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The flowers on the Main Altar have been designated in honor of Fr. Dwight Schlaline's 15th Ordination Anniversary. Flowers on the Main Altar have also been designated by Joan Hagerman in honor of Cyril Hagerman's 90th birthday. Flowers on Saint Joseph's Altar are in memory of Carol Ann Rang. The flowers on Mary's Altar have been designated in memory of Jeanie Sterner from her family.

		Mass Intentions:
Saturday June 21	5:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Smith
Sunday June 22	7:30am	Margaret Shrader
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	7:00pm	Corpus Christi Procession
Monday June 23	12:15pm	Fred A. Glass
Wednesday June 25	8:30am	Richard & Mary Gebhart
Thursday June 26	5:30pm	George & Nadine Neiderer
Friday June 27	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	7:00pm	Maurice Lee
Saturday June28	5:30pm	Beatrice Gallo
Sunday June 29	7:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Victoria Marco & Lillian Koluch

Corpus Christi Procession

It is tradition in our parish to honor the Blessed Sacrament in a special way on this day- the feast of Corpus Christi. From 11:00am until 7:00pm in the Church there will be Adoration. The procession of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7:00pm.

World Priest Day

Also known as the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests - June 27th

"He spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured." (Luke 9:11b) Just as Christ ministered to the needs of those around Him, you may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God's kingdom to His people. Are you being invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving the Church as a priest? Reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director at rijweaver@hbgdiocese.org.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thursday June 26, 2025

5:30pm- Mass on the 15th Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Schlaline

7:00pm- Parish Dinner- to reserve your spot, please call the office (717-637-2721) or

Friday June 27, 2025

8:00am- Morning Prayer

6:00pm- Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

7:00pm- Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Saturday June 28, 2025

8:00am- Morning Prayer & the Rosary

Dinner Tickets

Tickets for the dinner after Mass on June 26th will be available for purchase after weekend Masses through this weekend. Tickets are \$5/person or \$20/families of 4 or more. You may also contact the parish office for information at 717-637-2721. If you are available to assist with setup on June 26th beginning at 4:00pm, please reach out to Erin Dolce at 410-258-7239.

Welcome to the Catholic Church!



Sean Stokesbury

Our parish rejoices that today at the 10:00am Mass, Mr. Stokesbury is received into the Catholic Church: "Despite my wife being a cradle Catholic and raising our four children Catholic, I never attended Mass other than the obligatory Christmas and Easter. When my father passed away four years ago, I began regularly attending church with my family which helped me make sense of the seemingly inexplicable and also brought a great deal of peace and closure. Through the support and guidance of my wife and the RCIA leaders, I have grown spiritually and look forward to further building my relationship with God." Welcome Mr. Stokesbury!

Want to Learn More about Catholicism?

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you curious to learn more? Email Don and Kelly Jenkins at ConewagoRCIA@gmail.com.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Thursday August 14: Vigil Mass at 7:00pm
Friday August 15: Masses at 8:30am & 5:30pm

Sunday June 22, 2025

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Sacred Heart Parish Picnic

Saturday July 19, 2025 11:00am to 8:00pm

at the Basilica Picnic Grove 3175 Centennial Road

Come join us for a day full of fun: live music, kids' games, baked goods, jars of chance and raffles, chicken dinner, chicken corn soup, and more.

Disputed Books of the Bible

Adult Education
Led by Father Dwight Schlaline

6:30pm on Mondays June 30, July 7 & July 21

Parish Hall

No sign up necessary.

Why do some Bibles have more books than others? Why are certain books included and not others? Come and see!

Independence Day

This year, July 4th is a First Friday. We will not be having our normal 7:00pm First Friday Mass or 6:00pm Holy Hour. Instead, Mass will be at 9:00am for Independence Day.



Special Holy Hour for Vocations

Sunday July 27, 2025 at 3:00pm



Tuesday is Sacred Heart Day at Hoss's. Bring your family and friends. Cut this card or pick up one in the back of church.





Nigeria

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria who are suffering violent religious conflict.

Reflect: Nigeria, a country that is half Christian and half Muslim, has been plagued by complicated and multifaceted dynamics of religious conflict, including competition for natural resources between Muslim Fulani herders and Christian farmers. At the juridical level, however, the resurgence of Sharia Law in 12 of the 20 northern states in 2000 has further marked the north-south divide that has been present in Nigeria since before independence from the British Empire in 1960. Christians in states under Sharia Law are many times obligated to adhere to its tenets, and face much civil society discrimination, including the denial of public services and the imposition of Muslim religious garb. Archbishop Matthew Man-Oso Ndagoso of Kaduna once remarked: "Religious persecution in the north is systemic. For you to be able to practice your religion freely, you should be able to preach anywhere. That is not possible in the north. I cannot build a church, yet the government employs and pays imams to teach in schools. Every year they have money to build mosques in the budget but will not let you build churches." Beyond the political dimension, radicalization of Fulani herders, as well as elements of Boko Haram—which persecutes both Christians and Muslims—has contributed to an increase in anti-Christian violence. The country ranks first in the numbers of Christians killed in 2024 (3,100) and kidnapped (2,830).

