

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger

December 26, 2021



Sunday, December 26

10:00 am - Rosary / Church

Monday, December 27

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

Tuesday, December 28

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

9:00 pm - Men's Basketball / Gym

Wednesday, December 29

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

Thursday, December 30

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

7:00 pm - Choral Concert / ABVM

7:00 pm - Men's Basketball / Gym

Friday, December 31, 2021

7:20 am - Rosary / Church

8:30 am - Holy Hour: Adoration

11:00 pm - New Year's Holy Hour

Saturday, January 01, 2022

4:00 pm - Rosary / Church

St. Vincent's Thrift Shop is closed from Friday, December 24, 2021 through Monday, January 3, 2022, and will reopen January 4, 2022.



Donations baskets are located near the restrooms in the back of Church

Clothing Bank

Family sized toiletries; Men's & Women's ankle socks: Women's underwear size 7; Men's underwear; White T Shirts (XL/2XL); Women's Plus underwear (1X, 2X, 3 X); Diapers size 5 & 6

Changing Lives Shelter

Deodorant (men & women);

Disposable Gloves (M & L); Lysol© Spray; Ajax©; Clorox© Wipes; Gallon Ziploc© storage bags; New bed pillows; New Twin Sheet Sets

Ruth's Harvest

In need of volunteers, contact us at 717.633.6353

God's Meal Barrel

Tooth Paste & Toothbrushes

PAL

Single serve fruit cups; Cans of String Beans; Sweet Peas; Mixed Veggies; Dish Soap

Please, no perishables.

For info, call: Jill Janusz 717-632-8939.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

EMofHC Lector Altar Servers

Dec 26

There was no Saturday 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family.

Guian M. 7:30 a.m. Janine M.

10:30 a.m. Christina C. Wayne F. Abbey B., Bella P., Finn L.

Dec 31 / Jan 01

Jeanne K. Abby B., Bella P. 5:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Betty H. Isaac R., Harrison R, Kooper R. Chinoyerem O., Finn L.

10:30 a.m. Joy O.

Jan 01 / Jan 02

4:30 p.m. Wayne F. volunteers 7:30 a.m. Jeanne K. Guian M.

10:30 a.m. Mark F. Jim McD. Chinoyerem O., Mikayla M.

Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Saturdays (except Christmas Day); by appointment; and First Sundays between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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.

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.

Rosary: Monday to Friday at 7:20 a.m.; Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you participated in our Parish Pictorial Directory and have not picked up your free copy, then please stop by the Parish Office during business hours to pick it up. Hopefully, all of them will be distributed by December 31st.



THE HOUSE OF NAZARETH ADORATION CHAPEL

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You are welcome to visit. We ask that you sanitize and practice social distancing.

We are in need of adorers for the following days and hours:

> Monday at 3 pm Wednesday at 9 am Thursday at 12 am Friday at 7 pm Saturday at 12 am

"Can you spend just one hour with our Lord?"

> Contact: Gloria Murren at 717.479.1071.

The Chapel Announcement line is you to call 717.632.2154 for concerning closings for bad weather, health issues, church functions, etc. Any questions, call Gloria at the phone number above.

Happy New Year!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COME AND SEE APPEAL

Because of the continuing challenges with the coronavirus pandemic, there will not be an in-person Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner this However, your support of this appeal is still very much needed. Donations to the Come and See Appeal raise important financial support for the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing - Evergreen House (for women recovering from addiction), Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. Secured online contributions can be made via the www.cchbg.org website. For more information, contact Christopher Meehan, Catholic Charities Director of Development, at cmeehan@cchbg.org or 717-657-4804 ext 284. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Caleb's Heart for the Homeless

Nine-year-old Caleb Harner has always cared deeply about



homeless, frequently the expressing his concern about them getting enough to eat and having a warm place to sleep. According to his mother, "Caleb has a big heart and passion for taking care of people. He has always been aware of others and concerned when he sees them in need. He will put the needs of others first and do what he can to help them." After Caleb toured

Changing Lives Homeless Shelter on Carlisle Street recently with his family, Caleb decided to take on a special project this holiday season. He is attempting to raise enough funds to purchase 35 new industrial mattresses for the shelter (approximately \$5000) and to provide 35 new twin size sheet sets and blankets. Caleb stated that his Christmas wish this year is "For all the homeless people to stay warm and sleep in a comfortable place."

To help make Caleb's wish come true, monetary donations should be made payable to the Hanover Area Council of Churches, with the memo noting Caleb's Heart for the Homeless, and mailed to HACC at 136 Carlisle Street, Hanover 17331.

Donations Needed for Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families (a Catholic Charities residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of laundry detergent, disposable masks, body/hand lotion, conditioner, and copy paper. Donations can be taken to the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg) or to the shelter (120 Willow Way in Harrisburg). Please call the shelter at 717-652-8740 prior to taking items to the facility. Thank you for your generosity!



