HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
119 South Prince Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603
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Bishop of Diocese of Harrisburg
Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer

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Websites
www.stmaryslancaster.org
www.hbgdiocese.org

Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Friday - 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Mass Schedule
Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 12:05 pm; Saturday 9:00 am *(Novus Ordo Ad Orientem Chanted)*
Sunday Mass: Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 am

Confessions
Friday, 12:30-1:30 pm; Saturday, 3:30-4:15 pm

Mass Broadcast
Sunday evening 5:00-6:00 pm on LCTV Channel 66

Religious Education Office
717.341.5291 — Classes held on Sunday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Resurrection Catholic School
717.392.3083

Lancaster Catholic High School
717.509.0315

Prayer Line Contact
Helen Juba, 717.291.5874

Parish Advocate for People with Disabilities
Yvonne Devosa, 717.314.5603

Library
Open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily and between Masses on Sunday

Marriage Preparation
A minimum of nine months is required for marriage preparation. Go to *www.stmaryslancaster.org/weddings* or call the parish office.

Baptism
Parish membership and baptism class mandatory. Contact the parish office. Baptisms are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Parish Mission

We, the family of St. Mary's, are a community nourished and sustained by the Body and Blood of Christ and impelled by the Word of God to go forth and evangelize.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday, March 4 (First Saturday):
9:00 am Olivia Kistler *(Pat & Chris Whalen)*
4:30 pm John Schubert *(Mary Lynn Devine)*

Sunday, March 5 (Second Sunday of Lent):
8:30 am Parishioners & Friends *(Fr. Olkowski)*
11:00 am Thomas Olkowski *(Steve Olkowski & Donna Davis)*

Monday, March 6:
12:05 am Regis & Rose Whalen *(Pat & Chris Whalen)*

Tuesday, March 7:
12:05 pm Sam Ruffing *(Anonymous)*

Wednesday, March 8:
10:00 am **WV Manor North:** The Ross family *(Peter & Louise Ross)*
12:05 pm Tom Anderson *(Manley family)*

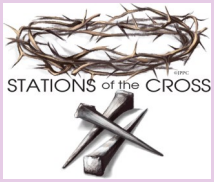
Thursday, March 9:
12:05 pm Lawrence John Lukowiak *(Cardin family)*

Friday, March 10:
12:05 pm Samuel Fulginiti Sr. *(Anne Martell)*

Saturday, March 11:
9:00 am Thomas Willig *(Mary Lynn Devine)*
4:30 pm Parishioners & Friends *(Fr. Olkowski)*

Daylight savings begins at 2:00 am Sunday, March 12. Turn clocks ahead 1 hr.

Sunday, March 12 (Third Sunday of Lent):
8:30 am Viktor Perovic *(Adiletta family)*
11:00 am Tom Anderson *(Joyce Rebman)*



Join Us!

Every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 pm in the church.

Paschal Candle.
The Paschal Candle has now been purchased.
Thank you!

Pray this Lent: The Hallow App will have a Lenten prayer challenge with Jonathan Roumie and Jim Caviezel leading a prayerful reading of *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A. Kempis. For a free three month trial of Hallow if you've never used it before, scan the QR code here or contact Riley Ewen at ***riley.ewen.mail@gmail.com***.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AH (Assumption Hall) • A (Atrium) • CAF (cafeteria) • CH (Church)
DR (rectory dining room) • G (gym) • HFC (Holy Family Chapel)
JP (JPII Room) • KIT (Kitchen) • K (Kolbe Room) • L (library)
LS (Lancaster Square) • MR (music room) • MM (Mary's Mantle)
R (rectory) • SAC (sacristy) • S (school) • SY (school yard) • Z (Zoom)

