

*For I know well the plans I have in mind
for you... plans for your welfare
and not for woe, so as to give you
a future of hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

**Church: 400 East Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507**

E-mail: officemanager@stjosephmech.org • Website: www.stjosephmech.org

MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg PA

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our mission is to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Pastor
Reverend Kenneth C. Roth, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Jack Paruso (Retired)
Deacon Steven Auchey
Rudy Geisler, Parish Manager
Rebecca A. Bamberger, School Principal
Mark Rebuck, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mary Vukelich, Adult Education Coordinator
Justin Myers, Pastoral Musician
Suzanne Bruzga, Evangelization Coordinator
Parish Advisory Council, pac@stjosephmech.org

Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
4:00 PM Gazebo
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM (ASL), 11:30 AM
9:45 AM Gazebo
Weekday: See inside; Masses for the Week

Parish Office: 410 E. Simpson St.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507

Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:45 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 9:45 AM - Noon

Telephone Numbers:
Parish Office: 717-766-9433
Video Phone for the Deaf: 717-610-0326
Mass & Confession Times: 717-766-8032
Parish Office FAX: 717-795-9123
School: 717-766-2564
School FAX: 717-766-1226
Religious Education: 717-766-2472
Trinity High School: 717-761-1116

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Please notify the parish office when you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital or healthcare facility.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office, 717-766-9433, to schedule.

Common Policy for Baptism: Parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive a copy of the Parish Baptism Policy containing essential information regarding the required instruction workshop and requirements for sponsors.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active members of the Parish who are registered in the Parish and receiving the Sacraments.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

Common Policy: It is necessary for a couple to contact the priests NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated time of the wedding. (It is recommended to contact the parish priest as soon as a formal engagement is decided.)

Sacrament of Anointing: Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Holy Communion to the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age, or infirmity, please call the office and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the person.

Masses & Events for the Week + Mass in American Sign Language ASL

VIGIL - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30)

4:00 PM ☩ John Maciejczyk (Maciejczyk)
4:00 PM Gazebo Mass - ☩ Patricia Alexandre (Persak)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM People of the Parish Living and Deceased
+9:45 AM ☩ Loretta King (Fritsch)
9:45 AM Gazebo Mass - Special Intention of Javier Anareta (Burman)
11:30 AM ☩ Michael Pinamonti (Thomas)
9:30 AM RCIA (Lee Horan Room)
After Mass Coffee and Donuts to Go (Outside Brindle Hall)
1:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism (Church)
2:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism (Church)
3:00 PM Sacrament of Baptism (Church)
6:00 PM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 - WEEKDAY; SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE (Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32)

9:00 AM In honor of Father Rozman's 35th Ordination Anniversary
9:30 AM Father Rozman's 35th Anniversary Social (Brindle Hall)
11:00 AM Bereavement Support Group (Lee Horan Rm.)
11:00 AM Parish Office Opens
4:15 PM Alpha (Lee Horan Rm.)
6:30 PM Alpha (Lee Horan Rm.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 - WEEKDAY (Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41)

9:00 AM ☩ Father Thomas Sennott
9:30 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
10:00 AM Leisure Club Steering Committee Mtg. (Brindle Hall)
5:00 PM SJAA Basketball (Gym)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Lee Horan Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 - WEEKDAY (Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46)

9:00 AM Special Intention of the Wise Family
10:00 AM Bible Study (Brindle Hall)
5:00 PM SJAA Basketball (Gym)
6:00 PM REP High School Program (Lee Horan Rm.)
6:30 PM Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.)
7:00 PM Columbiettes Mtg. (Brindle Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 - WEEKDAY; SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR (Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54)

9:00 AM ☩ Deacon Andrew Fine (Fine)
10:00 AM Abiding Together Women's Group (John Paul II Rm./Zoom)
5:00 PM SJAA Basketball (Gym)
7:00 PM Abiding Together Women's Group (John Paul II Rm./Zoom)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 - SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7)

9:00 AM Special Intention of Larry Hollister (Brennan)
12:00 PM Staff Meeting (Brindle Hall)
7:30 PM Holy Hour with Prayers, Night Prayer, Benediction ending with Candlelight Procession & Prayers to Our Blessed Mother (Church and Livestream)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 - WEEKDAY; SAINT HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS; SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN;

BVM (Romans 4:13,16-18; Luke 12:8-12)

6:15 AM That Man Is You (Brindle Hall)
Noon Rosary (Outside in front of Blessed Mother Pro-Life Statue)
2:15 PM Confessions (Confessionals)

