

Third Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE SUNDAY

December 14, 2025

# Saint Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Michael P Reid II, Pastor

Sandra Clark, Director Religious Education



**Confessions:** Saturdays 9:00 a.m.; First Sundays between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; and by appointment

**Masses:** Saturday at 4:30 p.m.; Sunday at 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.; First Saturday at 8:00 a.m.; Holy Day Vigil at 5:30 p.m.; Holy Day at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; except Christmas, New Year

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; First Sundays - Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; 2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Rosary:** Monday to Friday at 7:20 a.m.; Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to Noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Friday 9:30 a.m. to Noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday; Closed weekends, Holy Days & Holidays

**Alternatives to Abortion:**

call (717) 854-6285 or 1 (888) LIFE-AID [5433-243].

**Tender Care Pregnancy Consultation Services:**

600 John Street, Hanover, PA;

Text (717) 862-7050; Call (717) 633-1200;

[Jackie@tendercare.org](mailto:Jackie@tendercare.org); [Lori@tendercare.org](mailto:Lori@tendercare.org)

**Help After Abortion:**

Project Rachel (717) 857-2282; [prm@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:prm@hbgdiocese.org)

**Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 988**

**Parish Religious Education (K-8th):** 8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. on Sundays, September - May. For more information please contact Sandra Clark: (717) 632-1461 or [smclark@pa.net](mailto:smclark@pa.net).

**Anointing of Sick:** If you, or your loved one, is going to be admitted to or is in the hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Holy Eucharist, or a visit from clergy or parishioner, then you MUST call the parish office.

**Baptisms:** will be scheduled on an individual basis; generally, Baptisms are celebrated Sundays at 12:30 P.M. A sacramental preparation class is required of parents and godparents.

**Weddings:** Engaged couples: please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the anticipated date of your wedding. We are looking forward to working with you as you prepare yourself spiritually for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**Parish Thrift Shop:** Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Located in the basement of the Parish Education Building. (717) 633-6198.

## Mass Intentions This Week

### SAT DECEMBER 13 SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

10:00 am This morning, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in Assumption BVM, McSherrystown.

#### VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm Rosary  
4:30 pm Peggy Ann Mahone  
6:42 pm Hanukkah begins

## GAUDETE SUNDAY

### SUN DECEMBER 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Rosary  
10:30 am Callistus Oparanozie  
2:00 pm Family Holy Hour with Children's Rosary

### MON DECEMBER 15

8:00 am Harry & Ruth Roesch

### TUE DECEMBER 16

8:00 am George & Ester Lawrence

### WED DECEMBER 17 O WISDOM

8:00 am Gregory & Nellie Lawrence

### THU DECEMBER 18 O LORD OF ISRAEL

8:00 am Alvin & Barbara Balchunas

### FRI DECEMBER 19 O ROOT OF JESSE

8:00 am Harold & Rebecca Bixler  
8:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament +  
9:30 am Benediction Adoration

### SAT DECEMBER 20 O KEY OF DAVID

6:00 am Rorate Caeli Mass in Honor of Our Lady  
For the Healing of the Americas

10:00 am This morning, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica, Conewago, and Saint Francis Xavier, Gettysburg.

#### VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm Rosary  
4:30 pm Dawn Kuhn

### SUN DECEMBER 21 O RADIANT DAWN

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am Dale Shrader

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am People of the Parish

## VOCATIONS

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:2-3)

John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at [frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org).

## Parish Life This Week



### SUN DECEMBER 14

10:00 am - Rosary / Church  
2:00 pm - Legion of Mary General Reunion / Auditorium

### MON DECEMBER 15

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

### TUE DECEMBER 16

7:20 am - Rosary / Church  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

### WED DECEMBER 17

7:20 am - Rosary / Church  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm  
7:00 pm - HDCCW Rosary / Zoom - Telephone - Home

### THU DECEMBER 18

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

### FRI DECEMBER 19

7:20 am - Rosary / Church  
8:30 am - Holy Hour: Adoration  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm  
12.Noon - Legion of Mary Praesidium / Library  
6:00 pm - OCIA, *Credo* / Rectory

### SAT DECEMBER 20

10:00 am - Confessions at Sacred Heart Basilica  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm  
4:00 pm - Rosary / Church



Everyone is encouraged to gather for the  
**ROSARY ON THE SQUARE IN  
HANOVER**

to pray for America and the world at 12 Noon  
this coming Saturday, December 20th.

