

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish

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THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Sunday, the Lord's Day:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 (English), 7:00 (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 AM (English), 12:30 PM (Vietnamese)

Weekdays:

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday of the Month *only*: 8:00 am (English)

Weekday Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil: 5:30 PM (English), 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

Day: 8:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Infants: Call the office as soon as the baby is born .

Children over the age of 7 and Adults: Call the office

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; or by appointment

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Contact the chaplain on call in the hospital in case of an emergency. In cases of illness or in preparation of surgery call the rectory to schedule the celebration of the sacrament

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Diocesan policy requires between nine and twelve months notice for weddings and participation in marriage preparation.

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Catholic Education:

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St. Margaret Mary School
Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School

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December 17, 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil - 5 pm - People of the Parish

Sunday - 8:30 am - Mary

10:30 am - Mark Tatkovski

Monday: 8 am - No Mass

Tuesday: 8 am - No Mass

Wednesday: 8 am - No Mass

Thursday: 8 am - No Mass

Friday: 7 pm Vietnamese Mass

Saturday: No Morning Mass

Vigil - 5 pm - Peter

Sunday - 8:30 am - People of the Parish

10:30 am - Joseph & Mary

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK:

12/17/17 Sunday: Donuts in the Social Hall **after 8:30 & 10:30 am Eng Masses**

Monday:

Tuesday: Food Pantry (Social Hall) 10 am - 1 pm Woodbine Entrance

Wednesday: RCIA in Social Hall at 6:30 pm

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

12/24/17 Sunday:

** Parish Office Hours are 10 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 3 pm

We, the family of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, united by the Heavenly Father and guided by Our Lady, vow to be a loving, caring, and welcoming people by living the Gospel in service to others.

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and administer the Sacraments of His New Covenant. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish shares this mission through Liturgy and worship; Educating our parishioners in the Faith; Serving the poor and those in need; Being a friendly, loving, and caring community; and Strengthening spiritual and social connections within the Parish's community and neighborhood.

**OLBS and Knights of Columbus
Fundraisers**

December 2017 Calendar Lottery —
Awards will continue through the end of
the month. Winners for the first week:



Dec 1st no. 000, Winner by random drawing no.
614, MM James Gates (\$200)
Dec 2nd no. 736, Lindsay Spencer (\$50)
Dec 3rd no. 026, Brenda Lee (\$75)
Dec 4th no. 367, Winner by random drawing no.
736, Lindsay Spencer (\$40)
Dec 5th no. 464, Dominic Lombardi (\$40)
Dec 6th no. 002, Winner by random drawing no.
674 , Rich Carroll (\$40)
Dec 7th no. 812, Suzi Grimme (\$40)
Dec 8th no. 936, Lloyd Newbaum (\$100)
Dec 9th no. 415, Winner by random drawing no.
431, Carol Kreider (\$50)

Again, **thanks to all who helped** with this effort.

Super Bowl Sub and Sandwich Sale —Super
Bowl Sunday is February 4th, 2018. In preparation
for that event we will hold another sub and pretzel
sandwich sale with delivery prior to that day.
Please see the upcoming sales sheets.
Remember—these sandwiches are not hard to sell
because people get something for their money plus
make a donation, so please take a form to work,
friends or relatives over the holidays to improve
sales..

Proceeds from these fundraisers go to the Parish
for operational expenses.

Happy Feet Program—Please participate in
the Happy Feet program by **providing socks**
to those who need them. There is a collection
box for your donations in the Social Hall. For
questions, please contact Elaine Davis at 717-
686-3572

To remember your loved one by offering the Sanctuary
Candle to be lit in their memory, contact the office on Mon,
Wed, Thurs or Friday to sign up. The cost is only \$10. for
a full week.

SANCTUARY CANDLES burn as a reminder of
the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the
tabernacle. This week it is lit:
In gratitude for *THE SOULS OF THE
STONEMASONS WHO BUILT THE CHURCH
AND THE RECTORY WITH SUCH SKILL
AND BEAUTY.*



Giant A+ Program

Be sure to register your Giant Bonus Card,
listing Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School
and/or Bishop McDevitt High School as the
recipient of school rewards. This does NOT
impact any gas or other bonus point rewards you
may receive. By registering your card, our
school can receive 1% of your grocery purchase
prices. This is a simple way for HCE to earn
funds and in the past few years, has been a
tremendous success for us.

