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- **First Parish Church in America dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- **Named a Minor Basilica on June 30, 1962**

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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday December 28, 2025

Mass Intentions:

Saturday December 27 +St. John, Apostle +

5:30pm — Sean Bollinger

Sunday December 28 +The Holy Family +

7:30am — People of the Parish

10:00am— Ellen Lee

Monday December 29 + St. Thomas Becket +

12:15pm— Suzanne Corbett

Tuesday December 30

11:00am— Funeral Mass for Donna Groft

Wednesday December 31 + St. Sylvester +

5:30pm — Tony Kurek

Thursday January 1 +Solemnity of Mother of God+

9:00am— Carol Kabel

Friday January 2 +St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen+

6:00pm— **Holy Hour**

7:00pm— Denny Neiderer

Saturday—January 3 + Holy Name of Jesus +

5:30pm — Charles Berry Sr. & Family

Sunday January 4 + Epiphany +

7:30am — People of the Parish

10:00am — Richard P. & Margaret Jacoby

Flowers

The flowers on the Main Altar have been designated for Familia of Victor Vargary & Maria Barrera. Flowers on the Main altar have also been designated by Melanie Stonesifer in memory of David Stonesifer.

Weekly Collection

Sunday Offering \$9,639.97

Capital Campaign \$1,065.00

Thinking about Catholicism?

Contact Kelly and Don Jenkins at

ConewagoRCIA@gmail.com

Eternal Rest

Please keep the family of parishioner **Donna M. Groft** in your prayers as they mourn the loss of her passing. Eternal rest grant unto her Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Welcome Bishop!

This weekend, Bishop Ronald Gainer will be hearing the 4:00pm Confessions and celebrating this weekend's Masses while Fr. Schlaline away. Thank you Bishop for being with us!

Parish Calendar

Saturday December 27

4:00pm Confessions & Mass with Bishop Ronald Gainer

Sunday December 28

Masses with Bishop Ronald Gainer

Monday December 29

6:30pm Christian Initiation Class in convent

Wednesday December 31

No 8:30am Mass

5:30pm Mass with Msgr. Jim Lyons

Parish Office Closed

Thursday January 1— Happy New Year!

9:00am Mass with Msgr. Jim Lyons

Parish office Closed—Happy New Year!

Friday January 2

6:00pm—Holy Hour of Adoration

A Thank You

Fr. Schlaline wants to express his gratitude to all who have sent him Christmas cards and gifts. Thank you so much. Also, thank you to everyone who made Christmas so special this year— all parish staff, parishioners— everyone. Thank you for being the gift that you are. It is such a delight to be a part of this dynamic community of God's love.



2026 Men's Conference

Steadfast in Mercy



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OSB

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The
Date

April 18, 2026

Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA

New Year, New Projects

Sacred Heart Basilica has been a historic landmark for a long time. Regularly, there are groups of pilgrims who come for visits and tours. At times, our parish is asked whether there is a gift shop, a museum, and/or a place to eat lunch. In the next few months, we will begin a renovation of the parish's barn. The barn will be a cozy space for meetings and will have a small museum, gift shop and restrooms. We have many artifacts and items to put on display. Our incredible legacy of faith, hope and love deserves such a space dedicated to sharing our story. This project has been approved by the diocese and costs \$845,085. One generous parishioner has already pledged to cover half of the cost. We invite you also to consider supporting this valiant effort.

A month ago, our parish applied for a grant from the same foundation that had awarded us a large grant for the Interior Restoration Project a few years ago. We were just notified this week that our application for a grant has been denied. There are some other foundations that we are looking at as well.

In light of that, uncertainty remains about what should be done with the Saint Joseph Convent. Our attempts to welcome another group of religious sisters have not panned out so far. Currently, we use the convent for meeting space, but once the barn is finished, we will not need the convent for that purpose anymore. It is possible to use the convent for other purposes— a young adult community of single Catholics perhaps. The denial of our recent grant application is a factor to take into consideration here— especially if the funds are not available to renovate and maintain the convent. Over the next several months the parish will need to discern more and more what is best done with the convent.

