Respect Life Mass Highlights Sanctity of All Human Life

By Rachel Bryson, M.S.
The Catholic Witness

“I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” These words spoken by John the Baptist and recorded in the Gospel of John, 1:34, leave no doubt to listeners as to our Lord’s parentage. These words were also appropriate for the annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass, held on Sunday, Jan. 19 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Camp Hill.

Bishop Ronald Gainer, homilist and celebrant of the Mass, explained to those gathered from throughout the Diocese, that these words spoken by John the Baptist as our Lord approached the River Jordan made him think of another Biblical story where John gives testament that Jesus is the Son of God.

“Remember at the scene of the Annunciation, our Blessed Mother finds out from the angel Gabriel that her older cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant. As soon as the Annunciation ends, Mary makes haste to go to the hill country where Elizabeth and Zechariah lived, to assist her older cousin. And when she enters their home, John the Baptist leaps, six months in the womb, he leaps at the presence of the newly incarnate Son of God in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Two unborn children proclaiming the presence of God in our midst. What an appropriate thought as we celebrate today our annual sanctity of life Mass here in our Diocese,” said Bishop Gainer.

He added what was heard in the first reading from Isaiah, when Isaiah speaks of a mysterious figure who would liberate God’s people and bring them back to Him.

“We heard Him say, you formed me as your servant in the womb. God had a plan for this servant and He begins this preparation not when he’s 6 years old or 26 years old. The preparation of that person began pre-born. After his conception in the womb of his mother, God’s plan for his servant was already in place,” said Bishop Gainer. “Again an appropriate reading for us to reflect on today, the dignity and sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.”

“Let us pray, brothers and sisters, in this special Mass for the sanctity of the life that is in each one of us, that awareness will be intensified, to respect those around us with a greater intensity, to recognize the holiness, the sanctity, the dignity of every person who’s path crosses our path in life. Let us resolve today to continue praying and working to bring about a change in the laws in our land so that a culture of life, a culture of the dignity and the sanctity of human life, might be restored and that all life, from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death, at every stage and in every condition, that each human person may be recognized as God’s masterpiece in the image and likeness of our loving creator,” said Bishop Gainer.

“The Respect Life Mass is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese to commemorate
New Deadline for Catholic School Families to Apply for Neumann Scholarships is March 1

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness
Families applying for tuition assistance through the Diocese’s Neumann Scholarship Foundation for the 2020-2021 school year are being advised of a new application deadline, March 1.

In previous years, the deadline was April 15, coinciding with the tax deadline. Pennsylvania law requires the most recent tax return to determine a family’s qualification for the scholarships, made possible through the state’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program.

The March 1 deadline allows the schools and the Neumann Scholarship Foundation to receive families’ information in a more timely fashion, and subsequently offers parents more time to make a decision about their enrollment or re-enrollment in a Catholic school.

With the advance deadline, families will be asked to provide their most recent tax return and a W-2 for the taxes they’ll file this spring.

Daniel Breen, Diocesan Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools, said the decision to change the deadline for the Neumann application was made after consultation with school officials, who wanted to “give our families a timeframe that works for them for enrollment, and to know the financial picture well in advance of the following school year.”

Breen emphasized that the March 1 deadline maximizes a family’s ability to receive a scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. After the deadline, funds will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, based on the school.

The Diocese’s Neumann Scholarship Foundation administers funds generated by the EITC program for tuition assistance. Each year, the foundation gives 3.5-4 million in scholarships and assistance, in a more clear and concise manner that shows the family their full picture,” Breen said.

In addition to the new deadline, a second change to the Neumann program is that school officials will have increased involvement in awarding scholarships.

Previously, Neumann scholarships were awarded at the Diocesan level in consultation with the schools. Given that school personnel know their families and family situations, and also have additional sources of funding from other scholarship programs, they will now have more discretion in awarding the scholarships.

