

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025**

5:00 PM + Jonathan Meckley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent

8:15 AM + Margaret Leese

11:15 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025**NO MASS****TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025**

9:00 AM - Intention of Shannon Hallisey

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 (Vigil)

4:00 PM - People of the Parish

7:00 PM + Lorrie Raubenstine

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025 Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM + Dawn Kuhn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 20259:00 AM **NO MASS****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025**

5:00 PM + Judy Sferrella

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, & Joseph**

8:15 AM + John & Teresa Sloand

11:15 AM - People of the Parish



*On behalf of Fr. Miller, Deacon Tom, Sr. Rosanne
and the Parish Staff; we wish you and yours a
blessed Christmas.*

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.

Weis Gift Card Sales

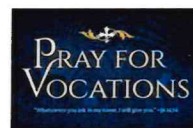
Use them to buy your groceries & help out the Church at the same time! When you purchase gift cards in denominations of \$20, \$50, or \$100, a percentage of the sales comes back to the parish Religious Education program. You can buy groceries, prescriptions, gasoline. They make great gifts too! You can purchase them at the main entrance in the church after the weekend Masses or stop by the Parish Office during regular Hours.

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, Tina Kriston, Carol Fausey, Elmer Spangler, Jr., Adam Stamer, 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, & Harvey Stimer.

YEAR OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

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

December 23rd	Stake Family
December 24th	Stamer Family
December 25th	Staver Family
December 26th	Steckbeck Family
December 27th	Stimer (Harvey) Family
December 28th	Stimer (Kathy) Family
December 29th	Stinebert (Edward) Family



"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:23) Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. **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 child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

"God wrapped His Love in swaddling clothes and placed Him in a manger".

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sirach 3:2-6

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Reflection for the Last Week of Advent

As we enter the final days before Christmas, the season's anticipation deepens. Advent has been a journey of hope, peace, joy, and love — and now, we stand on the threshold of the mystery of the Incarnation. The last week invites us to quiet our hearts, to make room for Christ not only in our celebrations but in the very fabric of our daily lives.

This is a time to pause and ask: Have we prepared not just our homes, but our hearts? Have we allowed the light of Christ to soften our impatience, heal our divisions, and inspire acts of compassion? The waiting is almost over, but the call to live as bearers of light will continue long after the candles are extinguished.

In these final moments, we are reminded that God often comes in unexpected ways — in the stillness of prayer, in the kindness of a stranger, in the courage to forgive. Advent ends, but the invitation to welcome Christ anew never does.

Reflection Questions

In what ways have you experienced God's presence during this Advent season?

What distractions or burdens do you need to lay down to fully welcome Christ this Christmas?

How can you carry the spirit of Advent — hope, peace, joy, and love — into the new year?

Who in your life might need a gesture of kindness or reconciliation before Christmas arrives?

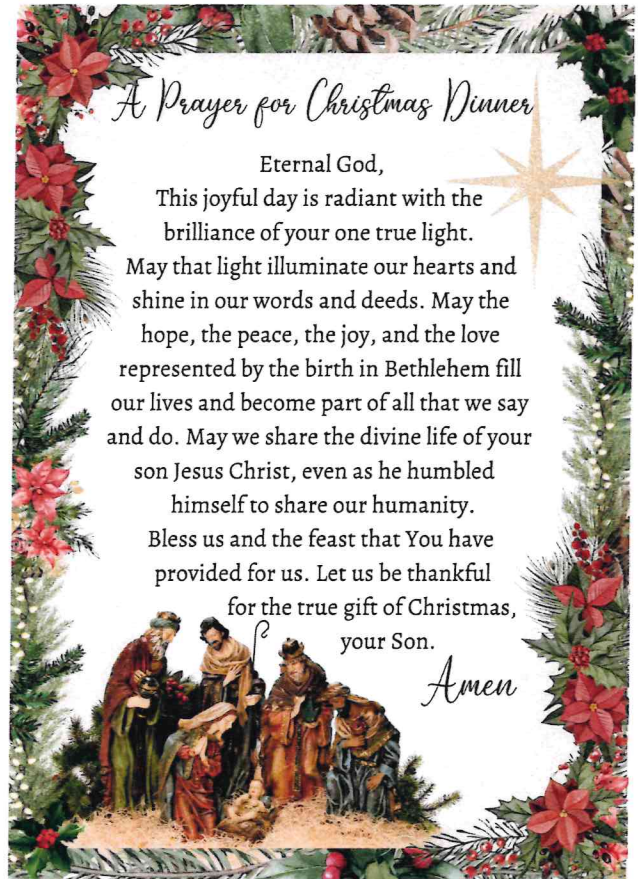
CEMETERY RULE REMINDER

Flowers/Decoration: All effort must be given to maintain the dignity of the cemetery. **Floral arrangements --fresh or artificial-- are permitted if placed in containers that are secured to the headstone or monument.** Flying debris poses a hazard to visitors and to those who maintain the lawn. Flowers/Decorations must be disposed of within 2 weeks. Church personnel retains the right to dispose of flowers/decorations as needed. The cemetery is not responsible for any mementos left on gravesites. There are no permanent plantings allowed in the cemetery. American Flags may be permitted on Veteran's graves from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day.

IMPORTANT: Flowerpots setting on the lawn are not permitted. They will be removed. Our lawncare people can not perform their duty to trim if there are objects in their way.



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.

**Courtesy Announcements**

THE EPIPHANY ITALIAN MASS
EPIFANIA DEL NOSTRO SIGNORE
Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 12:15 P.M.
SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL
212 State Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Reverend Joshua R. Brommer, Celebrant

Special thanks to: Rev. Joshua R. Brommer, Chaplain for the Italian Apostolate Ministry

& The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a reception after Mass

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I.H.M. Council

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