

# 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 27 ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**  
8:00 am Paul & Marie Smith  
**9:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**VIGIL: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**  
4:00 pm Rosary  
4:30 pm Mike & Angie Lybarger 50th Anniversary

**SUN DECEMBER 28**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
**10:00 am Rosary**  
10:30 am MaryAnn Smith

**MON DECEMBER 29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**  
8:00 am Eugene & Catherine Klunk

**TUE DECEMBER 30** 6th day within the Octave  
8:00 am Alvin & Barbara Balchunas

**WED DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope**  
8:00 am Gregory & Nellie Lawrence  
**VIGIL: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
5:00 pm Rosary  
5:30 pm Betty & Jim Lawrence  
11:00 pm Holy Hour for World Day of Peace

**THU JANUARY 01 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
8:00 am Remi Sue Cesario (L)  
10:30 am People of the Parish

**FRI JANUARY 02 FIRST FRIDAY**  
SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
8:00 am Debbie Divina Streeb  
8:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament +  
9:30 am Benediction Adoration

**SAT JANUARY 03 FIRST SATURDAY**  
The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
8:00 am Frances M. Smith (L)  
**9:00 am Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**VIGIL: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
3:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament +  
4:00 pm Rosary Adoration  
4:30 pm People of the Parish  
5:30 am Benediction

**SUN JANUARY 04 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
7:30 am Estelle & Vincent O'Connor  
8:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament +  
10:00 am Rosary Adoration  
10:30 am MaryAnn Smith  
11:30 am Benediction

## THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS BREAK

A friendly reminder that our Thrift Shop will be closed for the Christmas break thru Monday, January 5th. We will reopen Tuesday, January 6th. Thank you for your continued support and have a happy Christmas Season!

## Parish Life This Week

**SUN DECEMBER 28**  
10:00 am - Rosary / Church

**MON DECEMBER 29**  
7:20 am - Rosary / Church

**TUE DECEMBER 30**  
7:20 am - Rosary / Church  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop closed

**WED DECEMBER 31**  
7:20 am - Rosary / Church  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop closed  
7:00 pm - HDCCW Rosary / Zoom - Telephone - Home

**THU JANUARY 01**  
7:20 am - Rosary / Church

**FRI JANUARY 02**  
7:20 am - Rosary / Church  
8:30 am - Holy Hour: Adoration  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop closed  
12.Noon - Legion of Mary Praesidium / Library  
6:00 pm - OCIA, *Credo* / Rectory

**SAT JANUARY 03**  
9:00 am - Confessions  
10:00 am - Thrift Shop closed  
4:00 pm - Rosary / Church

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

In the charity of your prayers  
please remember our sister and brothers in Christ,

**Marlin Gene Altland**,  
loving husband of Diana May Altland,  
**Janice L. (Havice) Tananis**,  
loving wife of Francis "Skip" Tananis,  
and

**Oscar Lewis "Macky" Zinneman**,  
loving brother of Sylvia Stambaugh.

May they rest in the peace of Christ  
and with the fellowship of the saints in Heaven. Amen.

## VOCATIONS

"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the  
land of Israel."

(Matthew 2:20)

Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week. 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).

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

EMofHC	Lector	Altar Servers
<b>December 27 / 28</b>		
4:30 p.m. H. Strausbaugh	N. Spangler	C. Spangler, F. Lykes
7:30 a.m. J. Livesberger	C. Caracino	V. & T. Caracino
10:30 a.m. J. Mundorff	J. Krill	H. & K. Roth
<b>December 31 / January 01</b>		
5:30 p.m. M. Frye	M. Lybarger	Open
8:00 a.m. J. Livesberger	N. Spangler	C. Spangler
10:30 a.m. J. Oparanozie	J. Krill	R. Ebert
<b>January 03 / 04</b>		
4:30 p.m. P. Christian	M. Lybarger	A. & T. Kuhn
7:30 a.m. F. Livesberger	C. Caracino	T. & V. Caracino
10:30 a.m. J. Oparanozie	N. Spangler	N. Brinkerhoff, H. & R. Cooper

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RESPECT LIFE CAMPAIGN

The St Vincent de Paul Knights of Columbus, Council, #14865, is conducting the Respect Life Fundraising Campaign during January. Once again, it is a mail-in campaign. You will find a letter addressing this year's campaign in the front of the church by the altar along with an enclosed return addressed envelope for donations.

Please do not send cash through the mail but a check or money order made out to "Knights of Columbus Council 14865" as recipient, and "Respect Life Campaign Donation" in the reason line. Mail the check to:

**Knights of Columbus, Council 14865**  
c/o St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
220 Third St  
Hanover, PA 17331

The council wishes to thank you for your past generosity.

### 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/>

### 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](mailto:carnold@womenofgrace.com).

### 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.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus will serve pancakes and sausage Sunday, December 28th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Enter door 1 or door 6. Freewill offering to support the Seminarian fund. Gluten free available on request.



### 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/).

### 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/](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/careers/). For more information contact Curtis Wilson, [CWilson@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:CWilson@hbgdiocese.org)

### CELEBRATING LIFE

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

## My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From an address by Pope Paul VI (Nazareth, January 5, 1964):

### *Nazareth, a model*

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realise who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognise its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.<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/saints/holyfamily/officeofreadings.htm>



## 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.

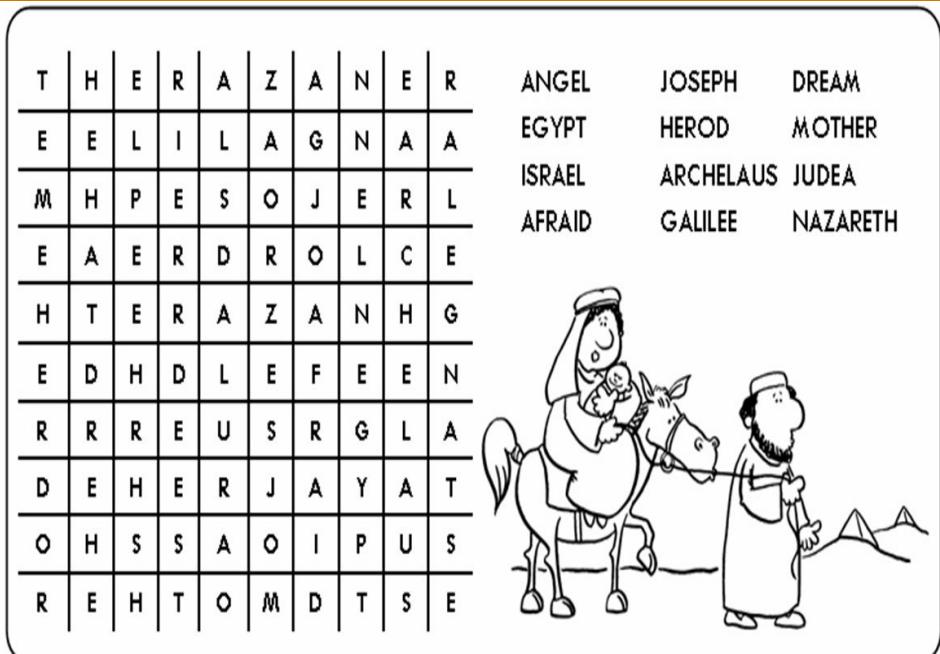
The schedule is:

12:00 pm – Holy Mass

12:30 pm – Exposition

12:30 pm to 5:30 pm – Adoration

5:30 pm – Benediction



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