VIGIL - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45)

Ministry Highlight Weekend
4:00 PM People of the Parish Living and Deceased
4:00 PM Gazebo Mass - Special Intention of Vincent Bulzoni (Kline)
After Mass Legion of Mary Table (Narthex)
Welcome Kiosk (Narthex)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Highlight Weekend
8:00 AM Dedication Anniversary of our Parish
+9:45 AM ☩ Frances Bianca (Bianca)
9:45 AM Gazebo Mass - ☩ Kathleen Geisler (Geisler)
11:30 AM ☩ Rose Hricisak (Hricisak)
9:30 AM RCIA (Lee Horan Room)
After Mass Coffee and Donuts to Go (Outside Brindle Hall)
Welcome Kiosk (Narthex)
Legion of Mary Table (Narthex)
2:00 PM Special Intention of Confirmands (Church)
4:30 PM Special Intention of Confirmands (Church)
6:00 PM Bible Study (Lee Horan Rm.)



Join us in Church or for an outdoor Mass. Our Outdoor Masses are Saturdays at 4:00 PM (Vigil) and Sundays at 9:45 AM. All Masses in the Church can be heard from the Church parking lot on your car radio (FM 95.5). The 9:45 AM Mass can also be viewed via Livestream on our website, Facebook or YouTube channels. All are welcome!!!

Flowers and Candles in the Sanctuary and at the Narthex Shrines are in honor of

Father Rozman's 35th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (October 11, 1986).

All parishioners are invited to attend the 9:00 AM Mass on Monday, October 11, 2021 the actual date of Father's anniversary.

After Mass, there will be a cake and coffee social in Brindle Hall.

Happy Anniversary Father!

THIS Weekend Music Ministry

4:00 PM Organ/Cantor
8:00 AM Organ/Cantor
9:45 AM Sanctuary Choir
11:30 AM Organ/Cantor

NEXT Weekend Music Ministry

4:00 PM Sanctuary Ringers
8:00 AM Organ/Cantor
9:45 AM Contemporary Ensemble
11:30 AM Sanctuary Choir

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONERS:

Viola Karper
Mary Philbin
Vernon Poplaski, husband of Deb Poplaski

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Catherine Frye, sister of Frank Fisher
Anna Messinger, mother of John Messinger

Questions and Answers About Abortion

Article by Father Roth

1) When Does Life Begin?

This is such an important question since the commandment states, "Thou shall not kill," and for any civil society to stand, murder must be illegal. So, we cannot stand for any abortion that would end a life, making this question paramount. For Christians, though, the real question is "when is the human soul created by God?" To answer this question, we can look at scripture, and there are many passages to choose from, such as Jeremiah 1:4-5 or Isaiah 49:1, but I want to focus on Luke 1:41. In this passage, Mary visits Elizabeth, and John leaps in her womb for Joy in meeting Jesus. This passage is not just a joyful meeting, but the moment John is given his blessing by God to be a prophet. All prophets are given a direct blessing from God, but John receives his while he is still in Elizabeth's womb, and the blessing was given by Jesus, who is only weeks old inside Mary's womb.

Outside of Christianity, defining life without the knowledge that we have souls becomes more difficult. There are many attempts at recognizing this defining moment, such as a heartbeat, neuron development, mental capacities, etc. The problem with all these biological and mental developmental markers is they are arbitrary and frequently have exceptions. By arbitrary, I mean those rules are things that most humans may have in common, but they are never core to what it means to be a human. In terms of exceptions, there are rare medical cases where someone is born without that single marker, so, do you count them as human? Of course you do, but that just means the marker is a bad definition of the beginning of life. The only biological marker of a human that is consistent is DNA, but that forms within the first 2 weeks of conception. So even outside of Christianity, our best marker for human life happens at about the point of conception.

2) Wouldn't Making Abortion Illegal Be Me Just Forcing My Religious Beliefs on Others?

It would not be, since there are people who are Pro-life from many religions and there are even atheists who are Pro-life. Pro-life isn't just a Catholic belief, even though as Catholics it's an especially critical issue in our society. As Catholics, we also have a greater understanding. We know all humans have souls. We know God loves and creates us. We know there are morally evil and morally good actions, and we know there is an afterlife. Even if someone doesn't believe in heaven or the human soul, they still exist. Imagine a child who uses a curse word but does not know its meaning. Wouldn't it be better to step in and correct the child, instead of letting them use the curse word, because you think it's not your place to correct them? We understand that abortion is killing innocent people and so we have a duty to stop it.

