26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Our Parish Patronal Feast Day! | September 27, 2026

Saint Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church

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220 3rd Street, Hanover, Pennsylvania, USA 17331



Mass Intentions This Week

Sat Septem 26 *Ss. Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs*

Vigil : 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults at this Mass
4:30 pm MaryAnn Smith

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY!

Sun Septem 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am People of the Parish
10:30 am John & Kathryn Farrington

FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Begins this morning and concludes on Tuesday evening.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout each day.
Evening Prayer with Bishop Emeritus Ronald Gainer
each night at 7:00 PM.

Mon Septem 28 *St Wenceslaus, Martyr*
St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
8:00 am Donald & Mary Little

Tue Septem 29 Ss. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Archangels
8:00 am Shirley Smith

Wed Septem 30 St Jerome
8:00 am Charles Biondo

Thu October 01 St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am Helga Frye
6:00 pm People of the Parish
Mass in Honor of Saint Bernadette Soubirous
Bishop Emeritus Ronald W. Gainer, presiding

Fri October 02 The Holy Guardian Angels
8:00 am Colette Kramer & Family (L)

Sat October 03
8:00 am George & Esther Lawrence

Vigil : 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm People of the Parish

Sun October 04 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Ellen Sheaffer
10:30 am Madre Carmen Gonzalez

VOCATIONS

"Which of the two did the will of his father?" (Matthew 21:31)

On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for priests who humbly serve God's people. Celebrate this day by writing a note of gratitude and encouragement to a priest who inspires you. Remember in prayer the priest who baptized and confirmed you. Pray for the priests in your parish and support those discerning this vocation.

Parish Life This Week

Sat September 26
9:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation / Church
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
4:00 pm - Rosary / Church

Sun September 27
8:45 am - Parish. R. E. Program / School
10:00 am - Rosary / Church
7:00 pm - 40 Hours Evening Prayer / Church

Mon September 28
7:20 am - Rosary / Church
7:00 pm - 40 Hours Evening Prayer / Church

Tue September 29
7:20 am - Rosary / Church
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
7:00 pm - 40 Hours Evening Prayer / Church

Wed September 30
7:20 am - Rosary / Church
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
7:00 pm - HDCCW Rosary / Zoom-Telephone-Home

Thu October 01
7:20 am - Rosary / Church

Fri October 02
7:20 am - Rosary / Church
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
12:00 pm - Legion of Mary Praesidium / Library
6:00 pm - OCIA session

Sat October 03
9:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation / Church

Annual Parish
FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS
September 27th—29th

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, fill the church these three evenings to adore the Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and listen to Bishop Emeritus Ronald W. Gainer preach on the Word of God during Evening Prayer.

Peace in Christ, Father Michael

SCHEDULING OF MASS INTENTIONS

We are accepting Mass intentions for 2027. A Mass can be offered for a special grace or intention, whether spiritual or temporal. As St. Anslem beautifully reminds us, "A single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated after death." Let us also take time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us by scheduling a Mass in their memory. To schedule a Mass intention please visit or call the Parish Office at 717.637.4625. We welcome all requests for Mass intentions.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	EMofHC	Lector	Altar Servers
September 26 / 27	**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**		
4:30 p.m.	P. Christian	J. Krill	A. & T. Kuhn
7:30 a.m.	J. Smith	N. Spangler	T. & V. Caracino
10:30 a.m.	J. Ferguson	M. Lybarger	H. & K. Roth
October 03 / 04	**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**		
4:30 p.m.	H. Strausbaugh	N. Spangler	F. Lykes
7:30 a.m.	J. Ferguson	C. Caracino	T. & V. Caracino
10:30 a.m.	J. Oparanozie	J. Krill	N. Brinkerhoff, C. Oparanozie

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP) is a program that meets women right where they are and transforms their hearts. We are thrilled to announce that we will offer two Bible studies this season:

Opening Your Heart, our foundational study, is perfect for women with or without Bible study experience. This study is designed to inspire thoughtful consideration of the fundamental questions of faith – from why and how to pray to the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the purpose of suffering. Join us on Friday mornings from 9:00 – 10:30 am beginning October 2nd through April 30th for a 22-week study held in our newly renovated barn.

