28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 04, 2026

# Saint Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Michael P Reid II, Pastor Sandra Clark, Director of 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.; 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.

## Mass Intentions This Week

**Sat October 03**
8:00 am George & Esther Lawrence

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

# Respect Life Sunday

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

**Mon October 05** *St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
8:00 am Robert Lawrence
3:00 pm *Hanover Hall* Joseph & Dolores Lawrence

**Tue October 06** *St Bruno, Priest Bl Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*
8:00 am Deceased Members of the Conrad & Bunty Families

**Wed October 07 Our Lady of the Rosary**
8:00 am James W. Staub, Sr.

**Thu October 08** *St Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St John Leonard, Priest*
8:00 am Sister Patricia Anastasio (L) *in honor of her 60th Jubilee*

**Fri October 09**
8:00 am Christopher M. Beck

**Sat October 10**

**Vigil : 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:30 pm James & Jean Noel

**Sun October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am Dawn M. Henry
10:30 am People of the Parish

**All are welcome to gather for the**
**ROSARY ON THE SQUARE IN NEW OXFORD**
**to pray for America and the world at 12 Noon this coming Saturday, October 10th.**

## VOCATIONS

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (Matthew 21:42)

Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them to build up God's Church.

## Parish Life This Week

**Sat October 03**
**9:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation / Church**
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
4:00 pm - Rosary / Church

**Sun October 04**
**8:45 am - Parish R. E. Program / School**
10:00 am - Rosary / Church

**Mon October 05**
7:20 am - Rosary / Church

**Tue October 06**
7:20 am - Rosary / Church
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

**Wed October 07**
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 08**
7:20 am - Rosary / Church

**Fri October 09**
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 10**
**9:00 am - Sacrament of Reconciliation / Church**
10:00 am - Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm
4:00 pm - Rosary / Church

## 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.

JOIN US FOR FUTURE SQUIRE NIGHTS!

**Boys Soccer | Oct. 8 | J.T. Flaherty Field**
*Delone Catholic Squires vs. Bermudian Springs*
*JV at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 6:30 p.m.*

**Field Hockey | Oct. 12 | J.T. Flaherty Field**
*Delone Catholic Squirettes vs. York Tech*
*Varsity at 6:30 p.m.*

**Girls Soccer | Oct. 13 | J.T. Flaherty Field**
*Delone Catholic Squirettes vs. Littlestown*
*JV at 4:30 p.m. and Varsity at 6 p.m.*

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

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| **October 03 / 10** | **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | |
| 4:30 p.m. | H. Strausbaugh | M. Gerald | F. Lykes |
| 7:30 a.m. | J. Ferguson | C. Caracino | T. & V. Caracino |
| 10:30 a.m. | J. Oparanozie | Volunteer | N. Brinkerhoff, C. Oparanozie |
| **October 10 / 11** | **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | | |
| 4:30 p.m. | H. Strausbaugh | J. Krill | A. & T. Kuhn |
| 7:30 a.m. | J. Livelsberger | C. Caracino | T. & V. Caracino |
| 10:30 a.m. | J. Mundorff | N. Spangler | H. & K. Roth |

## TICKETS FOR PRIEST SOUP COOK OFF - OCTOBER 10

Six priests. Six soups. One delicious competition! Join us for Catholic Charities' First Priest Soup Cook-Off on Saturday, October 10, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Diocesan Center Dining Room. Get your tickets today! Tickets are $10 per person or $25 per family. Come hungry and ready to sample the soups and vote for your favorite! Scan the QR code for more details and registration. We're also looking for homemade baked goods to sell at the event. Sign up to donate your favorite treat and help support Catholic Charities! Visit **volunteersignup.org/LHE9M.**

## FAITH, ELECTIONS AND CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR - OCTOBER 14

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has consistently encouraged Catholics to become informed and involved citizens, issuing documents related to faith and citizenship since 1976.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, the public affairs arm of the Commonwealth's Catholic bishops and dioceses, works to inform and educate the Catholic faithful, legislators and the general public about issues important to Catholics.

Join Eric Failing, Executive Director of the PA Catholic Conference, on **Wednesday, October 14, from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the Diocesan Center, Education Conference Room 4800 Union Deposit Road | Harrisburg as we discuss the Church's teachings regarding the moral framework of "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" with the hope of binding the wounds and healing the bitter political divisions we see in our society today. Registration is free and available at **hbgdiocese.org/citizenship**. For questions please contact Brenda at bestremeragaray@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext 303.

