



Sacred Heart of Jesus

March 30, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Mass Times & Location

Saturday 4:30 pm (Church)

Sunday 9:30 am (Parish Center)

Weekday Mass (Parish Center)

Tuesday and Friday 12 noon

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:00 pm or by appointment

Director of Family Faith Formation :

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Parish Council:

Music Society:



Knights of Columbus Council 14349:

K of C Meets- 4th Tuesday of the Month

7PM — Ian Smith, Grand Knight

Prayer Circle:

Marianne Harbold, peace777.1@gmail.com

Spring Grove Chapter of AA meets every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Mass Intentions

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| Sat 3/29 | Intention of Michael Letteer Family | 4:30pm |
| Sun 3/30 | +Gordon Boudinet Sr. | 9:30am |
| Mon 3/31 | | |
| Tues 4/01 | +Gregory Hobday | 12 Noon |
| Wed 4/02 | | |
| Thu 4/03 | | |
| Fri 4/04 | +Carrie Schmoyer | 12 Noon |
| Sat 4/05 | +Mary Smith Trimble | 4:30pm |
| Sun 4/06 | People of the Parish | 9:30am |

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNERS: Dine-In or Carry Out: Fridays, April 4-11, 4:15—6:15 pm. *You may pre-order weekly Saturday-Thursday at <https://shsgdinner.square.site/>* Volunteers needed weekly: Sign up on Realm or contact Lisa Weaver at 13lisacmt@gmail.com or text 443-677-3359.

Weekly Reflection: One often hears of bitter disputes among siblings when it comes time to divide up the inheritance left by their parents. In my family, the dispute about my grandparent's possessions became so severe that some siblings have cut themselves off from the rest of the family. It's very sad. The parable Jesus tells begins on a shocking note—the younger brother demands his share before the father is even dead! The older brother stands there mute as the father, without a



word of protest, gives each son his share. The elder brother's objections come later, when his brother returns home and the former fears his own portion will be jeopardized. Both sons display a sense of entitlement. They've calculated what they have coming to them, and they are making sure they collect all of it. There is a considerable amount of inheritance involved. This is not a poor family. They have cattle and means to put on a feast. The father has a fine robe, sandals, and a ring to put on his son's finger.

When the father hands over his considerable wealth to his sons, one would think they would be happy. But both end up miserable. The younger one squanders everything while the older one hoards it all, not spending even a little bit to entertain his friends. Both complain about what they have not been given. The younger son, after using up all he had inherited, lowers his sights and would be satisfied with the slop fed to the swine, "but nobody gave him any." The older son complains bitterly to his father, "You never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends." This accusation is puzzling, when the son has already been given his share of everything the father has. It is equally surprising that the father, instead of angrily dismissing his son's baseless accusations, responds with a renewed invitation to joy, and a reminder: "everything I have is yours"—already! But something has died in both sons. Their greed and jealousy have blinded them to the overflowing abundance that is theirs.

The younger son has come back to life. He has hit rock bottom, believes he no longer deserves to be called "son," and acknowledges the wrong he has done his father and the whole community. What brought him back to life is not his own coming to his senses and his own efforts to return to the source of his heritage. Rather, it is the father's unfailing love, as he seeks him out and flings open his arms, wrapping him in a mantle of forgiveness, that resurrects in him the response of love and joy and gratitude, along with the sure knowledge that all is given freely and totally. This heritage cannot be earned, and it is never depleted, even by our most egregious misuses.

As a figure of the Divine, the father offers a gift of reconciliation that shatters the too-narrow vision of children vying for a bigger piece of the pie, when all along the whole of the inheritance is offered to each and all, with no bounds. This gift begins a process of healing and expands our puny estimation of our inheritance and opens our capacity to be transformed by the Giver, enlarging our capacity to pass on and witness to that heritage to others.