Act: Build solidarity with fellow Christians throughout the world by continuing to pray and learn about their struggles. Stay informed by signing up for the USCCB's religious liberty newsletter, First Freedom News.

IVF Mandates

Pray for couples who suffer fertility challenges, and that political leaders would promote therapies that respect the dignity of all human persons.

Reflect: The demand for In Vitro Fertilization (aka IVF) that has been expressed recently is understandable. Couples who suffer fertility challenges desire to grow their families, a good and holy desire, and IVF is presented as the solution to the problem. However, IVF procedures fail to uphold the dignity of the human person in multiple ways, especially in the destruction of human life required by the procedure. IVF is inseparable from abortion, and it behooves Christians to pursue other means of addressing fertility challenges, while respecting human dignity. The Catholic Church is committed to promoting and defending the dignity of all human life. Therefore, the Church opposes efforts to make IVF more accessible. Some of the proposed IVF bills have not only tried to expand access to IVF but have suggested that medical professionals who conscientiously object to these procedures could be forced to participate in them. The Catholic Church will resist these attempts to force people to participate in these procedures.

Act: The USCCB advocates for policies that respect the dignity of all human life. In 2024, the USCCB was active in opposing IVF legislation and promoting alternative legislation that would seek to advance an ethical restorative approach to reproductive medicine. Sign up to receive action alerts at www.votervoice.net/USCCB/register and use your voice to advocate for legislation that defends human life and dignity.



Catholic Healthcare

Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.

Reflect: An essential part of Christ's earthly ministry was to cure the sick, and when he sent the Apostles on mission, he commanded them to heal those afflicted by diseases. The Church has carried on the healing work of Christ by building institutions dedicated to medicine and accompaniment of the dying. Some activists and policymakers have sought to undermine the Church's mission by forcing Catholic hospitals to perform procedures that destroy human life and undermine human dignity, such as sterilization, gender reassignment surgery, and even abortion. While Catholic hospitals face these pressures, individual people of faith who work in secular institutions may find themselves coerced into participating in immoral procedures. For example, nurses have been forced to assist in abortions or risk losing their jobs. Even the prospect of being put into such a situation can have a chilling effect on Christians who are called to serve as medical professionals. Nurses and doctors have the right to be exempted from participating in procedures to which they conscientiously object.

Act: While existing federal laws already protect some of the conscientious objections to abortion, sterilization, and gender reassignment surgery in theory, this protection has not proved effective in practice. These laws can only be enforced by the Office for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which has in the past refused to fully enforce these laws. The Conscience Protection Act would address the deficiencies that block effective enforcement of existing laws, most notably by establishing a private right of action allowing victims of discrimination to defend their own

rights in court. Contact your elected officials in Congress and urge them to support the Conscience Protection Act!

Nicaragua

Pray: for Christians in Nicaragua, where the Catholic Church faces brutal government persecution.

Reflect: The Church in Nicaragua—the one remaining independent civil society institution in the country since the abolition of all political opposition parties and organizations in the country in 2021—continues to suffer persecution from the regime of Daniel Ortega and his wife and Co-President, Rosario Murillo. Since 2018, when the Nicaraguan bishops declared their support for the Nicaraguan people's right to protest against unpopular governmental fiscal policies, the Church in Nicaragua has suffered a systematic and politically charged campaign of aggression, including bloody assaults against parishes and chapels, kidnappings, politically calculated desecrations of the Blessed Sacrament, the expulsion of the Apostolic Nuncio, the exile of half of the country's bishops, and many priests and religious. Despite these tremendous challenges, the Nicaraguan people remain steadfast in their faith, and have, courageously, opted for the exercise of peaceful opposition to the unjust policies targeting the Church in Nicaragua.

Act: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. Catholic Relief Services in Nicaragua manages a number of agricultural projects serving the country's poorest and seeking to sustainably increase their food production, incomes, and access to markets. Participate in the Church's work in Nicaragua by supporting Catholic Relief Services—https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/nicaragua.

Political Polarization

Pray that Catholics will have the courage to put the truth of the gospel and fidelity to the Church above partisan politics.

Reflect: Catholic social doctrine does not provide ready-made solutions to every political problem that arises within a particular set of circumstances. Catholics, and all people of good will, exercise the virtue of prudence in making practical judgments about what policies to pursue and how to pursue them. So, it is to be expected that Catholics will disagree with one another about how to approach different social issues. Disagreement is not a problem. What is a problem is abandoning the search for truth and fidelity to the Church in order to support one or another political party or ideology. Vigorous debate can be a sign that we are seeking the truth together. Speaking uncharitably or deliberately misrepresenting our fellow Catholics in public discourse in order to score political points is almost certainly a sign that we are putting loyalty to a political ideology above loyalty to the Truth. Polarization within the Church is not only a problem for the body politic; it is a spiritual sickness in the body of Christ.