Fearless and Free studies the book of Ephesians and is ideal for those who long for wholeness of heart and are in need of freedom from past wounds. Learn how to find the deeper healing God wants to give us. Join us on Wednesday evenings during CCD from 6:15 – 7:30 pm from November 4th through February 3rd for an 11-week study held in our newly renovated barn.

Please text or call Sarah Stokesbury at 703-919-9836 or email her at sarah.stokesbury@gdit.com for more information or to register for either study.

K of C CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS

The Knights of Columbus Council #14865 is collecting quality items for our Christmas Bazaar Raffle Table. The Bazaar is on **Saturday, November 7th**. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Craig Bittinger or any member of the Knights of Columbus:
Home: (717) 637-0476
Cell: (267) 324-4188
Email: c.bittinger.bittinger@gmail.com



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Hanover, PA
Saturday, Nov 14 | 8 AM – 1 PM

Come enjoy the spirit of the season with our church community! Handcrafted Gifts from a Large Selection of Vendors Homemade Baked Goods Raffles Food and Beverages Available for Purchase.

The FIRST-CLASS RELICS of SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

will visit Saint Vincent de Paul Parish from NOON on Thursday, October 1st, through NOON on Friday, October 2nd.

Many visitors are expected to make the pilgrimage here to venerate the relics. Many Volunteers are needed.

Your help will be needed to support our Parish's role in hosting the relics and welcoming the pilgrims throughout those twenty-four hours. Make your commitment to serve for an hour (or more) as a greeter, a guardian of the Grotto Rocks, provider of basic health care, provider of assistance to the infirm, cross bearer, litter bearers and candle bearers for the relics and the statue of Our Lady upon their arrival and departure, altar servers for Mass with Bishop Gainer, cross bearer, litter bearers and candle bearers for the candlelight Rosary, etc.

Please call the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

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.

Remembrance Mass for Child Loss

The loss of a child at any age is a devastating cross to bear. Join us **Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 a.m.** at Seven Sorrows Parish for a special Mass of remembrance and prayer, followed by a light reception and information about Red Bird Ministries. This is an opportunity for families to grieve their loss and find support with others who share the same cross. If you would like your child's name remembered during Mass, please include it when registering. To register or learn more, visit **hbgdiocese.org/event/remembrance-mass-for-child-loss/**.

Mentors needed for English learning program

Catholic Charities Harrisburg needs volunteer mentors for our Adult English Language learning program from Jan 2027 - June 2027. Time commitment is 2 hours a week. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Please contact Katie at **kmartin@cchbg.org** or 717-329-6139 to learn more!

Thank you Thrift Shop!!!

Through the hard work and dedication of our faithful Thrift Shop Volunteers $2,300.00 was added towards the Education of our Youth. Thank you very much. You are appreciated!

CELEBRATING LIFE

When the Lord knows that good health is necessary for our welfare, He sends it to us; and when we need sickness, He sends that too.



USA TOUR OF THE FIRST-CLASS RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

Visit to Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Hanover, PA

October 1, 2026

TBD	Saint Bernadette's relics arrive
12:00 pm	Welcome Prayer Service
12:30 pm	Veneration of the Relics ('til 5:30 pm)
4:00 pm	Confessions ('til 5:30 pm)
6:00 pm	Mass in Honor of Saint Bernadette Soubirous; Bishop Emeritus Ronald Gainer, presiding
7:00 pm	Water Gesture
8:00 pm	Candlelight Rosary
9:00 pm	Veneration of Relics through the night

October 2, 2026

12:00 am	Veneration of Relics ('til 7:30 am)
8:00 am	Mass in Honor of the Holy Guardian Angels
8:30 am	Water Gesture
9:00 am	Veneration of Relics ('til Noon)
12:00 pm	Farewell Prayer Service
TBD	Saint Bernadette's relics depart

"The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love."
~ St. Bernadette Soubirous ~

SPECIAL THANKS TO ANJE LYBARGER!

I personally acknowledge and sincerely thank Anje Lybarger for the years she has shared her music talents with our parish in singing and playing the piano. She adds much beauty to our Sunday liturgies. Please join me in taking the time to stop and say thanks! Thank you Anje so much for sharing your time and talent!

