

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

5:00 PM + Mary Ann Staines

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:15 AM - People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Anthony F Strazzella

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

9:00 AM + Susan Klunk

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

9:00 AM - Intention of Lorna Myers

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

9:00 AM + Mary & William Boeshore, Sr.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

9:00 AM + Florence Rajtik

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

5:00 PM + Jonathan Meckley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent

8:15 AM + Margaret Lease

11:15 AM - People of the Parish



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Steve Luckenbaugh, Lisa Marie Smith, Regina Luckenbaugh, Peg Aumen, Shawn Hendrickson, Rob Despres, Shelve & Barry Meckley, Melanie Miller, Sharon Nowakowski, Stephen Nowakowski, Shirley Snyder, Evelyn Swenk, Kai Goley, Courtney Creager, Madison Krup, Karen Zale, Mary Barkey, Eric Barkey, Diane Huffman, Maria Schreiber, Monica Barrett, Steve Buttorff, Linda Buttorff, Carmen Engleheart, Joyce Wagner, Sharon Wagner, Tony Scott, Joe Pohlman, Diane Lasco, Liam Kauffman, Wayne Pohlman, Michael Pohlman, Wayne Moore, Sherry Eckenrode, Joel Pechart, Troy Stamer, Ron Oravitz, Chuck Gabrielson, Liam Kauffman, Janet Rinehart, Harry Noel, Mary Hallisey, Louis Orndorff, Alice Noel, Duane Wright, Claire Wentz, Crystal Davis, Julie d'Aliberti, Kevin Kurtz, Paul Sneeringer, Cynthia Weaver, Janet Todt, Bob Brodbeck, Tina Kriston, Carol Fausey, Elmer Spangler, Jr., Adam Starnier, Mark Wantz, Dave Weaver, Bruce & Carol Laughman, Francis & Erma Karchnak, Francis Krepps, Robert Pribish, Cindy Yohe, William Mentzer, Thomas Michael Thoman, Roger Helmers, Sharon Hare, & Joe Hays.

YEAR OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

This week, we as a Parish Family, will be praying very specially for:

December 16th	Sperring Family
December 17th	Spiese Family
December 18th	Spiridonoff Family
December 19th	Sponseller Family
December 20th	Snyder Family
December 21st	Sracic Family
December 22nd	Staines Family



In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died last week: Mary Boeshore, mother of Midge Stokes and Dee Humm, aunt of Jennifer Bunty and Mary Posner.

Holiday Office Hours

In observance of Christmas and the New Year the Parish Office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 23rd and will reopen on Monday, January 5th at 8:30AM.

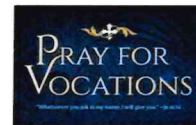


to all those on the Parish Caring Committee who gave so much of themselves to me following my recent surgery.

Every dinner for the first few weeks of my recuperation was provided by these generous parishioners, including a complete Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day! And it didn't stop there... the meals were accompanied by bread, homemade cookies, pie, muffins, and even my favorite Christmas flower, the poinsettia!

May God reward you abundantly for your kindness and generosity! You are in my prayers! Thank you again.

Sharon



Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:2-3) John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657- 4804 or email him at frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

Seasons Christmas Concert: If you missed the concert, or just want to watch it again, it is available on the LiveStream Links page of the parish website.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

VETERANS WREATHS: Thank you to everyone who donated to the IHM Wreaths Across America. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to cover the costs of the wreaths. We were also able to make a donation of \$600 to Roots for Boots to directly benefit local veterans.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



Anyone wishing to memorialize (deceased) or honor (living) a loved one with flowers at Christmas is invited to pick up one of the envelopes at the Church doors, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket by Sunday, December 21st.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!



We will once again have a "Children's Choir" for the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have children ages 4 and above who would like to be part of the choir, please call or email Sister Rosanne at rkarmazin2011@gmail.com or (717) 259-0611, ext. 7.

All Occasion Cards Needed: Do you have new cards cluttering up the drawers in your house? Consider donating them to the parish PCCW and the Prison Ministry to use for their outreach. These cards can be religious in nature (but not necessary). Not the ones that offer Masses for a donation or are affiliated with a designated organization. They may include: Christmas, birthday, Sympathy, Thinking of You, and Get Well. You can donate the cards by dropping them off at the Parish Office to the attention of Deacon Tom. God bless you for your kindness.

Advent Penance Service



Immaculate Heart of Mary

Catholic Church

6084 W. Canal Rd.,

Abbottstown

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

at 7PM

There will be seven priests available to hear confessions.

December 14, 2025

Inclement Weather



Please use good judgment when it comes to poor weather conditions. Mass will not be cancelled because Father lives on campus. Most of us have to drive to Church. If conditions are poor and schools are closed or delayed, think about whether you can make it here safely.

The second collection is for:

Next Week!

Capital Improvements

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SCAN TO DONATE

HELP WANTED

Cecilian Village, McSherrystown, affordable housing for Seniors, is looking to hire a part-time Maintenance Person. If interested in the position, please contact Sister Vicki Staub (717) 521-7273 for more information and to apply.

Watch Party at Delone Catholic for Aubrey Nicole

Delone Catholic invites the community to join us on Monday, December 15th at 9pm to watch Aubrey Nicole, '23 grad (Team Reba) compete in the finale of NBC's The Voice. Shepperd Lobby doors open at 8:15pm.

THANKS TO:

EDWARD JONES

Mark Harbaugh

for placing an Ad on the back cover of the church bulletin. We encourage you to patronize the sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity. Because of them, there is no cost to the parish for the printing of this weekly bulletin.