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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



These two pillars of the Catholic Church are celebrated together on June 29 each year.

With different backgrounds and separate missions, Saint Peter and Saint Paul helped the early Church grow by exhibiting the necessary apostolic courage to proclaim the Gospel in the face of brutal persecution. Saint Peter was a fisherman who answered Jesus' call to follow him, taking a prominent role among the original twelve Apostles. He was present during the most important events of Jesus' ministry. Originally named Simon, Jesus made him the leader of the Apostles, giving him a new name that means "the rock". Sometimes written as Cephas or Kephas, Peter was the first Pope on which Jesus would build his Church. Saint Paul, or Saul of Tarsus, was a brilliant Jewish teacher who fiercely persecuted Jesus' Church. He was present during the stoning of Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr. After encountering the risen Jesus, Paul experienced a dramatic conversion. Now called to preach the Gospel to non-Jewish people, he travelled to the most important cities of the time and wrote many letters which are included in the New Testament. Saint Peter and Saint Paul are patron saints of Rome, the city where they had brought the Christian faith and where they were both martyred under the emperor Nero between 64 and 67 AD.



--text taken from FiercelyCatholic.com

Flowers on all altars have been designated by Carol Smith in Memory of Galilea & Ezekiel Aguilar.

Mass Intentions:

- Saturday June 28 Sunday June 29 Monday June 30 Wednesday July 2 Thursday July 3 Friday July 4 Saturday July 5 Sunday July 6 7:30am 10:00am
- 5:30pm Beatrice Gallo 7:30am People of the Parish Victoria DeMarco & Lillian Koluch 10:00am 12:15pm Richard P. & Margaret M. Jacoby 8:30am Clara E. Todt 12:15pm **Terry Neiderer** Living & Deceased members of James & Patricia Rosner Family 9:00am Living & Deceased members of John & Myrtle Staub Family 5:30pm

People of the Parish

Verna Sponseller

Note: No 7:00pm Mass nor 6:00pm Holy Hour for First Friday this month.

Grief Healing Retreat

Revival is a retreat for all grieving mothers of child loss, from pregnancy loss through adulthood. Move beyond shallow survival into the healing Our Lord desires for us, even in grief. Connect with other mothers who also carry an extraordinary cross. Led by a team of grieving mothers from Red Bird Ministries, *Revival* will be held August 15th-17th at The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. Registration is \$250 and does not include lodging, which is offsite. To learn more, visit- www.redbird.love/revival-shrine

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!

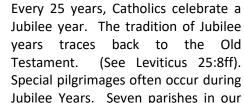
Feast of the Assumption of Mary R Thursday, August 14: Vigil Mass at 7:00pm Friday, August 15: Masses at 8:30am & 5:30pm

Changes with the Bulletin

We are grateful to the businesses who sponsor our bulletin. This year we have so many sponsors that want to advertise in our bulletin, that we need to make a bigger bulletin. Starting next week, the bulletin will be printed on 11"X 17" paper. This will also give us more room to promote the many initiatives and activities of our parish and school communities. Thanks also to Schlaline Print Shop for helping with this transition and for printing the bulletins. May God continue to bless our parish!

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Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Site



diocese have been named pilgrimage sites, including ours. The other parishes are:

- Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg •
- Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius, • Danville
- Saint Catherine Labouré/Shrine of the • Miraculous Medal, Harrisburg
- Historic Saint Mary's Church, Lancaster •
- Corpus Christi Parish, Chambersburg,
- Our Lady of Hope Parish, Coal Township

For these Jubilee sites, the diocese has created a **Pilgrim Passport**, to encourage parishioners to visit multiple—or all—of our domestic pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee year.

A Housekeeping Item

After using it, please place the Missalette behind the black Parish Hymnal in the pew book rack.

A Note of Appreciation

What a great blessing to experience the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. Thank you to everyone who made the festivities of the last few days not only possible – but even a tremendous blessing. Celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary along with 15 years as a priest—what a blessing! May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection at every moment until the end of time.





Saints Thomas More and John Fisher

Patrons of Religious Liberty and Religious Freedom Week

Taken from: https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/st-thomas-more-and-st-john-fisher

The USCCB began Religious Freedom Week on June 22, the day when the Church remembers Saints Thomas More and John Fisher. Saints Thomas More and John Fisher were Renaissance men. Talented and energetic, they contributed to the humanist scholarship of early modern England. Saint Thomas More wrote theological and philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. As a bishop, he is notable for his dedication to preaching at a time when bishops tended to focus on politics. These men were brilliant. They both corresponded with Erasmus, who helped Bishop Fisher learn Greek and Hebrew, and who also famously referred to More as a "man for all seasons."