<https://giantfoodstores.com/sign-up/>



Time to get the donuts.....

Our Sunday morning fellowship in the Social Hall is in **need of some new volunteers** to help continue this long-standing ministry.

Please consider joining several of your fellow parishioners who pick up these sweet treats at the Giant Food Store on Linglestown Road on a weekly rotating schedule. *This a great opportunity* to contribute to the OLBS parish family that requires a small amount of time, but has a positive impact. Call the parish office for more information: **717-233-1014**.

RCIA Program - The RCIA program is meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. If you know anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, or may want to learn more about our faith, please ask them to join us. Any parishioner who is interested in what RCIA is about is also very welcome to attend. Come and join us!

**May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and
body,
be preserved blameless**



Retrouvaille

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille provides marriage help! The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018. For more information and to register, please visit retrouvaille.org or email retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com.

Remaining Advent Parish Penance Service:

St. Margaret Mary Church
Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm
Create a clean heart in me, Oh Lord.!



Coaching Opportunities:

The Bishop McDevitt athletic department has the following paid coaching openings: girls tennis head coach; track and field throwing coach; softball assistant coach. Any interested applicants should contact Mr. Tommy Mealy, Athletic Director at 717-236-0204 or email tmealy@bishopmcdevitt.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, January 18, 2018 – 6:30-8:30PM @ Church of the Holy Spirit, Palmyra. This workshop is for those applying for a NEW mandate and for those RENEWING an existing mandate. Those renewing their mandate are asked to bring their training manual with them.

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 – 7:00-9:00PM @ Seven Sorrows BVM, Middletown. This workshop is for those applying for a NEW mandate and for those RENEWING an existing mandate. Those renewing their mandate are asked to bring their training manual with them. Registrations are due AT LEAST one week before the scheduled workshop. Fewer than 10 participants and the workshop may be cancelled.

OBSERVANCE OF ROE V. WADE: JANUARY 19-26, 2018

Holy Hour for Life

Harrisburg, Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick – January 19 at 11:00 AM

Harrisburg, Holy Name of Jesus – January 20 at 9:00 AM

Hershey, Saint Joan of Arc – January 21 at 3:00 PM

Mechanicsburg, Saint Katharine Drexel – January 21 from 12:15 – 7 PM

Steelton, Prince of Peace – January 21 at 11:30 AM



For Those Returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

If you have not partaken of this sacrament for some time, the following is a good refresher to prepare a good confession and receive a renewed spirit in time for Christmas:

Greeting: The priest welcomes the penitent warmly and greets him or her with kindness.

Sign of the Cross: Then the penitent makes the Sign of the Cross, which the priest may also make.

Confession of Sins and Acceptance of Satisfaction: The penitent confesses his or her sins and accepts the prayers or deeds that the priest proposes as a penance.

Prayer of the Penitent and Absolution: The priest asks the penitent to express sorrow by praying one of the prayers found in the ritual or in his or her own words. The priest then prays the Prayer of Absolution, to which the penitent responds: "Amen."

Proclamation of Praise and Dismissal: The priest continues: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." The penitent responds: "His mercy endures for ever." The priest then dismisses the penitent, using one of the formulas found in the ritual

December 2017/January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17	18- NO MASS	19- NO MASS 10am - Food Pantry 5:30pm - Eng Choir OFFICE CLOSED	20- NO MASS	21- NO MASS 7pm - K of C Council Meeting 8pm - VN Choir	22 Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm (VN)	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas OFFICE CLOSED	26 10am - Food Pantry	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm (VN) OFFICE CLOSED	30
31	1 Solemnity of Mary OFFICE CLOSED	2 10am - Food Pantry	3	4 7pm - K of C Council Meeting	5 Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm (VN)	6
7	8 K of C Assembly – 7 pm Social Hall	9 10am - Food Pantry	10	11	12 Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm (VN)	13

***All dates are subject to change. This is for social and informational purposes only.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE 10 AM - 12 NOON AND 1 PM - 3 PM

IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION

Major Becky Sawyer, Patrick Conrad, Joel Gross, Kevin Burr, Colin Burr, Tracy Burr, Joseph Roe, 2nd Lt. David Kotz, Sgt. Matt Horwath, Fr. Raymond LaVoie. Please pray for them and their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE SICK