March —
05 PREP (S) & CGS Level I & II (S) - 9:40 am
05 RCIA (K) - 9:45 am
05 Penitential Rite for Candidates (CH) - 11:00 am
05 Confirmation Practice - Sacred Heart Church - 2:00 pm
07 Catholic Schoolhouse (S) - 8:40 am
07 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I (A) - 9:30 am
07 Women's Bible Study (AH) - 9:30 am
07 Young Women's Group (HFC/K) - 5:30 pm
07 Lenten Rosary Series (AH) - 7:00 pm
08 Men's Gospel Reflection Group (Z) - 6:00 am
08 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I (A) - 9:30 am
09 Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church - 7:00 pm
09 Exodus 90 (K) - 8:00 pm
10 Adoration and Confessions (CH) - 12:30 pm
10 Community Meal (CAF) - 5:00 pm
10 Stations of the Cross (CH) - 7:00 pm
11 TMIY (AH) - 6:45 am
11 Baptism (CH) - 11:00 am
11 Confessions (CH) - 3:30 pm
11 Full Youth Group (G) - 6:00 pm
12 PREP (S) & CGS Level I & II (S) - 9:40 am
12 RCIA (K) - 9:45 am
12 RCIA 1st Scrutiny for Catechumens (CH) - 11:00 am
12 St. Michael's Guard Training (CH) - 12:00 pm
12 Prep 7-8 grade (St. Joseph Church) - 5:30 pm
Rosary prayed Daily—See page 4 for schedule.

Please keep in your prayers:
Mark Fouchet, Evan T. Mandras, Wayne Maresch, Michael F. Masciale, Daniel O'Brien Jr., Louis Wakefield, Bud Yarnell.
Please call the rectory office, 717.392.2578, to have a family member's name added to the above prayer list. They will remain on the list eight weeks unless the rectory is notified for an extension.

Ian Williams & Victoria Carroll
March 18, 2023
Jacob Boyde & Kelly Leonarski
March 25, 2023

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle this weekend burns in memory of what would have been Bob Joline Jr.'s 64th Birthday from his family.

You may request that the sanctuary candle burn in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or for a special intention. The candle will burn for one week. The customary donation is $10 per intention. Call the rectory office to schedule.

2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign Kickoff

Sunday, March 5 | Goal: $121,303

There are three ways to contribute:

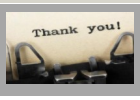
1. The coupon and envelope that you'll receive in the mail and find in the pews.
   - Mail it to St. Mary's or the Diocese of Harrisburg.
   - Drop it in the offertory basket at Mass.
2. Go to our website and click on Diocesan Annual Campaign and donate/pledge online.
3. Call the rectory office, 717.392.2578, and give your pledge.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadline

Submissions for the March 12 bulletin are due by Monday, March 6 at 9:00 am. Send information to *judy@stmaryslancaster.org*.

Our Advertiser of the Week.

Re/Max SmartHub Realty
Don Spica - Parishioner
Office - 717.208.4444
don@donspica.com



To our Advertisers. Please support them for they have supported us!

You may request flowers to be placed at the altar for the weekend of your choice (except for Advent, Lent, Easter, Christmas, and the weeks directly after Easter and Christmas). If you have questions or would like to check a date's availability, please call Nina Eshleman at 717.393.0985.

Help Decorate the Church for Holy Week/Easter.

Contact Mary Walters if you would like to help with this ministry, 717.293.0203.

Saturday, March 25	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday, April 1	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, April 5	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Friday, April 7	AM time - TBA, 8:00 pm
Saturday, April 8	9:00 - 11:00 am, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Contact the rectory office at 717.392.2578 to have an order form emailed to you. **(Orders must be received at St. Mary's by *Thursday, March 30 . . .* no exceptions.)** St. Mary's will receive tickets on or before the week of *April 17.*

Stewardship
Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

Offertory February 20 - February 26:

In Pew/Mail In:	$ 5,010.00
Online Giving:	5,222.00
Total Offertory	$ 10,232.00
Budget 22-23	$ 15,385.00
Over/Under Budget	$ 5,153.00

While growing up in a Protestant home, I was taught the scriptures and learned that Jesus loved me. My grandpa, a kind and gentle man, whom I loved to spend time with, was our church janitor. I was with him one day as he was cleaning the sanctuary and I said to him, "But Grandpa, I just wish that Jesus was really here."