Our current **DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN** shortfall is \$7,000. The Parish must pay this amount in January 2026.

## Fiscal Year 2025-2026

### Sunday Offerings: November 2025

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Date	Offering	Budgeted	Difference
Nov 01 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 1,212.00	\$ 1,500.00	(\$ 288.00)
Nov 02 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 8,901.08	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 1,101.08
Nov 09 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 11,064.31	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 3,264.31
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 15,967.15	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 8,167.15
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 10,014.77	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 2,214.77
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 12,585.51	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 4,785.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 59,744.82</b>	<b>\$ 40,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,244.82</b>
Hispanic Food Festival			\$ 2,000.00
Archdiocese for the Military			\$ 1,336.00
Matthew 25			\$ 1,579.00

Our Sunday offerings are the primary source of income to support our Parish and its ministries.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### EMofHC

#### Lector

#### Altar Servers

##### December 13 / 14

4:30 p.m.	H. Strausbaugh	J. Krill	G. McKee, N. Brinkerhoff
7:30 a.m.	J. Smith	C. Caracino	V. & T. Caracino
10:30 a.m.	J. Mundorff	Jim McDonald	H. & K. Roth

##### December 20 / 21

4:30 p.m.	P. Christian	J. Krill	A. & T. Kuhn
7:30 a.m.	M. Frye	M. Lybarger	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	J. Oparanozie	N. Spangler	B. Poole, C. Oparanozie

Congratulations to

### CLAUDIA MARGARET KOSTOPLIS,

Daughter of James and Claudia (Dodson) Kostoplis, and Goddaughter of Stephanie Kostoplis & Jordan Rutzen, who became a Child of God and an heir to the Kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 22, 2025.



Congratulations to

### ALEXANDER JACEK BUCHHEIT,

Son of Michael and Joanna (Swinarska) Buchheit, and Godson of Theresa Buchheit and Krzysztof Swinarski, who became a Child of God and an heir to the Kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 06, 2025.



### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SYMPOSIUM on JANUARY 31, 2026

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/>



### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State St., Harrisburg, to mark the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The schedule is:

- 12:00 pm – Holy Mass
- 12:30 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
- 5:30 pm – Benediction

### Saint Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church

#### Identity

We are a messianic people established by Christ as a communion of life, charity and truth.

#### Mission

We are at work with Christ as His instruments for the redemption of all. We are sent forth by Christ into the whole world as the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

### COMING IN 2026: THE CATHOLIC WITNESS MAGAZINE

Help reach thousands of households in 15 counties by supporting the production and distribution of the *Catholic Witness Magazine*. Learn more and donate at [www.catholicwitness.org/catholic-witness-magazine/](http://www.catholicwitness.org/catholic-witness-magazine/).

### THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you for your generous donations to the **MANNA BAG FOOD DRIVE!** Our Parish provided 226 bags totaling 2,564 pounds of food to Roots for Boots, New Hope Ministries, and God's Meal Barrel. It is heartwarming to know our parishioners are so willing to help those in need. God bless all of you!

### CELEBRATING LIFE

May healthcare always respect God's design and protect His gift of human life.

## My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop (Sermo 293,3: PI, 1328-1329):

### The Voice is John, the Word is Christ

John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was *in the beginning*. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives for ever.

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find a place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: *The word ought to grow, and I should diminish?* The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: *My joy is complete.* Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe; we hope for salvation in him. This is the message the voice cried out.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offense to the word. *I am not the Christ*, he said, *nor Elijah, nor the prophet.* And the question came: *Who are you, then?* He replied: *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord.*

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness* is the voice of one breaking the silence. Prepare the way for the Lord, he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

*To prepare the way* means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If he had said, "I am the Christ," you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself.

He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.<sup>1</sup>

Live for God.

Be transformed by His Grace.

Go and make disciples.

Peace in Christ, *Father Michael*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.liturgies.net/Liturgies/Catholic/loh/advent/week3sunday.htm>



## THE ADAMS DEANERY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Announcement line: 717-632-2154

The Adoration Chapel has

**9 open hours** for adorers:

Monday: 7am; 6pm; 11pm

Thursday: 4pm; 6pm

Friday: 5am

Saturday: 1am; 6pm; 7pm

If you desire to give one hour a week in prayer to our Lord in the Eucharist, please contact Maxine Staub at 717-637-5683.

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