Ben Austin, Jim & Cecelia Baker, Rose Lawler, Jeanette Moe, Father Paul Nguyen's sister Theresa and his father, Joseph, Joni Wade, Dolores Anne Urrutia; sister of Janice, Mary & John Mills, Becky Sawyer and her father Chatz Sawyer, the homebound, and those in nursing homes.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest or in the consecrated life, Call Father Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at (717) 657-4804/ frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

IN OUR PARISH

Advent Schedule

This is our normal Sunday Obligation:

Saturday: Dec.23rd 5 pm English;7 pm VN

Sunday: Dec 24th 8:30 & 10:30 am Eng

Sunday: Dec 24th 12:30 pm Vietnamese

Christmas Schedule

The Nativity of Our Lord - Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday : Dec 24th 5:30 pm - Vigil Mass Eng.

Sunday: Dec 24th 7:30 pm - Vigil Mass (VN)

Monday: Dec 25th 8:30 & 10:30 am - Mass Eng.

Monday: Dec 25th 12:30 pm Vietnamese (VN)

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Sunday Mass December 10, 2017.....\$3221.

Children December 10, 2017.....\$0.

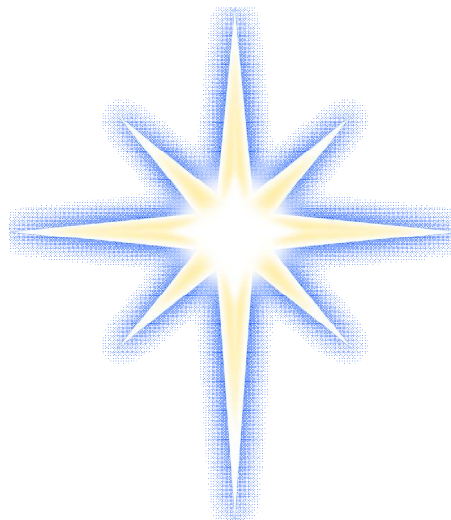
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You may have noticed a new envelope in your packets this month called **Parish Building Repair Fund**. This envelope replaces the monthly Emergency Fund envelope. The **St Jude Fund** is used solely for the poor. Your generosity to the poor has enabled us to put money aside in that savings account, while our building repair fund has dwindled considerably. Knowing that we will need repairs, some unexpected, like the bell tower bats Father has prudently set up this **Parish Building Repair Fund** specifically to replenish the building repair fund. You may still contribute to the **St. Jude Fund** by marking your check with that notation.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT				December 17, 2017
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8) Pss III				
This Sunday	Lector (Word)	Altar Servers	Communion	Cantor
Vigil 5 pm	Ed Snell	L. Lee	R. Lee B. Lee	Elaine/Des
8:30 am	Pam Kotz	N. Clancy S. Clancy	J. Connolly B. Kotz	Tammy Baldari
10:30 am	Deb Coy	C. Davis A. Davis	M. Neubaum L. Zaikoski R. Zaikoski	Chris Conard Shultz
Next Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT			December 24, 2017
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 (11) Pss IV				
Vigil 5 pm	Kate Conard	E. Hughes G. Hughes M. Hughes		Elaine/Des
8:30 am	Ann Marie Rudolph	CJ Rudolph	Deb Coy Brad Coy Jim Baker	Pam Kotz
10:30 am	Nicole Reyes	N. Reyes M. Robinson	A. Mendy J. Burr R. Conard	Elaine/Matt
Hospitality: This Sunday: Bob Hoffman Next Sunday: Merry Christmas				

'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'" Matthew 2:6



The Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

"rejoice ye"; "take ye pleasure in".

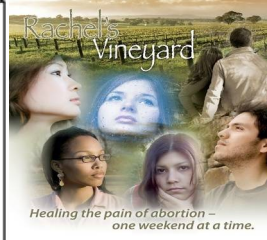
In the readings, we hear about miracles associated with the Messianic age, its coming, and what we need to do to prepare. We also learn about the doubts of John the Baptist, how he dealt with them, and the blessing that makes us even more fortunate than John was.

What significance does this have? Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near."

What is the appropriate liturgical color for this day? In this mass the color violet or rose is used



Pray for us, O Virgin Immaculate,
Our Lady of the Most Blessed
Sacrament. That the Eucharistic
Kingdom of Jesus Christ may come
among us! ~St. Peter Julian Eymard



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