Above all their accomplishments, these men bore witness to a deep faith in Christ and his Church. Thomas More considered joining religious life and was assiduous in his devotional practices. As a married man, he committed himself wholly to his vocation as a father. At the time, disciplinary practices with children tended to be severe, but More's children testified to his warmth, patience, and generosity. Saint John Fisher was a model shepherd and demonstrated remarkable humility. He remained in the small Diocese of Rochester his entire episcopal ministry, devoting himself to his local church rather than seeking promotion to a larger, more powerful diocese.

Thomas More and John Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim, and their steadfastness to their consciences put them in conflict with the king. They were convicted of treason.

It is good to love one's country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ and his kingdom. Saints Thomas More and John Fisher show us what faithful citizenship looks like. They loved and served their country. In the moments just before his execution, More is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." They never rose up to incite rebellion or foment revolution. They were no traitors. But when the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they submitted to Christ. These men gave their lives for the freedom of the Church and for freedom of conscience. They bear witness to the truth that no government can make a claim on a person's soul. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country. We ask for the intercession of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first!

Diocesan Annual Campaign

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. Use the QR code for your donation or send by check. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Diocesan

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Annual Campaign so far this year. As of June 16, we now have raised \$60,335 toward our goal of \$70,262. We still need to raise another \$9,927.

Tree Donations

Thank you to the following for your contributions: - from John & Judy Barrett:

- in honor of the Dunnock and Barrett Families.
- from Doug, Melanie, Joy and Molly Stonesifer in memory of David Stonesifer.
- from her family

in loving memory of Janet A. Groft.

- from his daughters in memory of Joe Smith.
- from her daughters in memory of Sally Smith.
- from Leonard & Janet Buckley in memory of Brungs & Buckley Families.
- from Denise & Matt Neiderer in memory of Ben Neiderer.
- from Charlotte Glessner
 - in Memory of Chuck Glessner
- from Charlotte Glessner

in honor of the Sanders family

- from Alice Smith
 - in Memory of Donald B. Smith Sr.
- from Kevin & Jacki Neiderer
 in memory of Richard & Barbara Neiderer.
 from David Knox
- in moment of Loo & Pernad
- in memory of Leo & Bernadette Groft.
- from Missy & Frank Felix in memory of Austin F. Staub Jr. & Darlene (Felix) Staub.
- from Jeanne Smith dedicated to the living and deceased members of the Mark Smith Sr. family.
- from Robert Gladchuck
- from Joel & Joy Trimmer Family

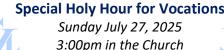


Independence Day Friday July 4, 2025 Mass is at 9:00am Parish Office is closed. (No Holy Hour or First Friday evening Mass)

A Reflection for Independence Day

"The revolutions in Europe drove the colonists to this country and settled America. Freedom of thought and freedom of action were denied them in the land of their fathers, and they looked to the New World for happier and more peaceful homes. Persecution followed them, led by many an evil genius of mother-land intolerance. Every change of tyrantruler in Europe was severely felt in the colonies, until the glorious patriots with their taste of freedom could stand no more, and independence was proclaimed in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Would that we could recount the struggles of the heroes of independence, but you have the history of your country before you; study it well and let your children drink it in from their youth, that this great union of states and union of hearts may be preserved and perpetuated forever." -John Timon Reily

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New Principal at Saint Teresa of Calcutta School

Saint Teresa of Calcutta School is pleased to announce Mrs. Lauren College as the new

principal effective July 1, 2025. Mrs. College is not a stranger to our community. She currently lives in McSherrystown and has children enrolled in our school. She has served as Vice Principal of Saint John's School in Westminster for two years and has years of teaching experience prior to that. In her two years as Vice

Principal, Saint John's School has experienced much growth and vitality. Next weekend, Mrs. College will introduce herself to our parish community at all of the Masses. Welcome Mrs. College! We praise God for providing everything we need to fulfill the mission of the Church here in our STC Community! May God continue to bless this community with growth and vitality. Lauren College