If you would like to make a contribution to this new capital campaign, please mark your donation, "Capital Campaign" or "Barn Renovation." Checks are payable to Sacred Heart Basilica. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our parish extends to you and your family best wishes, thoughts and prayers for a very Merry Christmas as we honor our Savior's birth in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. May God be with us as we continue this journey of life.

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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/>

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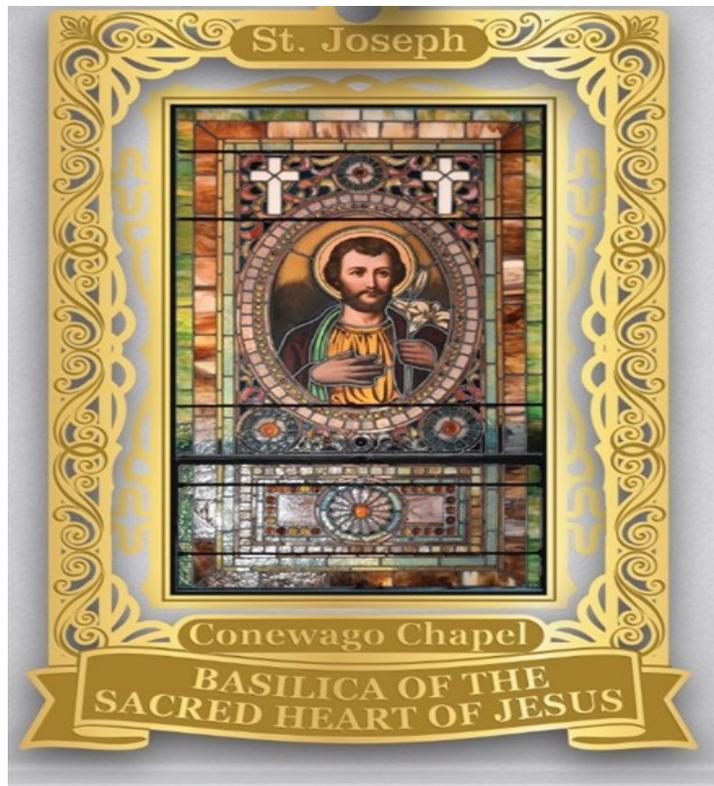
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2025 Christmas Ornament



2025 Saint Joseph Window Ornament

\$25.00 each

We still have plenty of ornaments available for purchase. Stop by the parish office anytime during office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm or Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm (excluding holidays).

Parish Lector Ministry

If you are interested in becoming a lector for our liturgies, please contact Erin Dolce at 410-258-7239 or email ecatdol@gmail.com. We especially are in need of lectors for Saturday evening Masses.

A Growing Movement of Catholic Families

The Apostolate for Family Consecration® (AFC) supports and challenges Catholic families to grow in holiness, grow in truth, and grow together so that they can become fully alive in Christ. We offer Catholic family vacations, retreats, and resources to lead families to an encounter with Jesus and form them in the truths of our Catholic Faith. The AFC is a private association of Christ's faithful founded in 1975 by Jerry and Servant of God Gwen Coniker. Learn more at afc.org.

Summer Bus Trip



The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
& Father Dwight Schlaline present

A Pilgrimage of Fervor and Love

THE HOLY GROUNDS OF THE SACRIFICE OF
THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS
AND THE BIRTHPLACE OF
SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA
JUNE 1 – 4, 2026



We will travel
from Conewago to Caughnawaga,
the village where Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
was reared as a child.

Transportation provided by Bailey Coach Lines
Space is limited so please register before
February 15, 2026
Depart June 1st from Sacred Heart Basilica
Return on June 4th



Explore the Holy Grounds and learn about the First North American Martyrs, Saint Isaac Jogues, Saint Rene Goupil, and Saint John Lalande. See the Birthplace of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American and female saint in North America.





North American Martyrs Pilgrimage

Registration

To reserve your spot on the trip, complete this form for you and your roommate (if applicable.) Then return it to the parish office.

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Cost for one person with single hotel room: \$868.
 Cost for two people in one hotel room: \$1,268.
 Checks payable to Sacred Heart Basilica.
 Register by Feb 15. Payment due by April 1.

Emergency Contact: who should we contact on your behalf in case of an emergency on this trip?

