00a.m. The People of the Parish

Offertory Procession

Sat. Jan. 6th 5:30p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Eckenrode
Sun Jan 7th 7:30a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Poist
10:00a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Dick Matthews

Mon. Jan. 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, therefore there will be no Vigil Mass Sun. Dec. 31st. Mass will be held Mon. Jan. 1st at 9:00a.m.

The 2018 Calendars are available in the Church vestibule. We thank Murphy Funeral Home for supplying the Calendars.

From the Pastor:

This year the Church remembers the 100th anniversary of the death of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, the first US citizen to be canonized. The Roman Martyrology for December 22 included the following: At Chicago, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, virgin, foundress of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, distinguished for charity, humility, and invincible fortitude. Pope Pius XII added to her the catalogue of saints, and named her as the heavenly patroness of all emigrants. The Roman Martyrology for December 22 is the Christmas Season. In 1974, BI. Paul VI provided the following summary of this season: “The Christmas season is a prolonged commemoration of the divine, virginal and salvific motherhood of her whose "involute virginity brought the Saviour into the world." In fact, on the Solemnity of the Birth of the Church the Church both adores the Savior and venerates His glorious Mother. On the Epiphany, when she celebrates the universal call to salvation, the Church contemplates the Blessed Virgin, the true Seat of Wisdom and true Mother of the King, who presents to the Wise Men for their adoration, the Redeemer of all peoples (cf. Mt 2:11). In the revised ordering of the Christmas period it seems to us that the attention of all should be directed towards the restored Solemnity of Mary the holy Mother of God. This celebration, placed on January 1 in conformity with the ancient indication of the liturgy of the City of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the "holy Mother…through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of life." It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. LK. 2:14), and for imploiring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace.

Fr. Michael Reid at St. Vincent de Paul Church Hanover, will host a Eucharistic Holy Hour beginning at 11:00p.m. New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31st and concluding with Benediction before Midnight. All are welcome!

We are in need of someone to take over scheduling the Offertory Procession. If interested please call Judie Fuhrman at 717-632-7525, she has all of the names and phone numbers of those who are being scheduled. More volunteers are needed too, anyone can volunteer, friends, siblings, families…call Judie to get your name on the schedule.

Sacred Heart has taken a one year subscription to FORMED. FORMED is an educational website that can be compared to Netflix for Catholics… The best Catholic study/programs, movies, audio presentations and eBooks from the most trusted apostolates are all just a click away. Please visit www.formed.org and register by using our Parish Code FQCOYP to use the resource. Let us know what you think!

After the Solemnity of Mary on Jan. 1st until The Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, Holy Communion will be offered under one species, the species of bread. Low gluten hosts will be available in the daily Mass chapel after each Mass of obligation. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be present. Hosts will be available in the daily Mass chapel after each Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, Holy Communion will be available in the chapel after each Mass to see to this need.

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 for the life God 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. Hanover.

The Parish Office will reopen Tues. Jan. 2nd at 9:00a.m.

The Hanover K of C will Sponsor their annual Free Throw Championship for boys & girls ages 9-14 Fri. Jan. 12th from 6-8:00p.m. at St. Joseph Gym, Grandview Rd. Hanover. For more information contact Dave Zinn at dzinn81@comcast.net or www.kolc871.weebly.com

March For Life will be held Fri. Jan. 19th in Washington D.C. The K of C Council #13692 of Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbottstown, is sponsoring busses to attend the March. Seats are $10. If you cannot attend the March you can sponsor seats on the bus. The busses will leave from the Church parking lot, 6084 W. Canal Rd. Abbottstown, on or about 6:30 – 7:00a.m. and return later in the evening. For more information contact the Church Office at 717-259-0611. Seats must be paid by Jan. 2nd.

The Hbg. Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites girls in grades 9 – 12 in the Diocese of Hbg. to enter an art contest. The task: design the cover for the 93rd Annual HDCCW Convention on Apr. 16, 2018. The art work should be an original drawing or painting for a 9 x 12 folder and based on the Convention theme “Caring For God’s Creation”. The grand price is $150, second prize is $75 and third prize is $50. The deadline to enter is Jan. 15th. For complete details please refer to the HDCCW website http://hdccwwebs.com.

Looking ahead: DCHS class ’66 is planning a 70th Birthday Celebration! It will be held Sat. Apr. 14th at Inn 94, New Oxford from 11:30 – 12:30p.m. Social hour 12:30 – 3:30p.m. Enjoy a meal and fellowship. Contact Pat (Breiner) Webb via email to: paw9348@hotmail.com or Julie (Houser) Hawbaker via phone to 717-632-0620.

St. Teresa of Calcutta School News

St. Teresa of Calcutta/Conewago Campus, 55 Basilia Dr. Hanover, will have a Kindergarten Open House Sun. Jan. 7th from 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. For more information call the School at 717-632-8715 or check out the website: www.stck8school.org

The School is proud to present – “Murder at the Fletcher Point Country Club” the first Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. The dinner will be held on Sat. Feb. 10th at the Annunciation B.V.M. Church Parish Hall, located at 316 North Street in McSherrystown. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. Catering by Shultz’s Catering. Dinner will include Garden Salad, choice of either Roast Turkey or Baked Ham, Green Beans Almondine, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Dessert and Non-Alcoholic Beverage. Cost is $25.00 per person. Limited reservations available!! For more information, please visit our website: www.stick8school.org You may be surprised by our cast of “suspects!”