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Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00pm

Parish Staff

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Parish Registration

Welcome new parishioners! Please contact the Office Administrator during office hours to register in the parish. When changing your address, phone number or email address, please notify the parish office to update your information.

Parish Picnic

Third Saturday of July at Basilica Picnic Grove,
3175 Centennial Road, Hanover

Bulletin Submissions

Email your proofread announcement as text (not scanned) by Tuesday 9:00am to Office Administrator.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:00am

First Friday of the Month: 7:00pm

Weekdays & Holy Days: Check bulletin

Confession

Saturday: 4:00pm; First Friday of the Month: 6:00pm

Baptism of Children

Call the parish office to prepare.

Anointing of the Sick

Notify the office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound and wants to receive the Sacrament.

Marriage

The marriage preparation process takes at least nine months. Couples should meet with the pastor as soon as possible after getting engaged.

Christian Initiation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic Christian, email us: ConewagoRCIA@gmail.com. Meetings are usually Mondays at 6:30pm.

Burial Plots

To purchase a burial plot, please call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Jean.

Catholic Education

Saint Teresa of Calcutta School: grades preK- 8
717-637-3135; 717-637-8715; Stck8school.org

Delone Catholic High School: grades 9-12
717-637-5969; DeloneCatholic.org

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday December 7, 2025

Mass Intentions:

Saturday December 6 +St. Nicholas+

5:30pm— Gary & Keith Adams

Sunday December 7 + Second Sunday of Advent +

7:30am— People of the Parish

10:00am—Nadine, Conway, Michael,
Daniel, & Craig Dettinburn

Monday December 8 + Immaculate Conception +

8:30am— Thomas F. Devine

5:30pm— Homebound Parishioners

Tuesday December 9 +St. Juan Diego+

No Public Mass

Wednesday December 10 +Our Lady of Loreto+

8:30am— Ben Neiderer

Thursday December 11+St. Damasus+

No Public Mass

Friday December 12 + Our Lady of Guadalupe +

12:15pm—Cletus & Mary Neiderer

Saturday December 13 +St. Lucy+

5:30pm— Richard J. Smith

Sunday December 14 +Third Sunday in Advent +

7:30am— People of the Parish

10:00am—Leon & Anna Klunk



Flowers

The flowers on the Main Altar have been designated in loving memory of Sarah Morey & Craig Morey from their family. The flowers on Mary's Altar & St. Joseph's Altar have been designated in honor of the birth of Hazel Belle Durski on November 10, 2025.

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering	\$8,712.23
New Hope Ministries Collection	\$431.00
Pennies for Life Collection	\$79.30

March for Life

Friday January 23, 2026 in Washington, DC
Our Parish has a bus going to the March for Life
(see attached flyer)

Deadline to register—December 14, 2025.

McSherrystownMarchforLife@gmail.com

Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be available again this year for the church. If you would like to purchase one in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please place your order along with \$11.00 and names in an envelope either in the collection basket or drop it by the office no later than Monday December 15.

Parish Calendar

Saturday December 6

4:00pm- Confessions

2025 Christmas Ornaments available for sale after Mass

Sunday December 7

2025 Christmas Ornaments available for sale after Masses
Angel gifts for New Hope due today unwrapped

6:00pm- Remembrance Service

Monday December 8

5:00pm- Rosary in the Church

6:30pm- Christian Initiation Class in convent

Wednesday December 10

6:30pm- Religious Education Classes

Thursday December 11

6:00pm- STC Children Christmas Concert in Parish hall

Saturday December 13

4:00pm- Confessions



Anchor of Hope

—Catholic Grief Support—

Anchor of Hope is a Catholic, peer-led grief support ministry centered in Christ. Whether your loss is recent or long-lasting, you are invited into a compassionate, faith-filled space where we listen, share, and pray together.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

— Revelation 21:4

Meetings: Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM

Beginning: December 11

Location: The Convent at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Hanover, PA.

For more information, please contact Justin Livelsberger at jlivelsberger84@icloud.com.

All are welcome. Come as you are and find healing in Christ.



"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2) John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith create the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children.

"Behold, you will conceive and bear a Son..." (Luke 1:31) Mary's openness to God's plan shows how saying 'Yes' can change the world. All vocations: priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, begin with a generous response to God's call. Pray for guidance and courage to follow where He leads. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

Ember Days

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send workers into the harvest field".