In general, though, this type of thinking sounds terrible when you apply it to any of our other beliefs. No one says, "I believe stealing is a sin, but it's not my place to force my religious beliefs on others, so let's keep stealing legal." It is dangerous to try and rationalize a decision, instead of thinking rationally about it. It is a good practice to be overly critical on reasons that support your beliefs, so you can make good decisions. Supporting human life is always a good decision, because God created that life.

3) Does Someone Who Has an Abortion Go to Hell?

Only God can know if something was mortally sinful. For a sin to be mortal the person must have full knowledge of what they are doing and full freedom to do it. In the vast majority of abortion cases the woman does not have full freedom. She is in a high stress situation, afraid and looking for anyone to help her. Then family, friends, or society gives her this simple solution to have an abortion. I have even heard of cases where a parent gave an ultimatum, "You either have an abortion or you never step back in my house again!" If anything, keeping abortion legal simply gives the family and friends the ability to pressure that mom into having an abortion even if she doesn't want to. Please pray for women in such difficult situations, that someone in their life may reach out to them in love and hope.

On the other hand, this is not as true for doctors who perform abortions. They are in a much more dangerous situation. They have seen sonograms of babies before and they have even taken the Hippocratic oath, Do No Harm. They are also not under the stress these women find themselves, since, if a doctor wants, they can avoid ever being in a situation where they would have to perform an abortion. They can change hospitals or change where they work in the hospital or find other ways to avoid it. These doctors need our prayers that they may have a conversion of heart and we pray for God to have mercy on them.

Final Thoughts.

This life is not about making life as easy as possible. Life is about giving our lives as a sacrifice for others. One of the greatest sacrifices anyone can make is for their child, planned or not.

If you or someone you know suffers from spiritual or mental anguish due to an abortion, Rachel's Vineyard is a wonderful Ministry of Healing. Or, if you or someone you know is struggling due to a pregnancy, you can reach out to Morning Star Pregnancy Center. You are also welcome to reach out to one of the priests here at Saint Joseph; we are always happy to do whatever we can for you. We want to help you. I can be reached at 717-766-9433 ext. 110 or email: frkroth@stjosephmech.org.



Saint
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School



Saint Joseph School has the following employment opportunities available. Candidates are expected to uphold the values of the Catholic Church and our Saint Joseph School:

The Early Learning Program (ELP) at Saint Joseph School is looking to hire assistants for morning (7:30- 9:30) and/or afternoon (2:30- 5:30) hours. More hours may be available, if wanted. ELP is the extended day part of our part-time preschool program. ELP is open from 7:30-5:30, and we follow the Saint Joseph School calendar. For more information, you may contact the ELP Director, Ursula Pelton, at upelton@stjoesmech.org.

Second Grade Teacher and Substitute Teacher: Interested candidates must be a practicing Catholic and must possess at minimum a bachelor's degree. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age and will need to complete all diocesan clearances.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Rebecca Bamberger at rbamberger@stjoesmech.org.

Want to turn your state taxes into financial aid for Saint Joseph School? Contact Amanda Koerner, Director of Development, for details. akoerner@stjoesmech.org or 717-766-2564



Trinity's Beef 'n Beer Event: All are welcome to attend the 6th annual Beef 'n Beer event, held at Trinity High School, on October 16, from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. This event supports Trinity athletics, and offers great food, drinks, and fellowship at the same time! Sponsor our event or get tickets at <https://www.thsevents.org/>. Contact: communications@thsrocks.us with questions. **Go Rocks!**



SAINT JOSEPH CHILDREN'S CHORAL ENSEMBLE

CHERUB CHOIR



Contact: Elise Nobile
elisekmusic@gmail.com



The Cherub Choir is our Saint Joseph Children's Choral Ensemble, and is open to all of our young parishioners in **grades 2-8**. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 5:40 PM - 6:20 PM in the Parish Life & Education Center Music Room, September to mid-May.

The choir sings at one Mass a month, and at the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass. Contact Elise Nobile at elisekmusic@gmail.com for information and to sign up! All are welcome!!!