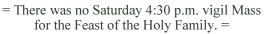
Thanking God for our Thrift Shop volunteers.

Through their devoted service, \$3,000 was donated to our Parish Catholic Education Fund with proceeds from the first two weeks of December.

Notre Dame Chorale to Perform at Cathedral

Save the Date! Everyone is invited to an evening of beautiful music on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, as the Notre Dame Chorale commence their 2022 Winter Tour. The Chorale performance will begin at 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. This is their first performance as part of the Winter Tour, which is leading up to the Chorale's international tour in May 2022. The Chorale is being hosted by the Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg. The event is free but donations will gratefully be accepted.

Mass Intentions This Week



SUN DECEMBER 26 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30 am For All the Sick, Dying and their Families

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am James & Jean Staub

12:30 pm Baptisms

Mon December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8:00 am Eugene & Catherine Klunk

TUE DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 am Carolyn Rickrode

WED DECEMBER 29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am Mary Ann Smith

THU DECEMBER 30

8:00 am Samuel Walton

FRI DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope New Year's Eve

8:00 am Jacki Antkowiak

8:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Adoration

9:30 sm Benediction

VIGIL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

5:30 pm James Lawrence



11:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament + Adoration

SAT JANUARY 01, 2022 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

12:00 am Benediction

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Rosary

10:30 am John Ginter (L)

VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY

4:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Donnelly Family

Sun January 02 THE EPIPHANY

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Lewis S. Smith

10:00 am Rosarv

10:30 am Carroll & Almeda Brady

NOT WILLING TO LET GO OF YOUR MARRIAGE?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For more information about the January 28-30, 2022 weekend for couples, contact the registration team at retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com or 717-356-2185.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In Saint Peter's Square on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2012, Emeritus Pope Benedict preached this Angelus:

"Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. In the liturgy the passage from Luke's Gospel presents to us the Virgin Mary and St Joseph. Faithful to the tradition, they go to Jerusalem for the Passover taking the 12-year-old Jesus with them. The first time that Jesus had entered the Temple of the Lord was 40 days after his birth, when his parents had offered on his behalf 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons' (Lk 2:24) on his behalf, that is, the sacrifice offered by the poor.

"Luke, whose entire Gospel is shot through with a theology of the poor and a theology of poverty, is once again making it abundantly clear that Jesus' family belongs to the poor of Israel, and that it was among such as them that the promises would be fulfilled" (Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives, p. 81).

"Today Jesus is once again in the Temple, but this time he has a different role, which involves him in the first person. He makes the pilgrimage, with Mary and Joseph, to Jerusalem as prescribed by the Law (cf. Ex 23:17, 34:23 ff) even though he was not yet in his thirteenth year: a sign of the Holy Family's deep devotion. Yet, when his parents set out on their return to Nazareth, something unexpected happens. Without saying a word Jesus remains in the city. Mary and Joseph search for him for three days and find him in the Temple, conversing with the teachers of the Law (Lk 2: 46, 47); and when they ask him for an explanation, Jesus answers that they should not be surprised since this is his place, the house of his Father, who is God (The Infancy Narratives, p. 123). 'He', Origen writes, 'professes to be in the temple of his Father, the Father who has revealed himself to us and whose Son he says he is' (Homilies on the Gospel of Luke, 18, 5).

"Mary and Joseph's anxiety about Jesus is the same as that of every parent who educates a child, introduces him or her to life and to understanding reality. Today, therefore, it is only right to say a special prayer to the Lord for all the

families of the world. Emulating the Holy Family of Nazareth, may parents be seriously concerned with the development and upbringing of their children so that they grow up to be responsible and honest citizens, never forgetting that faith is a precious gift to be nurtured in their children by their own example.

"At the same time let us pray that every child be welcomed as a gift of God and be supported by the love of both parents in order to increase, like the Lord Jesus 'in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man' (Lk 2:52).

"May the love, loyalty and dedication of Mary and Joseph be an example to all Christian couples who are not the friends or masters of their children's lives, but rather are custodians of this incomparable gift of God.

"The silence of Joseph, a just man (cf. Mt 1:19), and the example of Mary who kept all these things in her heart (cf. Lk 2:51), usher us into the mystery of the Holy Family, full of faith and humanity. I hope that all Christian families will live in God's presence with the same love and the same joy as the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph."

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

Peace in Christ, Father Michael

Father Michael Reid will be on a MISSIONARY PILGRIMAGE

from February 5-12, 2022 to work with the Franciscan Sisters of Divine Providence in Mexico. Your prayer requests and generous gifts to the Padrino Fund will be delivered to the Sisters at that time.

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.

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 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.

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¹ Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus*, 25 November 2012.



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