Fast forward 30 years. I was raising my own children in the Protestant church. I vividly recall one night when my eldest daughter said to me, "Mom, I think there is *more* to our faith." Not sure how to respond, I left her room rather puzzled. Subsequently, when she went off to college she began to explore and search for what the '*more*' could be.

I was shocked and dismayed when she came home with the unexpected announcement that she had discovered through RCIA classes, that her '*more*' was the Catholic Church! I felt betrayed that our church had not been enough for her. I knew she loved Jesus, but as I saw her change, I wanted to know what was the '*more*' she had discovered. What had I missed? What had she found?

She had discovered that our salvation is completed on the altar. Jesus was the sacrificial lamb who is present on the altar every minute of every day! In Matthew 28:20 we read, *"Yet I am with you always, to the close of the age."*

After joining the Church, I found a much deeper meaning to this scripture. Jesus is truly with us body, blood, soul, and divinity. Nothing can compare to the sacrificial love that Christ has for us through the mystery of the Blessed Holy Eucharist. Jesus *is* the way, the truth, and the life. I am forever grateful to my daughter who challenged my faith so long ago. I have come to love both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Not only have I come to embrace the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist but truly believe it is what I had longed for as a young girl in the sanctuary of our church with my grandpa. Each time I walk into our Sanctuary, I bless myself and remember my baptism. I look at the tabernacle and know that Jesus *is truly present* in this Holy Sanctuary.

Lenten blessings, Jet Visneski

Reconciliation

- **Friday afternoons** from 12:30-1:30 pm
- **Saturday afternoons** from 3:30-4:15 pm

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)
Contact Keri Kiefer
717.341.5291 or *Keri@stmaryslancaster.org*

Sunday, March 5:
- Grades 2-6 PREP (9:40 am)
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II (9:30 am)

Tuesday, March 7:
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I (9:30 am)

Wednesday, March 8:
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I (9:30 am)

Sunday, March 12:
- Grades 2-6 PREP (9:40 am)
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I & II
- Grades 7-8 - Meeting at St. Joseph Church (5:30 pm)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Notes:

This week as we listened to God with the children…

At our small model altar, the children prepare the cruets and the chalice. Using real, child-sized items, the children pour wine into one cruet and then water into another. They enjoy the color and smell of the wine, and the physical satisfaction of this work. Then, like the priest, they slowly and silently pour all of the cruet wine into a glass chalice and add a single drop of water. We wonder: Why so much wine? Where is the water? Can we take it out? Youngest children learn to "read" these movements of the priest, and older children read the priest's prayer spoken during the mingling of the water and wine.
In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, children explore the rich liturgical gestures at the core of the mystery of the Eucharist.

Souled Out Youth Ministry
Contact Bob Cybulski
717.385.9268 or *Bob@stmaryslancaster.org*

Youth Group Update – OUCH

Last week, we focused on gossip and its effects on us! Everyone has been put down by someone. Don't we wish it would stop!!! But will it ever stop? I often thought that if we saw everyone as Jesus, we wouldn't make fun of anyone, but even that's not true. Matthew 9:23 - When Jesus reached the official's house, he said, *'Get out of here; the little girl is not dead; she is asleep.'* and they ridiculed him. Matthew 27:28 - To make fun of him they knelt to him, *'Hail, King of the Jews!'* and they spat on him. Matthew 27:39 - The passers-by jeered at him…The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. Are you kidding me? They made fun of and mocked God!!! That means that we are going to have to deal with it in our lives as well! Here's how.

1 – Know that all negative thoughts come from Satan.

2 – ***PRAY*** – Pray for help dealing with the hurt. Jesus understands the pain!

Upcoming Schedule – subject to change

- 03/11 - Saturday - 6:00-8:30 pm - Full Youth Group.
- 03/19 - SUNDAY - 6:00-8:30 pm - Full Youth Group.
- 03/04 - SUNDAY - 6:00-8:30 pm - Full Youth Group.
- 03/31 - Friday - 7:00-8:00 pm - Shadow Stations of the Cross

Daily Rosary is prayed at St. Mary's– Join us!

