

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Holy Season of Christmas begins this week.

December 21, 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; Lori@tendercare.org

Help After Abortion:

Project Rachel (717) 857-2282; 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.

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 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.

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

MON DECEMBER 22 O KING OF ALL NATIONS

8:00 am Gladys Conrad

TUE DECEMBER 23 O EMMANUEL

8:00 am Paul & Catherine Murren

WED DECEMBER 24 Last Day of the Season of Advent

8:00 am Paul Smith Jr.

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:30 pm Christmas Flower Intentions

7:00 pm Christmas Flower Intentions

12:00 am People of the Parish

THU DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 am Christmas Flower Intentions

10:30 am Christmas Flower Intentions

FRI DECEMBER 26 ST STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR

8:00 am Lionel & Viola Smith

8:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament +

9:30 am Benediction Adoration

SAT DECEMBER 27 ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:00 am Paul & Marie Smith

9:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm Mike & Angie Lybarger 50th Anniversary

SUN DECEMBER 28

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am MaryAnn Smith



MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

Cecilian Village in McSherrystown, affordable housing for the elderly, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, is looking to hire a part-time Maintenance Person. If interested in this position, please contact Sister Vicki Staub (717-521-7273) for more information and an application.

Parish Life This Week



SUN DECEMBER 21

10:00 am - Rosary / Church

10:03 am - Winter Solstice

2:00 pm - Legion of Mary Curia meeting / Library

MON DECEMBER 22

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

TUE DECEMBER 23

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

WED DECEMBER 24

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 25

10:00 am - Rosary / Church

FRI DECEMBER 26

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

8:30 am - Holy Hour: Adoration

6:00 pm - OCIA, *Credo*, Review of Part II / Rectory

SAT DECEMBER 27

9:00 am - Confessions

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 27th.

You are welcome to bring a lawn chair and a blanket.

Please contact Cynthia Freeman for more information:

(717) 515-9304; amikilak@gmail.com

THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS BREAK

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Our Thrift Shop will be closed from **Wednesday, December 24th thru Monday, January 5th**. We will reopen **Tuesday, January 6th**. We want our volunteers to have a restful Christmas Vacation. We are very grateful to our volunteers and shoppers. We hope all of you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

VOCATIONS

“They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means ‘God is with us.’”

(Matthew 1:23)

Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage.

Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

EMofHC	Lector	Altar Servers
December 20 / 21		
4:30 p.m.	P. Christian	J. Krill
7:30 a.m.	M. Frye	M. Lybarger
10:30 a.m.	J. Oparanozie	N. Spangler
A. & T. Kuhn		
Volunteer		
B. Poole, C. Oparanozie		
December 24		
4:30 p.m.	F. & J. Livesberger	C. Caracino
7:00 p.m.	H. Strausbaugh	M. Lybarger
12:00 a.m.	J. Mundorff	N. Spangler
V. & T. Caracino		
H. & K. Roth, F. Lykes		
Volunteer		
December 25		
8:00 a.m.	M. Frye	M. Lybarger
10:30 a.m.	J. Oparanozie	J. Krill
G. McKee		
C. Oparanozie, B. Wildasin		
December 27 / 28		
4:30 p.m.	H. Strausbaugh	N. Spangler
7:30 a.m.	J. Livesberger	C. Caracino
10:30 a.m.	J. Mundorff	J. Krill
F. Lykes, C. Spangler		
V. & T. Caracino		
H. & K. Roth		

WOMEN OF GRACE EVENT

“Fight Like a Catholic”, Spiritual Warfare in the Catholic Tradition, Book Study by Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, Director of Communications and New Age Research for the Women of Grace Apostolate.

Study begins Saturday, January 17th, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Seven Sorrows Catholic Church in Middletown for Five Saturdays (also January 24, January 31, February 14, and February 21).

Study includes weekly video; cost of book \$15.95. All Catholic women are encouraged to attend!

Contact Chris Arnold, Regional Coordinator, at 717-379-6041 or carnold@womenofgrace.com.

THE CATHOLIC WITNESS: DECEMBER 4, 2025

Bishop Timothy Senior receives the gifts of bread and wine from Jim & Betty Hofmann during a Mass to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the consecration of the church. Thank you to all who attended this special occasion!



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.



RETIREMET FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! “Thank you very much for your donations, always,” says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

CLOSING MASS FOR 2025 JUBILEE YEAR

A Closing Mass for the 2025 Jubilee Year will be held on **December 28, 2025** at the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick (212 State Street, Harrisburg, PA). The Mass will take place at 9:30 AM. All are invited to attend.

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/.

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 commentary of Luke by Saint Ambrose, bishop (Lib 2, 19.22-23, 26-27: CCL 14, 39-42):

Mary visits Elizabeth

When the angel revealed his message to the Virgin Mary he gave her a sign to win her trust. He told her of the motherhood of an old and barren woman to show that God is able to do all that he wills.

When she hears this Mary sets out for the hill country. She does not disbelieve God's word; she feels no uncertainty over the message or doubt about the sign. She goes eager in purpose, dutiful in conscience, hastening for joy.

Filled with God, where would she hasten but to the heights? The Holy Spirit does not proceed by slow, laborious efforts. Quickly, too, the blessings of her coming and the Lord's presence are made clear: as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the child leapt in her womb, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Notice the contrast and the choice of words. Elizabeth is the first to hear Mary's voice, but John is the first to be aware of grace. She hears with the ears of the body, but he leaps for joy at the meaning of the mystery. She is aware of Mary's presence, but he is aware of the Lord's: a woman aware of a woman's presence, the forerunner aware of the pledge of our salvation. The women speak of the grace they have received while the children are active in secret, unfolding the mystery of love with the help of their mothers, who prophesy by the spirit of their sons.

The child leaps in the womb; the mother is filled with the Holy Spirit, he fills his mother with the same Spirit. John leaps for you, and the spirit of Mary rejoices in her turn. When John leaps for joy Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit, but we know that though Mary's spirit rejoices she does not need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Her son, who is beyond our understanding, is active in his mother in a way beyond our understanding. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit after conceiving John, while Mary is filled with the Holy Spirit before conceiving the Lord. Elizabeth says: Blessed are you because you have believed.

You also are blessed because you have heard and believed. A soul that believes both conceives and brings forth the Word of God and acknowledges his works.

Let Mary's soul be in each of you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in the Lord. Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith. Every soul receives the Word of God if only it keeps chaste, remaining pure and free from sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul that succeeds in this proclaims the greatness of the Lord, just as Mary's soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior. In another place we read: Magnify the Lord with me. The Lord is magnified, not because the human voice can add anything to God but because he is magnified within us. Christ is the image of God, and if the soul does what is right and holy, it magnifies that image of God, in whose likeness it was created and, in magnifying the image of God, the soul has a share in its greatness and is exalted.¹

Live for God.

Be transformed by His Grace.

Go and make disciples.

Peace in Christ, *Father Michael*

¹ <https://www.liturgies.net/Liturgies/Catholic/loh/advent/december21or.htm>

THANK YOU

to our hardworking Thrift Shop Volunteers. Through your dedication during October & November, the Thrift Shop donated \$6,700.00 from its proceeds to the Parish in support of Catholic education.

VACANCY - RETIREMENT RESIDENCE COOK/ FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

The Diocese of Harrisburg has a full-time opening for the combined position of weekend cook for the Priests' Retirement Residence and evening facilities maintenance staff member at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. The full job description is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/careers/. For more information contact Curtis Wilson, CWilson@hbgdiocese.org

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