“The schools can now write one letter to a family with the full amount of their tuition and all scholarships and assistance, in a more clear and concise manner than before,” Breen said.

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The goal of the changes to the Neumann Scholarship Program is simple: to help families with tuition assistance so that cost is not a roadblock to Catholic education.

“In our Catholic schools, accessibility is a value that we hold very dearly. We want every family that wants a Catholic school education for their children to be able to have it,” Breen said. “We work very hard with every family. A longstanding concern for us has been to make tuition affordable and to keep families in our schools. Financial resources are available. We don’t ever want money to stop a family from enrolling in our schools.”

“We hope and pray that the adjustments we’ve made to the Neumann Scholarship Foundation will help meet more families’ financial needs as best we can,” he said.

(Check your school for application information. For more information about the Neumann Scholarship Program and business participation, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/catholic-schools/nsf/.)

Bishop Gainer’s Public Calendar

- January 27 – Mass at Our Lady of the Angels School, Columbia, 9 a.m.
- January 28 – Mass at Good Shepherd School, Camp Hill, 8:30 a.m.
- January 29 – Mass at St. Margaret Mary School, Harrisburg, 10:15 a.m.
- January 29 – Blessing of Chapel at Assumption BVM Parish, Lancaster, 6 p.m.
- February 2 – Mass for World Day of Consecrated Life, St. Joan of Arc Church, Hershey, 9:30 a.m.
- February 5 – St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Visit, Wynnewood.
- February 8 – Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, 10 a.m.
- February 9 – Annual Black History Month Mass, St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg, 12:15 p.m.

Show Your Support

February 1 and 2

The St. Elizabeth Guild in support of Catholic Charities will hold its annual “Souper Bowl Sunday” soup sale on Feb. 1 and 2 at nine parishes. Homemade soups will be available for purchase after Masses at each location.

Holy Name of Jesus, Harrisburg
Holy Spirit, Palmyra
Seven Sorrows BVM, Middletown
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mechanicsburg
St. Joan of Arc, Hershey
St. Matthew, Dauphin
St. Margaret Mary, Harrisburg
St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg
St. Theresa, New Cumberland

Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities’ Homes for Healing: Evergreen House for women in recovery The Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families Lourdeshouse Maternity Home

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Diocesan Annual Campaign is Rooted in Faith

By Rachel Bryson, M.S.
“The Catholic Witness
“Thank You.” These two
words have been ex-
pressed many times during
the past year, especially
regarding the Diocesan
Annual Campaign (DAC).
Through the support of
parishioners and parishes
throughout the Diocese’s
15 counties, the 2019
campaign was able to sup-
port more than 90 ministry
related programs, directly
impacting hundreds of
thousands of people in our
communities.

“Please accept my heart-
felt thank you and appre-
ciation for the many ways
you support the Diocesan
Annual Campaign. While
the last 18 months have
been a difficult time for our
Church, I am humbled by
the faithful of our Diocese
who have generously sup-
ported the many ministries
and programs that are
funded through the Dioces-
an Annual Campaign,”
said Bishop Ronald W.
Gainer.

With the 2019 campaign
closing on Jan-
uary 31, 2020, the Diocese is
excited to kick
off the 2020
DAC, Rooted
in Faith,
on February 1.
“Our 2020
campaign
is building on our foundation
of faith as we continue to
work together to support
our brothers and sisters
in need, pass on the faith
to future generations,
and be the light in a world
consumed with darkness,”
said Kim Roche, director
of the Office of Stewardship
and Development for the
Diocese.

“With our combined re-
sources and in partnership
with your local parish, we
are able to provide sacra-
mental preparation for our
youth and adults preparing
to enter the Church, food
for hungry families, forma-
tion education for our sem-
inarians and permanent
deacons, and a multitude
of community and faith
building programs,” added
Bishop Gainer.

