Selection of Scripture readings for all Christmas Masses this year:
Isaiah 62:11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:1-20

Lectors: please pick up a handbook from the closet in Mary’s Chapel or see Sandy for one.

The parish office will be closed on Friday December 30.

The 2022 Sacred Heart Basilica ornaments
If you missed the ornament sale held after all Masses last week, but would still like to purchase one or more, please stop in the parish office. Ornaments are $20 each.

The 2023 Sacred Heart Basilica calendars have been delayed due to a mistake in production. They are scheduled to be sent to the parish this week.

Town Hall Meeting
Thursday January 12, 2023
7:00pm in the Church
Representatives from Canning will be here to present us with their proposed additions to the interior restoration project- some of which have been mentioned at Mass recently. NB: No change is official until approved by the diocese.
FROM THE DIOCESE

YOUNG ADULTS
Are you looking for a faith community? Check out the new Young Adult Ministry Calendar on the Diocesan website, where you can find information about events and meetings for all the young adult groups in the Diocese:
https://www.hbgdiocese.org/youth-and-young-adults/

Vocations
Rejoice! A child is born to us. This Prince of Peace is the great light. Go and share your joy with others. If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, or contact Reverend Jonathan Sawicki, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Harrisburg at 717-657-4804, frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org.

Diocesan Newspaper
Check out The Catholic Witness’ Website, and Sign up for the Free Digital Edition
The Catholic Witness delivers up-to-date news, photos, columns, and videos on its website, www.catholicwitness.org. Visit the site to see the latest features, all in a user-friendly, mobile, and dynamic layout. Through the website, readers can subscribe to The Witness’ free digital edition, which is distributed via e-mail on a bi-weekly basis. The digital edition includes links to the most recent news features, columns, and event listings, as well as a printable PDF file.
Visit www.catholicwitness.org and sign up today if you have not already done so!

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES
Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring an Art Contest which is open to all girls in the Diocese that are in Grades 9-12. The theme is “Live in the Love of Christ”. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule for more information on how to submit your original artwork.

The John Gastley Scholarship Foundation is happy to announce we will be accepting applications for our annual scholarship competition! The scholarship is open to any 8th grade student from our regional parish communities. Each year the John Gastley Scholarship Foundation selects one winner and provides them the opportunity to attend four years at Delone Catholic High School. Contact lorishaeffer@verizon.net for more information.

A Choral Concert presented by Annunciation Parish Choir under the direction of Patrick Colgan to be held at Annunciation Church in McSherrystown on Thursday December 29 at 7:00pm. All are welcome to enjoy the music.

MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

News From Our Parish
March for Life
Friday January 20, 2023
Leaves Sacred Heart 8:30am
Returns by 8:00pm
As of December 18, there are 10 open spots on the March for Life bus. The deadline for registration is extended. To reserve your spot(s), email McSherrystownMarchforLife@gmail.com and pick up a flyer in the back of Church for more information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?
We welcome you to consider joining us in the fullness of the Catholic faith. If you are interested, call the parish office at 717-637-2721 to begin the journey.

Reverend Samuel DuBois will be here next weekend to celebrate the Masses and Confessions. Father Schalilne will be away.

Thank you from the Pastor
Many thanks to all of you beloved parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish for your many gifts, cards, and Christmas greetings this time of year. It is truly a blessing to serve as your pastor.
--Reverend Dwight Schlaline

St. Teresa of Calcutta School
Enrollment for New Students: St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School is now accepting applications for enrollment for new/transfer students. Any parent wishing to enroll a student in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade should use the link on the school website under the “Admissions” tab. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a personal tour of our school, please contact Mrs. Guy, Director of Marketing & Enrollment at 717-637-3135 or via email at mguy@stk8school.org

Bulletin Submissions
Email your proofread announcement as text (not scanned) no later than Wednesday 9am to agiampietro@hbgdiocese.org. Pastor and Office Administrator reserve the right to edit or omit any announcements as deemed necessary.

Meaning of Christmas
“Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 124:8)

“The filthiest place in the world, a stable, Purity was born. He, Who was later to be slaughtered by men acting as beasts, was born among beasts. He Who would call Himself the “living Bread descended from Heaven,” was laid in a manger, literally, a place to eat. Centuries before, the Jews had worshiped the golden calf, and the Greeks, the ass. Men bowed down before them as before God. The ox and the ass now were present to make their innocent reparation, bowing down before their God.”