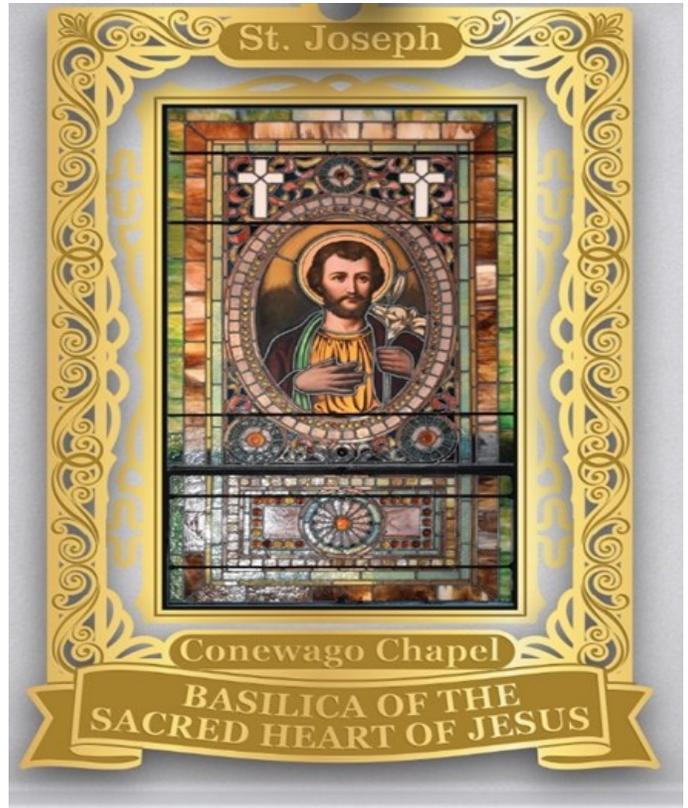
—Matthew 9:37-38

From its early centuries, the Church has reminded us, each season, to thank God for the gifts of creation, and to ask His blessings on the season. These reminders were called "Ember Days". During each set of Ember Days, the faithful were called to:

1. Pray for an increase in priestly vocations
2. Thank God for the seasonal harvest – specifically, for those gifts that are used in the sacraments:
 - Spring – Honey, to make wax for blessed candles
 - Summer – Wheat, to make the Eucharistic hosts
 - Autumn – Grapes, to make the wine, to be consecrated into the Blood of Christ
 - Winter – Olives, to make the sacramental oils for various anointings

Advent is a time of prayer and penance, as we prepare for the Lord's coming. Maybe consider using some time near the traditional Advent Ember Days (this year, December 17, 19, and 20) to pray and offer sacrifice for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

2025 Christmas Ornament



Saint Joseph Window Ornament

\$25.00 each

Stop by and purchase your 2025 Sacred Heart Christmas ornament this weekend after Masses. This year, we have extras so if you would like one, stop by the table in the vestibule or the parish office during office hours, or mail your order form and payment to:
 Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 30 Basilica Drive, Hanover, PA 17331.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity: _____

Total Due: \$ _____



Schedule of Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve—December 24—
5:30pm & 7:30pm

Christmas Day —December 25—
12:00 Midnight & 9:00am



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

The best way to start off the new year.

December 31—Vigil—5:30pm

January 1— 9:00am

Adams Deanery Advent Penance Services

Come to experience God's mercy and peace through the forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

December 11: St. Joseph, Bonneauville @ 7:00pm

December 13: Annunciation, McSherrystown @ 10:00am

December 16: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbottstown @ 7:00pm

December 17: St. Joseph, Hanover @ 7:00pm

December 20: Sacred Heart, Conewago @ 10:00am

Several priests will be available to hear your Confession in preparation for the coming of the Messiah into the world and the celebration of the His Birth on Christmas Day.

Catholic Social Teaching Symposium

Saturday January 31, 2026

Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg

Registration is open! Rooted in the dignity of every human person, the Diocese of Harrisburg’s inaugural Catholic Social Teaching Symposium is a day dedicated to exploring the Church’s response to some of the most urgent issues of our time. Through panels, breakout sessions, and practical discussions, participants will deepen their understanding of human dignity, solidarity, and our call to serve the common good. Together, we will reflect, learn, and discern how we can bring Christ’s love into our communities through action, advocacy, and encounter. All are welcome to register and attend. The cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch. For the complete schedule, details, and to register, please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/catholic-social-teaching-symposium/>.

Remembrance Service

Sunday December 7, 2025 at 6:00pm

Have you lost a loved one recently? Are you finding it difficult to approach the holidays without them? Join us this weekend for a night in which we acknowledge this loss, but more importantly, emphasize the gratitude for having known them and the joy they brought to our lives, and a message that love endures. Refreshments will be provided at the convent following the service.

Advent Penance Service

Saturday December 20, 2025

10:00am

Several priests will be available here to hear your Confession in preparation for the coming of the Messiah into the world and the celebration of the His Birth on Christmas Day.

A New Catholic

This weekend at the 7:30am Mass, we receive into the fullness of the Catholic faith **Mr. Steven Yost**. He will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Mass. May God bless him as he joins the Catholic Church and always.

AMDG

What does that stand for?

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam- this is a Latin phrase that means, “For the greater glory of God.” It was also a motto for the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) who founded this parish. When we do all for the glory of God, then our motivations are totally pure. Thus, may all of our actions redound *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* unto the greater glory of God!