We gather to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary daily in the Holy Family Chapel.
- Monday- Thursday immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass.
- On Fridays we will pray the Rosary silently during Adoration in church, offering our prayers up as one.
- The Saturday Rosary is after the 9:00 am Mass.
- Sunday rosary is at 12:30 pm. For more information contact Sue Rineer 717.940.9825.

Promise #10 of Our Lady's 15 Promises to those who pray the Rosary: *The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.*

Vocations
Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki
717.657.4804 x 282 or *FrJSawicki@hbgdiocese.org*

This Lent Jesus invites us to go up to a mountain, to spend extra time in prayers. Don't be afraid of what you might experience. Trust that God is leading you to greater understanding. If God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious, talk with Fr. Olkowski or contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki at 717.657.4804 x282, via email at ***FrJSawicki@hbgdiocese.org,*** or visit *www.hbgdiocese.org.*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A).

We meet in Assumption Hall on Sundays at 9:45 am. Our next meetings are:
- ***Sunday, March 5—Ten Commandments V Penitential Rite for Candidates at St. Mary's—11:00 am Mass***
- ***Sunday, March 12—Ten Commandments VI 1st Scrutiny of Catechumens—11:00 am Mass***

If you have any questions or wish to register, contact Brian Eltz at 215.805.5335 or ***RCIA@stmaryslancaster.org.***

Bishop Gainer has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17. Saint Patrick is the principal patron of the Diocese of Harrisburg and the patron of the Diocesan Cathedral which places this feast day in a unique and important relationship to the Church of Harrisburg. This is a day of rejoicing within our Diocesan Church and a fitting occasion to break from the penitential nature of the Lenten season.
Therefore, on Friday, March 17, 2023, all Catholics of the Diocese of Harrisburg, no matter where they may be (i.e. even if they are travelling outside the Diocese), and all other Catholics actually present in the Diocese on that day, are, by the authority of the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat (can. 87 §1). It is not required that Catholics make use of this dispensation. Catholics who voluntarily choose to avail themselves of this dispensation are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

Were you married in 1973? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office by April 1.

Liturgy
Contact Don Peris
717.333.1947 or *Don@stmaryslancaster.org*

March 5: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a (25A)
Psalm 33:4-5,18-20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

March 12: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 (28A)
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 5:12, 5-8
John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Holy Hour & Evening Prayer

***Sunday, March 19,* at 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel**
Led by Deacon Brian Fabian.
All are invited!

Pro-Life
Contact Sarah Amidon
717.468.7836 or sarahamidon500@*gmial.com*

Spiritual Adoption . . . Month 5

I am five months now. I'm 10 to 12 inches long (almost as big as your ruler), and I weigh about one pound. I'm really growing inside my mother. I'm moving around more these days and my mother can feel me moving and kicking. ***Thank you for praying for me!***

Addiction Resource Ministry
Contact Pat Stratton at 717.419.6921 or
Margaret Sanders at 717.464.6369

We know that substance Use Disorder (SUD) has genetic and environmental origins; its own developmental process, and unique individualized causes and factors. Symptoms can dissipate and recur.

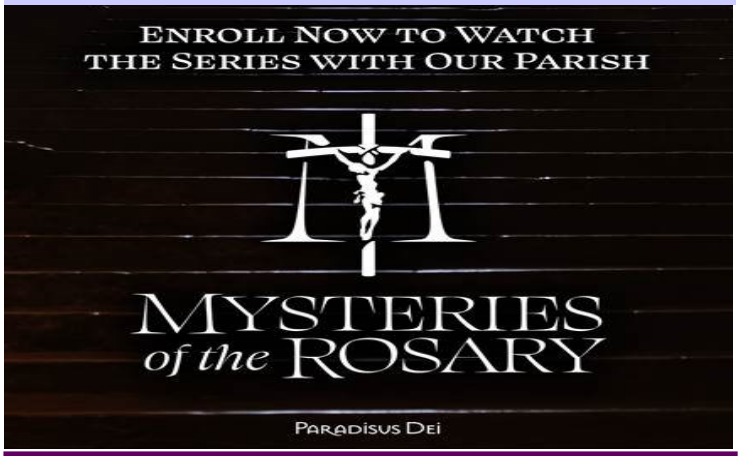
St. Mary's has an Addiction Resource Ministry. We can help you find the road to recovery. For more information or assistance, please call us. All information will be kept in strictest confidence.