In 2019, the DAC sup-
ported many ministries
and programs, including:
• Vocations support for
our future priests and
those in formation as per-
manent deacons
• Continuing formation
programs for our clergy
and religious
• Extensive Youth Protec-
tion program
• A multitude of evange-
лизation related programs,
including Campus Ministry,
Youth and Young Adult Min-
istry, Family and Respect
Life ministries, evangeliza-
tion support for parishes,
and the many communi-
cation-related programs
of the Diocese.

“Catholic education, not
only in parish-based Catho-
lic schools and our Catholic
high schools, but also our
parish-based Religious
Education programs, the
Diocesan Institute,
the Principals’ Academy,
our Autism Certification Program
and our Catholic Boy and Girl
Scouts and American Heri-
tage Girl programs.

“In 2019, we were able
to keep our administrative
costs down to just seven
percent,” said Roche.
“That means 93% of every
dollar contributed to the
campaign went directly to
support the ministries and
programs of the Diocese.
This campaign is about
collectively supporting the
ministries of the Diocese.
None of us individually
can support all of these
programs on our own. Only
through coming together
as one Church can we have
a lasting, positive impact
on the lives of those most
in need in our communi-
ties.”

“It is my prayer that our
work this year will continue
to build on the success
of our 2019 effort. I look
forward to receiving your
prayer requests and will re-
member your intentions at
my daily Mass. I thank you
for your continued support,
prayers and faith,” said
Bishop Gainer.

In the coming weeks,
each household in the
Diocese will receive a letter
from Bishop Gainer, along
with more details on the
2020 Diocesan Annual
Campaign, Rooted in Faith.
In addition to these mailed
pieces, the Diocese has
also produced an Impact
Report, detailing the pro-
grams and services sup-
ported in 2019. This report
will be posted to the DAC
org/dac, by mid-February.
Questions on the cam-
paign should be directed to
the Office of Stewardship
& Development by calling
717-657-4804, ext. 336,
or via e-mail at
development@
hbgdiocese.org.

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LA SANTA MESSA PER LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
ITALIAN MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

Sunday, March 15 at 1 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
300 West Pine Street
Palmyra, PA 17078

Father Joshua R. Brommer
Father Anthony Dill

SPECIAL THANKS TO:
Father Joshua R. Brommer,
Chaplain for the Italian Apostolate Ministry
Father Anthony Dill, Pastor at the Church of the Holy Spirit &
Through the generosity of the Collura and Manzella families
we will have a traditional Saint Joseph Altar

For more information, contact:
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OR
MARIELLA AMATO AT 717-278-9420

‘Beginning Experience’ Weekend for Those Suffering the Loss of a Spouse

The Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese will hold
its next weekend at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in Werners-
ville, Pa., May 1-3.

The ecumenical Beginning Experience
weekends are an approved
program designed for those suffering
the loss of a spouse through
death, divorce or separation. Hun-
dreds of persons have been helped
to move towards successful, produc-
tive, happy lives by attending one of
these weekends.

The weekend is led by persons
who have lost a spouse through
death or divorce and are trained
in facilitating a weekend. Each Begin-
ning Experience Team is certified by
the International Beginning Experi-
ence Organization.

The following is a testimonial of a
person who attended the Beginning Experience Weekend:

“I can tell you that my encoun-
ter with the Beginning Experience weekend has brought me greater
peace and given me an extended
family of lifelong friends who I
quickly grew to love and lean on. If
you or someone you know is suffer-
ing the isolation and pain that can
accompany the loss of a spouse or
marriage, I encourage you to seri-
ously consider attending the Begin-
ning Experience weekend.”

Beginning Experience is your
Church at work to provide help,
healing and spiritual restoration.
Visit the Diocesan website,
www.hbgdiocese.org and go to
marriage and family or visit
www.beginningexperience.org.
Information can also be obtained
by contacting the Harrisburg
Beginning Experience Team, Julie,
at jjennett_58@comcast.net or Eva,
at toothmom2004@hotmail.com.
Catholic Schools Week is January 26-February 1 this year. The annual celebration is an opportunity for Catholic schools across the country to showcase their faith-based education and student success in academics, leadership, volunteerism, the arts and athletics.