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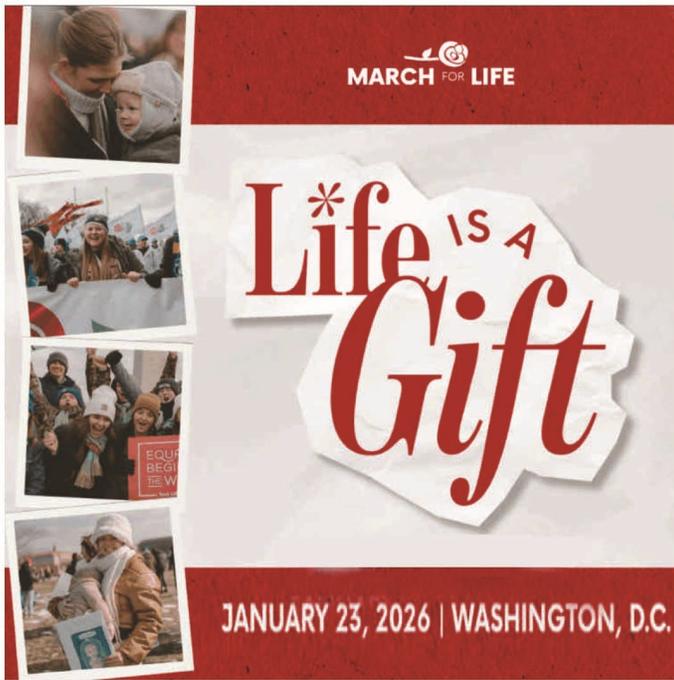
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The March is Friday January 23, 2026

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Bus with rest room holds 54 passengers

- Mass - **7:45 AM** at Conewago Chapel
- Departure from Conewago Chapel - **8:30 AM**
- Stop off at Mountain Gate Restaurant, Thurmont MD on the way back from Washington DC
- Return from Washington to Conewago Chapel - **8:00 PM**

Bring your own snacks, lunch, and money for dinner at Mountain Gate Restaurant. Water will be provided.

For More information call: 717-637-2721 or 717-637-1191

Return this form or respond via email ASAP or no later than **Dec. 14, 2025** ---The March is Friday Jan. 23, 2026

Mail to: **Basilica of Sacred Heart Parish • 30 Basilica Drive, Hanover, PA 17331-8924** or
Put in the **COLLECCION BASKET** or drop off at the offices of Annunciation, McSherrystown or Conewago Chapel, Hanover.
Please mark "MFL" on the envelope. Or--You can email your reservation to: McSherrystownMarchforLife@gmail.com

MFL 2026

Please, **NO TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS.**
This form must be submitted to reserve your seat on the bus.



Name: _____ Number of Persons _____

Address: _____

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Get your holiday shopping done early for the Squire fans in your life! The Squire Store will be open 9:00am—2:00pm in the Sheppard Lobby on December 13. This is an in-person event. PayPal, cash & checks are accepted. Please note these items are different than those available on our 24/7 BSN Sideline Store (www.delonecatholic.org/community/alumni/squire-store)

Christmas Concert

The Arts at Delone Catholic presents our annual Christmas Concert on December 14 at 6:30pm in the Delone Gym. Performances featured are Junior Band, Flute Ensemble, Clarinet ensemble, and Concert band.

Donations are accepted at the door or at www.DeloneCatholic.org.

Deck Your Halls with the PTO Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser

The Delone Catholic PTO is thrilled to launch a new holiday fundraiser with Lynch Creek Farm, offering beautiful, fresh holiday greenery perfect for decorating your home or sending as festive gifts. Lynch Creek Farm provides some of the highest-quality, handcrafted wreaths, garlands, and centerpieces available. When you shop through our dedicated link, Delone Catholic earns a significant percentage of every sale!

Visit our dedicated fundraising page: https://lynchcreekwreaths.com/?campaign_id=7957542

Browse the stunning selection of wreaths, centerpieces, and decorative evergreens. The deadline for all orders is December 14 to ensure timely delivery before the holiday rush!

Stewardship Through Estate Planning

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. - Romans 14: 7-8

Consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. Everyone should have an estate plan comprising of either a will or a trust. A will is a legal document that allows you to control how your assets are distributed **after** your lifetime. Without a will, the probate court will decide who acquires your assets upon your death. Typically, the court will divide your assets between your surviving spouse and children, or your blood relatives. The court will not provide for any charitable intentions you may have.

A trust allows you to control how your assets are distributed **both during and after** your lifetime. Establishing a trust requires that you transfer ownership or title of your assets to the name of your trust. Since the trust owns the assets, there is nothing for the courts to control when you die. This is beneficial since, unlike a will, you avoid all the costs, delays and publicity of the probate process. However, depending on its complexity, a trust can be more expensive to create than a will.

Most importantly, an estate plan allows you to determine how and to whom the gifts God has bestowed on you will be distributed when you can no longer serve as your own steward. For detailed questions on wills or trusts, contact an estate planning attorney. If you are planning on giving to a charity, please consider **Sacred Heart Basilica** as part of your estate plan. The Office of Stewardship & Development at the Diocese of Harrisburg (call 717-657-4804) can provide sample language that you can share with your advisors when considering a charitable gift to the parish.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday December 8, 2025

A Holy Day of Obligation

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."



8:30am Morning Mass ✠ 5:00pm Rosary ✠ 5:30pm Evening Mass



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