## AUTUMN RETREAT FOR CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATES

### *The Spiritual Way of Saint Francis*

All participants in the Christian Initiation process are invited to the Autumn Retreat led by Father Joshua Brommer. Catechumens, Candidates, Sponsors and Team Members will join for faith reflection and fellowship, **Saturday, November 7, 2026 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** at the Diocesan Center. Please register by scanning the QR code by Monday, November 2, 2026 For questions, contact Kate Neri at KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.

## 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!

## 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.

## *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

## CELEBRATE RESPECT LIFE MONTH—ONE PRAYER AT A TIME

Join the Diocese of Harrisburg's Celebrating Life texting campaign this October. Each morning, you'll receive a brief prayer intention inviting you to reflect on the God-given dignity of every human life.

Inspired by this year's theme, Mary, Mother of Life, the campaign will help us pray for and accompany people in every stage and circumstance of life.

Ready to join us?
Text **LifeHBG** to **84576** and pray with us throughout October!

## CELEBRATING LIFE

He did not say: You will not be troubled – you will not be tempted – you will not be distressed. But He said: You will not be overcome.

## My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

An excerpt from the pro-life reflection of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

"The First Reading from Isaiah [Isaiah 5:1-7] describes how the vineyard owner (God) cared for his vineyard (Israel), doing everything he could to help it grow and flourish in his love: *My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; / he spaded it, cleared it of stones, / and planted the choicest vines*. The people symbolized by God's vineyard are his *cherished plant*. But despite this loving care, the vineyard only produces *wild grapes* (sin).

"October is Respect Life Month, and today is Respect Life Sunday. Each year at this time, the bishops of the United States call us to pause and reflect more deeply on the sacred gift of human life and our role in welcoming, cherishing, and protecting the lives of our brothers and sisters.

"Like the owner who took such great care in the creation and cultivation of his vineyard, God loved each of us into existence and continues caring for us, inviting us ever deeper into his friendship. We draw closer to him when we follow his example and love one another as he loves us, even amidst difficulties or inconveniences. But, all too often, we fail to treat one another according to the dignity with which he made us. When we don't follow God, and instead turn away from him, we produce the wild grapes of sin. In the face of our own suffering or that of others, we may be tempted to doubt the innate goodness of human life or even believe that some lives aren't worth living. Abortion and assisted suicide then emerge as false 'solutions' to challenging circumstances. ...

"Despite the many ways our society threatens and destroys the gift of human life, God reminds us: '*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God*.' [Philippians 4:6] Prayer is essential in all our efforts to build a culture of life in our world. As God's people, we are called to seek what is true*, honorable, just, pure, lovely* and *gracious*, so that we can be the *choicest vines*, producing an abundant harvest. One of the ways we do this is by loving one another as Christ loves us, especially by caring for those whose lives are most in need of protection.

"During this Respect Life Month, ask Jesus how he is specifically calling *you* to follow in his footsteps. How is he calling you to care for the lives of your neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable? As the Second Reading [of Saint Paul to the Philippians] encourages us: *Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me*. [Philippians 4:9] Let us ask the Lord for an outpouring of grace, especially the graces of wisdom, humility, and courage, as well as open and generous hearts, that we may respond to his call to serve the gift of human life. ...

"Let us recall the words of today's Gospel acclamation: *I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain*. [*cf.* John 15:16] We must persevere and work to protect the lives of those who cannot speak for themselves or who feel as if their lives are not worth living. We are called to be set apart for the work of the Kingdom of God, proclaiming in word and deed the sanctity of every human life, from conception to natural death.[1]

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

Peace in Christ, *Father Michael*

[1] https://www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-26-homily-helps.pdf

## JOB OPENING - DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The Diocese of Harrisburg, Office for Catholic Life & Evangelization, seeks a Director for Youth & Young Adult Ministries to provide vision, leadership, and support for youth and young adult ministry across the Diocese. This position collaborates with parishes, colleges, and regional leaders to foster faith formation, leadership development, and evangelization. If you are passionate about forming the next generation of Catholic leaders and strengthening parish ministry, we encourage you to apply. Read the full job description and apply at **www.hbgdiocese.org/careers**.

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