Act: Polarization is not simply a phenomenon "out there." It names a tendency within many people to turn away from truth in order to remain loyal to their political tribe. But Catholics are called to be conformed to Christ, not to partisan political leaders, media personalities, and social media influencers. Catholics can take a step towards depolarizing our nation's politics by honestly undertaking an examination of conscience and availing themselves of the sacrament of Confession. Have I spoken untruthfully in order to defeat a political opponent in an argument? Have I failed to treat others with genuine charity? Have I remained culpably ignorant about an issue by refusing to listen to others? When we come

before the Lord in Confession, God's grace heals us as individuals and as members of the body of Christ.

Immigration Services

Pray that the Lord would protect vulnerable migrants and refugees, and that the Church enjoy the freedom to carry out the ministries that Christ has handed to her.

Reflect: Ministry to migrants is not peripheral to the work of the Church. It is central. It institutionalizes those corporal works of mercy which are an expression of the love of Christ. Jesus taught us that we will be judged on the basis of how we treated the stranger and the prisoner, the hungry and the thirsty (Matthew 25:31-46). It is for this reason that the Church can be found serving people in need at our country's borders and beyond. Nations have a right to regulate their borders and safeguard the communities within them, while at the same time, prosperous nations are "obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, § 2241). When a person in need comes before us, we don't check their papers before serving them as Christ taught us. Rather, we recognize their inherent God-given dignity and the reality that "[e]very migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance" (Caritas in veritate, § 62).

Act: The USCCB is active in advocating for the rights of religious organizations, including religious charities that serve migrants. Join the USCCB in these efforts by signing up for action alerts at www.votervoice.net/USCCB/register.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

Reflections from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (<u>www.usccb.org</u>)

Freedom to Serve the Common Good

Pray that government leaders would recognize the contributions that religious charities make to the common good.

Reflect: For decades, religious freedom advocates and leaders of faith-based organizations have worked to ensure that religious organizations could partner with the government on an equal playing field with other organizations. In recent years, the Supreme Court has issued rulings that ensure that when a government has a program, it cannot exclude religious groups simply because they are religious. For example, Missouri had a program that used recycled tires for playground resurfacing at schools. A Christian school met all the criteria for participation in the program, but the state sought to exclude the school on the grounds that state laws prevented religious institutions from access to public programs. The Supreme Court ruled that the state could not discriminate against the school on the basis of its religious status. Religious schools and charities seek to promote the common good and serve their communities in numerous ways, such as caring for the elderly, feeding and sheltering the poor, offering education, and providing health care. When governments and faith-based organizations cooperate with each other, the whole community benefits.

Act: The USCCB Office of Religious Liberty is active in promoting the freedom of religious institutions to participate in programs that foster the common good. Sign up to receive action alerts at www.votervoice.net/USCCB/register and use your voice to advocate for churches and religious charities.

Parental Choice in Education

Pray that governments would strengthen the ability for parents to direct the education of their children.

Reflect: One of longest running areas of concern for the Catholic Church in the United States has been the right of parents to direct the education of their children. Blaine Amendments—provisions in state laws that prevent religious institutions from receiving public funds—were developed at a time of high anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant sentiment and sought to counter the efforts of Catholics to give their children a Catholic education when the public schools were essentially Protestant. The Catholic Church is clear: parents have the right to direct the education of their children. That may mean something as simple as allowing parents to opt out of instruction that clashes with their religious beliefs. This right may also entail that the government provide parents with the means to educate their children in accordance with their religion. The refusal to provide public economic support to non-public schools that need assistance and that render a service to civil society is to be considered an injustice. "Whenever the State lays claim to an educational monopoly, it oversteps its rights and offends justice. . . . The State cannot without injustice merely tolerate socalled private schools. Such schools render a public service and therefore have a right to financial assistance" (Compendium, 241).

Act: The USCCB Secretariat for Catholic Education is a leader in advocacy for the rights of parents to make authentically free choices regarding the education of their children. In the coming year, the Secretariat will be engaged in efforts to promote robust school choice policies. Get involved by subscribing to Catholic Ed Monthly, the newsletter of the Secretariat for Catholic Education.



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Weekend Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Confessions

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30am Mass 10:00am Mass

First Friday of the Month

6:00pm: Adoration & Confessions

7:00pm: Mass

Other Mass Times

Times vary. Check weekly bulletin.

Baptism & Anointing of the Sick Call parish office.

Marriages

Couples contemplating marriage are to approach the pastor at least nine months before the date on which they hope to marry.