Name
Phone



Itinerary

Hot Breakfast is available at the hotel. Lunches at the Shrines are included in price of the trip. You pay for your dinners, and for your lunches while on the road. Lodging cost is \$468 for 3 nights hotel room. Bus & other expenses \$400 per person.

Monday June 1: Travel Day
 Depart the Historic Conewago Chapel at 8:30am. We will stop for lunch along the way and arrive in Johnstown, NY around 3:00pm. Mass at 5:00pm followed by dinner at Sam's Steakhouse.

Tuesday June 2: Martyrs' Shrine
 Tuesday is devoted to exploration and prayer at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. Tour and Mass in the morning. At noon lunch will be provided followed by visits to the Gift Shop, Museum and Visitor Center. In the afternoon we will walk the trail to the river where Saint Rene Goupil was martyred. There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and quiet prayer. We'll finish the day with dinner at the restaurant 308 Prime in Johnstown before returning to the hotel for the evening.

Wednesday June 3: Kateri's Shrine
 Wednesday is devoted to exploration and prayer at the National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in Fonda, NY. In the morning we will have a tour and Mass. Lunch is provided in the pavilion at noon. In the afternoon, we will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Then we will visit the museum and gift shop. Finally, we'll enjoy dinner at the Raindancer Restaurant before returning to the Hotel for the evening.

Thursday June 4: Travel Day
 We'll conclude the pilgrimage with a 10:00am Mass at the Martyr's Shrine, a final visit to the gift shop before saying farewell. We'll stop along the way for lunch and return to Conewago Chapel by 6:00pm.



Women’s Bible Study

The women’s Bible study that was done on Wednesday mornings back in October was called “Living in the Father’s Love.” Now we are going to offer an evening option. Contact Sarah at sarah.stokesbury@gdit.com for more information. We will do this same study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm (during CCD) starting January 14 and concluding on February 25. All women are welcome to attend!



2026 Christmas Mass Time Survey

Recently, several parishioners have asked about possibly changing Mass times for the 2026 Christmas Mass schedule. Our current Christmas times are as follows:
December 24: 5:30pm & 7:30pm
December 25: 12 Midnight Mass & 9:00am

If we were to change the Christmas Mass times, circle which time would be the best fit for your family to attend Christmas Mass:

December 24 Christmas Eve:



- 4:00pm 5:00pm
- 4:30pm 5:30pm
- 6:00pm 6:30pm
- 7:00pm 7:30pm
- 8:00pm 8:30pm
- 9:00pm 10:00pm
- 11:00pm 12 Midnight

December 25 Christmas Day Mass:

- 8:30am 9:00am
- 9:30am 10:00am

If anytime works for you, then do you prefer Christmas Eve, Christmas Night or Christmas Morning?

- Eve Night Morning

Thank you for your input!

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God



A Holy Day of Obligation

December 31—5:30pm Vigil Mass
January 1— 9:00am New Year’s Mass



March for Life

Friday January 23, 2026 in Washington, DC
Our Parish has a bus going to the March for Life .
There is still time to sign up!
McSherrystownMarchforLife@gmail.com

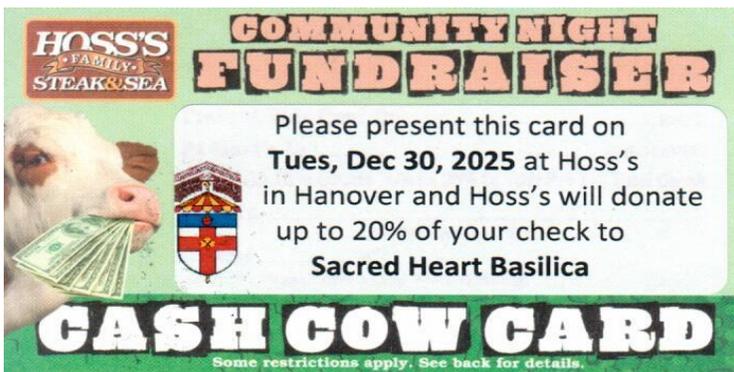
A Housekeeping Item

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



Hoss’s Day

Stop in and relax a bit from all the Holiday excitement and let Hoss’s do the cooking. Great fundraiser for the Parish! Cards also available at church entrances.





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