Addiction is a disease. And recovery is possible.

Lancaster Theology on Tap - *What Makes Literature Catholic?* presented by Avellina Balestri. Thursday, March 9 at Miller's Ale House. Happy Hour 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm Speaker Presentation followed by Q&A and fellowship. Avellina Balestri is a published author, poet, and editor-in-chief of Fellowship & Fairtydust, a literary magazine looking through the spiritual lens. All Young Adults (20s and 30s) invited! Contact ***Lancastertot@gmail.com*** for questions.

Rosary and Reflection - *Sorrowful Mysteries*

The Rosary is the soundtrack of the Catholic Home. Join us each week for Rosary and Reflection on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Assumption Hall. Each week we will explore each of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and learn practical ways to amplify our contemplation of these mysteries. If you cannot make Tuesday nights, you can register and watch with your own small group or on your own. Go to Mysteries of the Rosary (therosaryseries.com) to watch episode 1 or to register for all episodes. The video and reflection material is free. For more information contact ***joe@stmaryslancaster.org***.



Deanery Lenten Penance Services

Sacred Heart	Monday, March 6	7:00 pm
St. Philip	Sunday, March 19	2:00 pm
St. Anthony	Wed., March 22	7:00 pm
St. Mary's	**Sunday, March 26**	**6:30 pm**
St. Leo	Tuesday, March 28	7:00 pm
St. John Neumann	Thurs., March 30	7:00 pm
St. Joseph	Wed., March 29	7:00 pm

Catholic Worker House
Contact Tara Hauber
717.203.6206 or *CatholicWorkerOfLancaster@gmail.com*

Catholic Worker House Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser

Friday, April 7 from 4:00-6:30 pm at 100 W. Airport Rd. (off Rt. 501, old Hoss's parking lot) Fried Fish (Pollack), Hand Cut Fries, Coleslaw. ***Drive up, take out only.*** Tickets can be purchased by email: ***catholicworkeroflancaster@gmail.com*** or call 717.842.0681. Please indicate in your email/ message if you would like to pay using Paypal or check.

Resurrection Catholic School: Our Parish School

We invite your family to become part of the Resurrection family! Family of Faith – Walk with Jesus

- **Enrollment** information for new students is now available! Please stop in or call the office for an enrollment packet. The office number is 717.392.3083.
- **BINGO!** Mark your calendar: Sunday, April 16 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm for Bag Bingo! This year we will be playing at the Knights of Columbus at 1575 New Danville Pike, Lancaster. Tickets will be sold after Masses on March 18-19 & April 1-2. Tickets are $30 each.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Join us for Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 1:30 pm. There will be no school Stations of the Cross on April 7.
- **Job openings:** We are looking to staff an elementary teacher and a part-time art teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Please submit a cover letter, application, resume and letters of reference to Mr. Jeffery Hughes, Principal, at ***jhughes@rcspa.org*** or mail information to Resurrection Catholic School, 521 E. Orange St. Lancaster, Pa 17602.
- **Business owners:** If you would like to learn how your business taxes can benefit our school, join us for a virtual meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 pm. Contact the school at (717) 392-3083 to receive the meeting link.
- **What happened in class?** Kindergarten led the school in our Mardi Gras prayer service. They did an excellent job!

