

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

Flowers on Mary’s Altar are in honor of the joyful celebration of the marriage of Anna Kaufmann and Jake Lyda. Flowers on Saint Joseph’s Altar are in memory of Donald Todt’s birthday and have been designated by his wife and family.

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 11	5:30pm	Jean Moro
Sunday March 12	7:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Evelyn Donelson
Monday March 13	12:15pm	Julia Stamper
Tuesday March 14	12:15pm	Barbara Thompson
Wednesday March 15	8:30am	John Sterner (in Gym)
Thursday March 16	12:15pm	Dolores M Groft
Friday March 17	7:00pm	Diane Weightman
Saturday March 18	5:30pm	Richard J Smith
Sunday March 19	7:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Deceased Sisters of Saint Joseph

Fridays of Lent

6pm Holy Hour
7pm Holy Mass

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.

Stations of the Cross in Lent 2023

- 7pm on Wednesdays— Stations of the Cross- Liguori version (in Church)
- 2pm on Fridays— Stations of the Cross for Children (in Gym)
- 7pm on Palm Sunday— Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s version
- 3pm on Good Friday— Stations of the Cross- from the Missalette

**Adams Deanery
Lenten Penance Services**

- March 19 at 1:30pm- St. Vincent de Paul
- March 25 at 10am- Sacred Heart Basilica
- March 27 at 7pm- St. Francis, Gettysburg
- March 30 at 7pm- St. Joseph, Bonneauville
- April 4 at 7pm- IHM, Abbottstown
- April 5 at 7pm- St. Joseph, Hanover

AROUND THE DEANERY

Saint Monica Ministry

Please join the St. Monica Prayer Group at Annunciation Church, McSherrystown on the Second Monday of each month. We pray for Saint Monica’s intercession hoping for our loved ones to return to the faith. Prayers, litany and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited at 5:30pm, followed by Mass at 6:00pm. Please call Annunciation Parish Office at 717-637-1191 for more information.

**Prayer Group Movement for
Youth & Children**

Today, Sunday March 12th at Saint Vincent de Paul Church, 220 Third Street in Hanover, the Children’s Rosary and Exposition will start at 2:00pm. Contact: Vicky Bunty at 717-632-3245.



Need Mulch?

The Delone Catholic Music Association will be selling brown shredded mulch for \$5 per 2 cu. ft. bag. There is free delivery for 10 or more bags to the McSherrystown-Hanover area. Please note: This year’s mulch sale will be pre-orders only and orders need to be placed by 12pm, Thursday March 23rd. Please pick up an order form in the back of the church or contact Jerry Ricucci at ricucci@rocketmail.com or at 717-476-7461.

Lenten Day of Reflection

The Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg is hosting its annual Lenten Reflection on Saturday March 18th at 1:30pm in Saint Vincent de Paul Church Hall, 220 Third Street, Hanover. Father Michael Reid will offer a reflection entitled “The Perfection of the Christian Life”.

AROUND THE DEANERY

Young Adults 18-40!

In the spirit of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, join other young adults in the area for Mass, a battlefield hike, followed by lunch at the Gettysburger on Sunday March 19th starting with 9:30am Mass at the Historic Church, 25 West High Street. Please register and sign the waiver on their website: stfxcc.org

St. Vincent de Paul Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday March 25th from 8:00am until 12:00pm at the Gotwalt Auditorium, 65 South Street, Hanover. There will be a raffle table of prizes and a table of baked goods for sale.

The John Gastley Scholarship Foundation provides financial support for students to attend Delone Catholic High School. They are holding a Dinner and Raffle on Saturday May 20th at S.A.V.E.S. Hall in Brushtown. There is a \$5,000 Grand Prize and 29 \$100 prizes. Doors open at 4:30pm. Dinner is at 5:30pm and drawings start at 6:30pm. One \$100 ticket admits two people for food, select beverages and opportunities to play small games of chance when the doors open. Call 717-632-6347 for tickets or more information.

Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel

at 9 North Third Street, McSherrystown is in need of Adorers for the following times:

- Wednesday at 6pm & 7pm
- Thursday at 6am
- Friday at 8am & 10pm
- Saturday at 2am & 8 pm

Please call Gloria Murren at 717- 479-1071 if you would like to sign-up or for questions. All are welcome to visit our Lord in Adoration.



IN THE PARISH



Planning for the Parish Picnic

The first meeting for the Parish Picnic will be held today, Sunday March 12th at 3pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome!

Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

Please remove all winter items from the cemetery by Sunday March 27th. Do not put artificial flowers in the ground. All flowers need to be in a pot or container.

God Squad Basketball Game



When: Friday March 17th

5:30pm- doors open

6:00pm- game starts

Where: In the parish hall gym

Admission: \$3 (children 2 & under are free)

*Food Adventures Food truck available

*Foul Shot Contest- \$1 entry fee

* Halftime performances by STC cheerleaders
& NextStep Martial Arts

Parish Penance Service

Saturday March 25th, 2023

10am in the Church

Several area priests will be available to hear your Confession.

Stay tuned! Sacred Heart will be having a sub sale for the benefit of the restoration fund. More information will soon be forthcoming.



RCIA

The Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults

In the early church, there were various little ceremonies that prepared catechumens for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. In the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church recovered the importance of these ceremonies. Three of these ceremonies are called "Scrutinies."