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen
Life of Christ page 22
The poinsettias have been designated in honor of or in memory of the following: Gary F Adams, Keith A Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Robert H Adams, Galilea & Ezekiel Aguilar, Jim Baumgardner, Lisa Becker, Benson family, Berwager family, Sean Bollinger, Earl S Brady, Jr., Earl & Dorothy Brady, Warren & Loretta Carbaugh family, Carbaugh family, Francis Corey, William Corey, Pauline Deatrick, Gerald, Vivian & Lewis Eline, Dennis & Pauline Epley, Earl Wayne Gamble, John & Mary Gebhart, Richard & Mary Gebhart, Pete Giraffa, Mary Giraffa, Fred & Betty Glass, Frederick Golden, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Greenholt, Gladys Greenholt, Mark Grim, James (Satch) Groft, Jerry Groft, Living & deceased relatives & friends of Larry & Janet Groft, Mr. & Mrs. Lemuel Hansford, Robert & Jack Hartlaub, Hwbaker family, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Henschke, Robert Henschke, Adam Herr, Marie (Billman) & Bernard Hockensmith, Shannon Jesko, Kaehler family, Leo & Sarah Kaehler, Tod Kindig, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kiser, A. Lloyd Kline family, Leon & Anna Kline, Kline family, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kopp, Edward W Kuhn, Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Lawrence & “Dubby”, Earl & Ethel Lawrence, Son, Ken & Dick Lawrence, Stan & Rose Lawrence, Carrol & Rita Little, Donna Livelsberger, Mr. & Mrs. John L Livelsberger & family, Leona “Pony” McIntyre, Brenda McKinney, Joseph & Estella Miller, Miller family, Claude & Jeannie Murren, John & Lillian Murren Family, Allen Myers, Barbara Neiderer, Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Neiderer, Denny Neiderer, George & Nadine Neiderer, George & Nadine Neiderer & sons, James, Dennis & Richard Neiderer, Joe & Terri Neiderer, Neiderer family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Newcomer, Anna & Stanley Noel, Barbara Noel, Curtis & Annie Noel, Cyril T Noel, Francis & Betty Noel, Noel Family, Pisula family, Mr. & Mrs. Robert J Poist, George, Joan & Brian Riser, John & Catherine Riser, Mr. & Mrs. S Francis Riser, Charlotte K Rodgers, Rohrbaugh family, Owen Saunders, Herb Shank, Paul & Vesta Shearer, Peter Shovlin, Jim Small, Sr., Clair G Smith family, Donald B Smith, Sr., Edward Smith, Elmer & Kathleen Smith, Frederick J Smith, Mr. & Mrs. George A Smith, George S Smith, Helena G & Henry W Smith, Kathy Smith, Mark Smith, Sr. family, Patricia & Mark Smith, Jr., Nadine (Shorb) & John H Smith, Richard J Smith, Ron Smith, Smih Family, Mr. & Mrs. William H Smith, Sr., William H Smith, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. William Smith, Carroll, Katherine & M Alice Sneeringer, Julia M Sneeringer, Paul Sneeringer family, William Sneeringer, Guy & Carrie Sponseller, Earl & Deanie Staub, John L Staub, Joseph & Sylvia Staub, Staub family, Sonia Staub, Vincent P Staub, Jeannie Sterner, Tom & Anna Mae Storm, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Swartz, Mr. & Mrs. John Swartz, John & Rita Timmins, Mary Timmins, Ray & Polly Todt, Louis & Helen Weaver, Wildasin family, Raymond & Maria Wolf, Brian Zinn, John & Kathy Zinn, James Zinneman

**2023 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

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**Every First Friday of the Month—6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Friday January 20—**March for Life**—leaves 8:30am returns by 8:00 pm

Wednesday February 15—**Special Holy Hour** at 7:00pm for Feast of St. Claude de la Colombiere

Wednesdays of Lent—Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Saturday March 25—**Parish Penance Service**—10:00am

April 6-9—Sacred Triduum- including **Easter Vigil** at 8pm on Saturday April 8

Saturday April 22—**Healing Mass** at 11am

Sunday May 7—**May Procession** at 7pm

Sundays of May—**Marian Devotions** at 7pm

Sunday June 11—Adoration all day followed by **Corpus Christi Procession** at 7pm

Friday June 16—**Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**—6pm Holy Hour; 7pm Mass

Saturday July 15—**Annual Parish Picnic** at 3175 Centennial Road

Tuesday August 15—**Feast of the Assumption & Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church**—5pm Mass celebrated by Bishop followed by a Parish Dinner in the hall

Sunday September 17—Tuesday September 19—**Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions**—7pm service each evening, preached by Bishop Ronald Gainer

Monday October 16—**Special Holy Hour** at 7:00pm for the Feast of St. Margaret Mary

Saturday October 21—**Healing Mass** at 11am

Saturday December 16—**Parish Penance Service**—10:00am