Catholic Charities "Soup, Salad, and Sermon"

All are invited to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and the staff from Catholic Charities for the annual *"Soup, Salad, and Sermon"* Lenten Lunch on Tuesday, March 28 at 12:00 pm at the Diocesan Center Dining Room (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg). Lunch is complimentary although a freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Intensive Family Services Program. Please RSVP by March 24 to Christopher Meehan at ***cmeehan@cchbg.org*** or 717.657.4804 ext 284.

Lancaster Catholic High School

The Fine and Performing Arts Department at LCHS is offering the opportunity for members of the community to participate in our Middle School Honor Choir and Crusader Community Chorus, an alumni and community choir, which will both be featured at our Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 pm. The Middle School Honor Choir is open to students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and the Crusader Community Chorus is open to anyone 15 years of age and older in the Lancaster Catholic community. Participation in these ensembles is ***FREE*** and does not require any experience or an audition. Interested participants can either fill out the google form at https://forms.gle/8dpaVT87B43hq23e7 or contact me via email at ***madams@lchsyes.org***. Deadline is March 31.

In & Around the Diocese

Are you engaged to be married and looking to complete your wedding preparations? Consider a Catholic Engaged Encounter retreat! An Engaged Encounter retreat will help you and your fiancé prepare mentally, emotionally, and spiritually for the sacrament of marriage, as well as give you much needed time together away from all the distractions of planning a wedding. Our 2023 dates are: April 14-16, May 5-7, and September 22-24! Go to ***https://www.hbgdiocese.org/cee*** to learn more and to register online! Is there a couple in your life to whom you would like to provide a meaningful gift as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage? Consider gifting them a Catholic Engaged Encounter retreat! Contact Tom & Julie with Engaged Encounter at ***harrisburg@engagedencounter.com*** for more information about our retreats!

2023 Men's Conference
The Challenge: Raise the Bar

Saturday, March 18, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Men's Conference at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples, will offer the keynote address. Breakout session presenters include Marcel LeJeune, Bishop Gainer, Fr. Ryan Fischer, Deacon Armando Torres, and Deacon Virgilio Centenera. Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Breakout Sessions, Confession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are part of this annual event. For more details, visit ***https://www.hbgdiocese.org/men*** or contact Joe Clupp at ***joe@stmaryslancaster.org***.

In & Around the Diocese

The Knights of Columbus is once again featuring Lenten Meals on the Fridays during Lent.

The Columbus Association will once again be offering Lenten meals each Friday through the Lenten season. These meals will be available for dine in or take-out. Whether choosing to dine-in with us or take-out, reservations are mandatory. All take-out orders and those wishing to dine in must call ahead no later than the Tuesday at 5:00 pm before the meal they wish to enjoy. Please call or text Stephanie Aponte 717.286.7449 to make reservations.

March 10 – Shrimp scampi & pasta, fresh veggies. Broccoli cheese is the soup.

March 17– Fish & chips, coleslaw, soup or salad. Tomato bisque is the soup.

March 24– Steamed shrimp, sweet potatoes, corn. Baked potato is the soup.

March 31– Crispy baked tilapia, cheddar mashed potatoes, cauliflower. Crab bisque is the soup.

April 7– Erik's famous crab cakes & 3 shrimp, roasted potatoes, candied carrots. Seafood chowder is the soup.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Ronald Gainer will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Harrisburg at 4:00 pm Monday, April 3, in the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg.

The Chrism Mass, celebrated on Monday of Holy Week, offers the faithful a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year. Also at this Mass, the priests of the diocese stand before the bishop and the congregation to renew the commitment to priestly service that they made on their day of their ordination.

The Oil of the Catechumens is extended to those preparing for Baptism. Candidates for baptism are strengthened by the anointing with this oil to renounce sin and the devil.

The Oil of the Sick offers a remedy for the illness of mind and body, so that persons may have strength to bear their suffering, resist evil and receive the forgiveness of sins.

Chrism takes its name from Christ, "the anointed one of the Lord." The Sacred Chrism is used in the Sacrament of Confirmation, the anointing of priests in the Rite of Ordination, and in the dedicated of new altars.