The Scrutinies

*Celebrated at the 10:00 am Masses
on the following Sundays:*

First— March 12

Second— March 19

Third—March 26

The Spiritual Purpose of the Scrutinies:

"The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all." (§141 in *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*)

Easter Plants: If you would like to purchase flowers for Easter Mass, please put your payment of \$11 in the collection basket **no later than Sunday March 26th**. Be sure and mark the envelope "Easter Flowers" and for whom they are being donated.

AT THE DIOCESE

Catholic Men's Conference

What if you could truly find the friends that help you become the husband, father, son, and brother you are meant to be? Do you need encouragement to "step up to the plate" and be what God calls you to be? If you answered yes, grab a friend, and accept the challenge to join together with your brothers in Christ at the annual Men's Conference. Registration closes on Monday, March 13th. Please visit the Diocesan website for more details and to register!

www.hbgdiocese.org/men

Were you married in 1973? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special



Mass and reception on Sunday July 9th, 2023 at 2:00pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill, PA. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact

the Parish Office and provide your names and date of your marriage. Congratulations!

Diocesan Annual Campaign

Our parish goal this year is the same as last year: \$67,987. All funds raised in excess of that will be returned to the parish unassessed. We appreciate your generosity. Thank you to those who have already given.



SCAN ME

BINGO

Saint Teresa of Calcutta School is hosting Cash Bingo on Sunday March 19th, 2023 here in our parish hall-gym. Doors open at 12:00pm and games begin at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. 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 building updates. Everyone in attendance must have a ticket. Please call Mrs. Wenger at 717-632-8715 for tickets or visit www.stck8school.org to order tickets.

Delone Catholic Bingo

Event: Cash Bingo sponsored by the Delone Catholic Athletic Association and the Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg

Date: Saturday March 25th, 2023

Cost: \$20 per ticket which includes a roast turkey platter & twenty games of regular bingo paying \$50/game

Time: Doors open at 4:00pm, Dinner served from 5:00-6:15pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm

Where: Delone Catholic High School cafeteria. Specials and speed bingo games are available. Door prizes will be given out. No children under the age of 6 are permitted. Contact Patty Smith at 717-451-7618 with questions or to purchase tickets.



UPDATE ON THE INTERIOR RESTORATION PROJECT

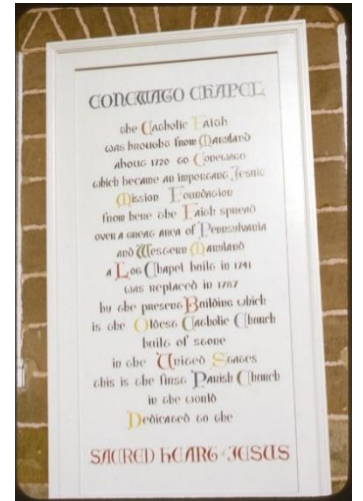
We appreciate your ongoing support for the interior restoration project. After consultation with the Parish Council, the Finance Council, Canning Liturgical Arts, parishioners and other benefactors, we are pleased to announce that the diocese has approved the three-part change order for Phase Three of the Interior Restoration Project. The three segments of this phase are as follows:



1. Full restoration of the marble high altar to its original historic condition. In the 1960s, a significant part of the marble altar had been removed and replaced by the existing wood baldachin. Some of that marble has recently been rediscovered. The intention is to rebuild the original design, as pictured to the left, and reuse the historic pieces where possible. By restoring the original design of the high altar, the painting of the Sacred Heart will have greater prominence within the sanctuary. The present baldachin construction distracts from the artistic quality, the intricate framing, and impressive magnitude of the painting. This restoration will pay homage to the historic design as well as create a continuity between the architecture, decoration and furnishings that offers the interior a state of repose and peace. The cost to fully restore the marble altar is \$179,430.

2. Removing of the 1960s wooden baldachin: In order to restore the marble altar, the wooden baldachin, installed in the 1960s, is to be removed. In revealing and restoring the original decorative scheme of the church, it is evident that the baldachin disrupts the stylistic harmony of the church. Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor, there is no cost to the parish.

3. Historic Welcome Sign: The historic welcome sign, pictured to the right, has also been recently rediscovered. At some point, this sign was replaced by the plaque commemorating the elevation of the church to basilica status. The sign is currently damaged due to damp conditions and termites. The intention is to restore the sign and install it within the vestibule to commemorate this piece of the church's history. The cost is \$19,300.



Finances: We are very close to earning the second half of the \$500,000 grant from the Warehime Foundation. That grant will cover the cost of the project apart from the changes listed above. We have applied to some other foundations for further assistance and should hear back from them this summer. We also welcome your ongoing support for this effort.

Our purpose: In the Creed, we profess that we believe “in the communion of saints.” So often we think only of the saints who have been canonized and are popular among Catholics. Let us not forget the many saintly men and women- ancestors of our historic parish- who used their creativity, hard work, and enthusiasm to build up this community. The interior restoration project is an affirmation of our connection with them. Writing in the 1890s, parishioner John Timon Reily reminds us of this sacred obligation:

“The Church has reason to rejoice, that Catholics are awakening to the justice and importance of reclaiming and preserving the early history and records of the religion of their fathers. Want, intolerance and persecution drove them from their native land. They came into a strange and unsettled country, cast adrift in the Indian wilds of America, without homes, without a church or a government, and without anything necessary to life and happiness. This generation, with all the grandeur and perfection of its civilization, can never fully understand nor in the least appreciate the sufferings and struggles of those who cleared our fields and built our homes. The enjoyments and comforts we now possess, are ours only by inheritance as the fruits of their labors.”

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