Weekly Stewardship Report - October 3, 2021

Regular Sunday Offerings:

Weekly Goal \$ 26,731.00

Actual Basket Offerings -

Weekend Offerings (envelopes & loose) \$ 23,039.00

Electronic Check - Bill Payer \$ 4,355.00

Online Thru WeShare \$ 7,701.00

Total Offerings \$ 35,095.00

Comparison Prior Year - October 4, 2020 \$ 30,362.00

Additional Offerings:

Haitian Disaster Relief \$ 775.00

Capital Improvements (PLEC Roof Savings Account) \$ 2,124.00

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UPDATED COVID-19 PROCEDURES FOR THURSDAY DAILY MASSES WHEN SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE PRESENT

Effective October 14, 2021, students and adults are required to wear a mask in Church at the Thursday 9 AM Mass when the Saint Joseph School students are with us.

This is in keeping with the state-wide masking mandate for schools.

Instead of cancelling this Mass and moving it from the Church to the school gym (where only the faculty and students would be allowed to attend), and because we normally have only one priest at the parish on Thursdays, it has been decided that all who attend are to cooperate with this policy, for the safety of our students and those who might be at risk of contracting COVID-19.

For those who would find it difficult to wear a mask, we will continue to livestream the Mass, for you to attend from home. We will also allow attendees without masks to participate in the Mass in the narthex, and Holy Communion will be brought to you during the Mass.

Again, the policy will be in effect starting Thursday, October 14, 2021. Masks will be available in the narthex for those who need one. Masks are required only when Saint Joseph School students are in attendance. Thank you for your cooperation.



October 16/17: The Legion of Mary will have **free Rosaries**, and take sign-ups from families who would be interested in having a beautiful statue of Our Lady brought to their homes. The Legion of Mary will bring the statue to your home and each family may keep it for a week at a time. The statue is blessed and so it is a sacramental, a powerful channel of grace to help strengthen families. Call Nancy Hudock 717-421-0250 with any questions or to receive a rosary.



All are invited to pray the Rosary with Our Nation on Saturday, October 16 at Noon!!! America Needs Fatima is organizing 20,000 Rosaries to be said at the same time throughout our country for the reparation and conversion of the United States. Our parish participation will be held outdoors in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue on Saturday, October 16, at Noon. Please join us in prayer, bring a friend and a rosary!!!



October is Respect Life Month! As part of our month long efforts to help the unborn, our Respect Life Committee is teaming up with Morning Star Pregnancy Center and hosting the annual Baby Bottle Campaign. The Baby Bottles are available in the narthex, church exits and at the Gazebo Masses all month. Please return your donations and Baby Bottles anytime. There will be contactless bins in the narthex for both available bottles and returning bottles/donations.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support through the Baby Bottle Campaign! If you are interested in joining our Respect Life Committee, please contact Joel Santolla at joelsantolla@gmail.com.

Our Parish Staff has an opening for a full-time Family Life Ministries Coordinator. The central focus of this position is to engage families, adults, and teen-aged youth in a life of discipleship. The successful candidate must be a living witness of strong Catholic faith, and be committed to the vision and mission of Saint Joseph Parish. They must have a track record of being an initiator, leader, and consensus-builder, with a demonstrated ability to take an idea from inception to implementation. They must have experience engaging people of all ages in the life of the Church. Candidates must possess excellent oral and written communication skills, and a demonstrated ability to listen and respond effectively. Experience in recruiting, training and mentoring volunteers, as well as establishing strategic connections and partnerships are strongly desirable in this position. Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite and social media, and a demonstrated ability to learn proprietary applications are required. Candidates must be able to obtain Diocesan Youth Protection clearances. A college degree is required, or equivalent work experience and track record of success in a professional environment. Please submit resume and cover letter to Mary Vukelich at adultformation@stjosephmech.org. Apply by October 22.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive Save the Date: November 13/14, 2021



If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Saint Joseph Council 12788 will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on November 13-14. Please consider joining us. For more information visit <http://www.kofc.org>

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8th Annual Christmas Fest

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On Saturday, November 20, 2021

From 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM

Christmas Shopping • Vendors • Handcrafted Items • Holiday Fun and Food • Activities for all Ages • Silent Auction • Raffle • Children's Crafts • Musical Performances

- ⇒ Do you make handcrafted items or own a business and would like to purchase a 10' x 6' vendor space?
- ⇒ Would you like to donate a new item, grocery or retail gift card, or a basket for the Silent Auction?
- ⇒ Do you enjoy baking? Would you like to donate baked goods for the Bake Sale or pies for "Pies for a Purpose?"
- ⇒ Would you like to volunteer your time to help on the day of the Christmas Fest?

Complete the form below and return to the Parish Office or drop in the Collection Basket.

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Yes, I am interested in helping with the 8th Annual Christmas Fest in the following way(s):

THANK YOU!