Peace in Christ, Father Michael

Parish Information

Parish Office: (717) 637-4625 / secretary@svparish.org / facebook: @stdepaul / website: www.svparish.org

Rev. Michael P Reid II, Pastor — Ms. Sandra Clark, Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Bonnie Miller, Parish Secretary — Mr. Jeb Mahone, Maintenance Engineer
Mr. Chris Lenick, IT Coordinator — Ms. Deb Herr, Music Director
Mr. Lester and Mrs. Dawn Little, Cemetery Caretakers

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.; during Monthly Children's Rosary

Rosary: Monday to Friday at 7:20 a.m.; Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Monthly Children's Rosary (check schedule inside)

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

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.

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.

Suicide and Crisis Hotline: 988

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

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 or ask the hospital Chaplain to 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 look forward to working with you as you prepare yourselves spiritually for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An excerpt from Saint Vincent de Paul's "Exhortation to a Dying Brother" (1645) [Conference 102. - Archives of the Mission. Paris, France.]

"Well, my good Brother, how are you doing at present? So you think it's very right that Our Lord our Great General, the first of all the Missioners, wants to have you in the mission of heaven. You see, He wants all of us, each in turn, to go there, and that's one of the principal rules and constitutions He established on earth: *Volo ut ubi ego sum, illic sit et minister meus. Vos estis qui permansistis mecum, etc. Mon Dieu!* [I will that where I am, my servant may also be. *Cf.* Jn 12:26. (NAB); You are the ones who have stood by me, etc. *Cf.* Lk 22:28. (NAB); My God!] …

"Yes, my very dear Brother, it's true, and you must not doubt in any way that God's good pleasure has always been that you love Him, but especially right now; this is so that we may love Him who has made us in His own image and likeness, in view of the fact that we love only what is like ourselves - if not completely, at least in something. When this great God created us with the plan to require of us that pleasant duty of loving Him and this honorable tribute. He willed to place in us the seed of love, which is our resemblance to Him, so that we may not excuse ourselves, saying that we don't have the means to pay it. This lover of our hearts, seeing that sin had unfortunately spoiled and obliterated this resemblance, willed to break all the laws of nature in order to repair this damage, but with such a marvelous benefit that He wasn't content with placing in us the resemblance and mark of His divinity, but even willed, by the same plan that we should love Him. to make himself like us and clothe himself with our very humanity. And who, then, would be willing to refuse such a just and salutary duty?

"Furthermore, since love is inventive to infinity, after being affixed to the infamous stake of the cross to win the hearts and souls of those by whom He wishes to be loved-not to mention all the other innumerable schemes He used for this purpose during His time spent among us-foreseeing that His absence could cause some forgetfulness or cooling off in our hearts. He wanted to avoid this danger by instituting the Most August Sacrament [The Holy Eucharist], in which He is as truly and substantially present as He is in heaven above. Furthermore, however, seeing that, if He wanted to humble and empty himself even more than He had done in His Incarnation and could make himself in some way more like us, or at least make us more like Him — He caused this venerable Sacrament to serve us as food and drink, intending by this means that the same union and resemblance that exist between nature and substance should occur spiritually in each human person. Because love can do and will everything, He willed it thus; and for fear that, if people didn't understand this incredible mystery and scheme of love, they might neglect to approach this Sacrament, He has obliged them to do so under pain of incurring His eternal displeasure. *Nisi manducaveritis carnem Filii hominis, non habebitis vitam*. [Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man you will not have life. *Cf.* Jn 6:53. (NAB)]

"From this you see how, by every means imaginable, He has striven to win us over to love Him and, with this in view, you must stir up your heart to pay this just and pleasant tribute to love of a God who has been the object of all His plans for you and for which to obtain it He did all that He has done for you. You must believe that the greatest present you could offer Him is your heart; He asks nothing else of you: *Fili, praebe mihi cor tuum*. [Son, give me your heart. *Cf.* Prv 23:26. (NAB)]" [1]

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Live for God. Be transformed by His Grace. Go and make disciples.

Peace in Christ, *Father Michael*

[1] Conferences, Conversations, and Documents, Volume XI, pages 129-133.

ST. VINCENT MEDICAL CLOSET

If you are in need of medical equipment or incontinence products, please call Mary at 410-274-6104. When you are no longer in need of the medical equipment please call to arrange to return it.

THANK YOU FROM FR. GOTWALT

Many thanks for celebrating my 88th birthday with me. Thanks for your prayers, best wishes, cards and notes. I am especially grateful for your thoughtfulness. Please be assured of my prayers for you. It is a joy for me to be able to live here at St. Vincent Parish!

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Gotwalt

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