SUNDAY, March 30, 2025

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Deanery Confession Penance Services:

The parishes of York Deanery have again coordinated to provide many different opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance / Confession / Reconciliation prior to Easter. We try to schedule different days of the week and different times of the day to provide ample opportunities. Here is a listing of all the Penance Services in our Deanery during Lent:



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| Thursday, April 3 @ 6:30pm | Sacred Heart, Spring Grove |
| Sunday, April 6 @ 2pm | Holy Infant, Manchester |
| Sunday, April 6 @ 2pm | St. Joseph, Dallastown |
| Tuesday, April 8 @ 6pm | St. Mary's |
| Wednesday April 9 @ 6:30pm | St. Patrick |
| Thursday, April 10 @ 6pm | St. Rose of Lima |
| Saturday, April 12 @ 10am | St. Joseph, East York |
| Tuesday, April 15 @ 7pm | St. John the Baptist, New Freedom |

Diocesan Annual Campaign 2025: Living Our Faith as Pilgrims of Hope: Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. So far 28 families have contributed just over \$9,000 toward our goal of \$25,916. Won't you join them in helping support the work of the Diocesan Church that is so important to individuals and our own parish?



During the season of Lent, we give to those who suffer by offering our prayers and financial generosity. Remember that all the money that we collect over and above our goal is returned to Saint Patrick Parish.

The principal of tithing recommends that you prayerfully consider a gift or pledge of 1% of your annual, pre-tax income. This amount would be 1% of your other 5% tithe – remember, the first 5% going to the parish, the other 5% to your favorite charities and the Diocesan Annual Campaign.

The DAC provides support for ministry programs such as Men's and Women's conferences, Youth and Young adult programs, multicultural ministries and the many programs that are provided by Catholic Charities. These programs are truly our faith in action. In partnership with the Diocese, other parishes and donors, our parish is able to benefit from these efforts. How many of you have participated in marriage enhancement programs like Marriage Encounter, Retroville, etc? Did you know our parish has programs like That Man is You? Ministry programs like Theology on Tap and Young Adult weekends strengthen the faith of the next generation. Programming for adults with disabilities, multicultural ministries and women's groups all serve small communities who wish to grow in their faith. Collectively, we are able to offer these programs because of your generosity to the Diocesan Annual Campaign.

Each year we are overwhelmed at your generosity and goodness. Thank you so much for taking seriously our responsibility to assist the larger Diocesan Church in fulfilling her mission

Give online at:

<https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/>



Daily Masses and Stations of the Cross during Lent: During the season of Lent, **Tuesday & Friday 12noon daily Mass will be celebrated at the church on Main Street** (this gives us lots of time to prepare the parish center for the Friday Lenten Dinners). On Fridays, you are invited to stay after Mass to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church. Deacon Tom will lead the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm on April 9.

Daily Mass during Lent: Noon on Tuesdays & Fridays at the church on Main Street

Stations of the Cross: Fridays following 12 noon Daily Mass; Wednesday April 9 at the church

1st Friday Adoration during Lent: April 4 with Stations after Daily Mass in the church

50th Anniversary Wedding Mass: Were you married in 1975? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 2pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Timothy C. Senior will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office by March 28th.

2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services will take place next weekend, April 5-6. So many right now are struggling, confused and helpless, especially the many immigrants who have come to our country, not to do harm, but seeing seeking freedom and hope. To them, through the outreach of the Church and Catholic Relief Services, let us reveal Christ's love. Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection at Mass. #RevealChristsLove #1church1mission www.usccb.org/catholic-relief






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**Family Faith
Formation**

Sun., Mar. 30: 1-3pm, in Church, Living Stations of the Cross practice, 6th - 12th, great service opportunity! St. Patrick Church

Sun., Mar. 30: 6-8pm: Youth Night: Faith, Service and Fun, CAFETERIA (note change of location) all MS and HS students welcome!

Sat., Apr. 5: 9am-12pm: Student and Parent First Communion Retreat, Begins in St. Patrick Church, ends in cafeteria

Sun., Apr. 6: 10:30am: 8th grade Confirmation Interviews, Parish Center

Sun., Apr. 6: 10:30-11:30 Family Faith Formation, Family Faith Formation, Parish Center, please bring a snack to share

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