**The Christmas Fest Planning Committee
will contact you soon!**



The only way we will ever overcome the darkness of this world is by following the example of Jesus Christ, relying upon the Holy Spirit, and becoming imitators of Christ. Jesus desires to conquer the world through us, through our love and sacrifice. Join That Man Is You on Saturday morning to learn how we can do this. TMII meets in Brindle Hall at 6:15 for a men's program that shows you how to transform yourself, your family and greater society. Breakfast is provided! Contact Tony Devlin at thedevlinfamily@yahoo.com for information.



Annual Eucharistic Devotions October 31-November 2, 2021

Each year, our parish has the privilege of worshipping the Lord in the Eucharist during our Annual Eucharistic Devotions. Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Reverend Kenneth C. Roth and Deacon Steven

Auchey invite you to participate in the opening of our annual Eucharistic Devotions on **Sunday, October 31, 2021.**

Following the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, October 31, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will remain open all afternoon. We will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 5:00 PM.

On Monday, November 1, we will have Mass at 9:00 AM, and Exposition will follow. The Church will be open all day for prayer in front of Our Sacramental Lord. This is All Saint's Day, but is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

In the evening, we will offer two Masses, 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM which will include the attendance of our Religious Education Students. All are welcome.

On Tuesday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, we will have Mass at 9:00 AM. Exposition will follow the 9:00 AM Mass. The Church will be open all day for prayer in front of The Blessed Sacrament.

We will conclude our Forty Hours Devotion with Mass at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

We pray you can join our parish in prayer during this most solemn time. May the Eucharistic Lord Jesus continue to richly bless and reward you and our parish.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult needing any Sacraments?
Join our RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)! For additional information please contact Suzanne Bruzga at evangelization@stjosephmech.org or call 717-766-9433.

Abiding Together

Women's group resumes

IN-PERSON

Meeting Option!

Each Thursday, amazing women like you are gathering to accompany and support each other as we grow in faith. We listen to an episode of the Abiding Together podcast, and discuss how the ideas presented help us draw closer to Christ. The topics are all stand-alone, so you can participate as your schedule permits.

Choose between 10 AM or 7 PM session — whichever fits your schedule. Choose to attend in-person in the John Paul II room or via Zoom. Contact Mary at adultformation@stjosephmech.org for the Zoom link.

Want a preview? Listen to the podcast for free using your favorite podcast app (iTunes, Stitcher, Spotify, etc.) or by visiting www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



BAKERS - Put On Your Aprons! The Columbiettes are asking for donations of pies for our annual **Christmas Fest on Saturday, November 20, 2021.** Whole pies will be sold for the 3rd annual *Pies for a Purpose* fundraiser for our parish. This year's "purpose" is to refinish the special tabernacle used on Holy Thursday. All proceeds from the pie sales will go to this important parish project. If you can help, please contact Valerie Spangler at 717-790-9172 or vjdspn@verizon.net. Thank you in advance!



The Diocese of Harrisburg's annual **Mass Celebrating the Gifts of People with Disabilities** will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 24, at 10:30 AM** at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Quarryville. Bishop Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist.

To assist with planning, it is requested that those attending from outside Saint Catherine of Siena Parish or in need of any special accommodations, kindly RSVP to LKiley@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext. 322, prior to October 15. This Mass will be available via livestream through the Diocese of Harrisburg YouTube page.

Silence of Mary Collection - The weekend of October 23/24 the Columbiettes will be collecting items for the Silence of Mary Home. They currently need: large size: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths and small sized personal hygiene items: shampoo, body lotion and body wash. Gift cards are also appreciated. Carts will be in the Narthex for your donations. Questions? Call Mary Ann at 717-766-6316.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Save the date for the 2021 Diocese of Harrisburg Women's Conference: **Saturday, October 16**, at The Diocesan Center 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. This year's Keynote Speaker is Theresa Farnan, PhD. Here is the link to register and find all the details: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/womens-conference/>

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CAREGIVERS-SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, October 23. Most of us know of someone who is involved in providing direct care or responsible for the care of a family member, a neighbor, or friend. That someone may be you. Caregivers often describe their service as simply "doing what needs to be done." However, the hours spent on care can leave little time for relaxation, spiritual renewal or connecting with others. Volunteers in the Cumberland/Perry Deanery parishes are planning the 8th Annual Caregivers' Day of Prayer and Care to honor these very special men and women on Saturday, October 23, 1-4 PM, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 310 Hertzler Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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