Pilgrimage to Mount Saint Mary's - August 7

Thursday, August 7th, step away from the busy-ness and go on a pilgrimage. Travel to The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Maryland, for a "Day of Prayer for World Peace through Conversion." This annual pilgrimage provides a time and a place of encounter with our Blessed Mother Mary and our Lord Jesus Christ. Arrive at the Shrine between 9:00am and 10:00am and spend the morning hours in prayer on your own or with your small group. Diocesan Priests will be available to hear your confession between 9:30am and 11:00am in the vicinity of Saint Mary's Chapel on



the Hill. The pilgrim's Mass will be celebrated at 1:00pm, followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour with spiritual reflection, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. The gift of a plenary indulgence can be gained on this pilgrimage. Please bring your own lunch and something to share. For additional details, contact Father Michael Reid at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Hanover, PA: (717) 637-4625; frmreid@hbgdiocese.org.

Vocations

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) Sometimes God speaks to us very clearly, other times it is a little more difficult to understand what God is asking of us. Maybe you feel like Peter, God is calling you to something greater than yourself, but you don't fully understand what He is asking of you. Now would be a great time to talk to your priest to better learn how to hear God's voice and discern His purpose for your life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director of the Diocese of Harrisburg, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org.

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic Saturday July 19, 2025 11:00am to 8:00pm



Our Parish Picnic is less than 3 weeks away on July 19! Beginning at 7:00am at the Basilica Picnic Woods at 3175

Centennial Road, Hanover, help is needed to pick the chicken meat from the bones for soup. Carryouts for the soup begin at 9:00am. Bring your own container. NO PLASTIC containers will be accepted as the soup is very hot and will melt through plastic. The Picnic officially begins at 11:00am. PLEASE consider giving of your time. Ask someone at the stands how you can help. Giving someone a break is ALWAYS appreciated. Help is also needed to clean up and put things away after the picnic is over around 8:00 pm. Those that work hard all day will certainly appreciate the help. Those who cannot attend the picnic can help by praying for good weather and a profitable day!

Basilica in Time

"About 1765 the church at Conewago was considerably enlarged by Fr. Matthias Manners, S.J. In 1758, Fathers James Pellentz, James Frambach and John Williams came to MD. Missions, the latter founding the church at Frederick, Father Pellentz building Conewago Chapel in 1787, Father Frambach doing missionary work from Lancaster to the Alleghanies. What missionaries labored at Conewago! The figure of a heart in the front wall indicates that it was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and after it was free of debt it was consecrated in that honor, the devotion of which is now widespread."

> By John T Reily From the book: Conewago Collections

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A New Youth Missionary from our Parish

My name is Paige McIntire and I have been a parishioner here at Sacred Heart for my entire life. I have exciting news about where God is calling me to serve for the upcoming year! Along with 140 other young men and women, I will spend this upcoming



school year serving as a Catholic missionary for NET Ministries. For over 40 years, NET Ministries has shared the Gospel with over 2.2 million young people, allowing them to encounter the person of Christ through evangelization and discipleship. As a NET Missionary, I am responsible for forming a team of ministry partners who will support the work of NET Ministries with monthly or one-time gifts totaling to a minimum of \$7,000-8,000. This support helps offset expenses for my training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. With the blessing of Fr. Schlaline, I am asking you to partner with me this year to help me reach this minimum funding goal. You can send gifts to NET Ministries at 110 Crusader Ave W, West Saint Paul, MN 55118-4427. Make checks payable to NET Ministries and indicate that the donation is for Paige McIntire. If you wish, you could also donate online at www.netusa.org/supportamissionary and select Paige McIntire in the team member box. All donations are tax-deductible.

Eucharist is Thanksgiving

The Spirit of the Eucharist is a Spirit of Thanksgiving. With the ancient Psalmist who constantly recounted the mighty deeds of God seeing His incredible mercy and steadfast love let us get accustomed to saying: \Im Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good \Re For His mercy endures forever. (from Psalm 107:1)

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stck8school.org **Conewago Campus (pre-K-3)** 55 Basilica Drive, Hanover (717) 632-8715 **McSherrystown Campus (4-8)** 316 North Street, McSherrystown (717) 637-3135 **Delone Catholic High School** delonecatholic.org **140 South Oxford Avenue** McSherrystown, PA 17344 (717) 637-5969

Original

Conewago Chapel

built in 1741

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.