Schools also mark the celebration with Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, faculty, parishioners and the larger community. Events often include recognition of first responders, military personnel, community leaders, bus drivers, teachers and volunteers; special lunches with parents or grandparents; volunteer efforts at local food banks; and lively assemblies or games to heighten school spirit.

Through these events and activities, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to the Church, local communities and the nation.

Connect with your school to learn about its activities for the week, and see a list of the schools' open houses below. The Catholic Witness will feature coverage of Catholic Schools Week activities in its upcoming edition. Learn more about Catholic schools in the Diocese at www.gocatholicschools.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Open Houses during Catholic Schools Week

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Catholic schools throughout the Diocese are hosting Open Houses to showcase what they can offer current and prospective students. The following Open Houses were submitted from the schools; visit www.GoCatholicSchools.org for more information.

Corpus Christi School, Chambersburg
Sunday, January 26 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
www.ccchambersburg.org 717-263-5036

Good Shepherd School, Camp Hill
Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 p.m.
www.gsccpa.org 717-737-7261

Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School
Monday, January 27 at both campuses www.hbgcatholic.org 717-232-2551 (K-4) or 717-234-3797 (PreK and 5-8)

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Monday, January 27 at both campuses www.hbgcatholic.org 717-232-2551 (K-4) or 717-234-3797 (PreK and 5-8)

Holy Family School, Berwick
Sunday, January 26 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
www.lhfschool.org 750-752-2021

Holy Name of Jesus School, Harrisburg
Monday, January 27 from 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m.
www.holynameofjesus.com 717-657-1704

Holy Trinity School, York
Wednesday, January 29 from 8-10 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.
www.htcsyork.org 717-854-8263

Lebanon Catholic School
Wednesday, January 29 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
www.lebanoncatholicSchool.org 717-273-3731

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School, Coal Township
Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 p.m.
www.lourdes.k12.pa.us 570-644-0375

Our Mother of Perpetual Help School, Ephrata
Sunday, January 26 from 10-11:30 a.m.
www.omph.org 717-738-2414

Resurrection Catholic School, Lancaster
Tuesday, January 28 www.rcspa.org 717-392-3083

Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Lancaster
Wednesday, January 29 from 9-11:30 a.m.
www.sacredheartlancisc.org 717-393-8433

Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Lewistown
Thursday, January 23 from 6-7:30 p.m.
www.sacredheartschool.com 717-248-5351

Seven Sorrows BVM School, Middletown
Thursday, January 30 from 6:30-8 p.m.
www.sevensorrows.org 717-249-4826

St. Andrew the Apostle School, Waynesboro
Thursday, January 30 from 5:30-7 p.m.
www.spscarlisle.org 717-249-4826

St. Anne School, Lancaster
Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m.
at St. John Neumann Parish www.stanlellancaster.org 717-394-6711

St. Catherine Labouré School, Harrisburg
Sunday, January 26 from 10 a.m.-noon www.schbg.org 717-764-1760

St. Columba School, Bloomsburg
Sunday, January 26 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
www.saintcolumba.com 750-784-5932

St. Joseph School, Mechanicsburg
Wednesday, January 29 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
www.sjsmch.org 717-766-2364

St. Patrick School, Carlisle
Friday, January 24 from 9-11 a.m.
www.sjsparlisle.org 717-579-4826

St. John of Arc School, Hershey
Monday, January 27 through Friday, January 31
www.stjoharshershey.org 717-533-2854

St. Joseph School, Danville
Sunday, January 26 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
www.stjosephdanville.com 570-275-2435

St. Joseph School, Hanover
Friday, January 31 www.sjphanover.org 717-632-0118

St. Leo the Great School, Rohrerstown
Tuesday, January 28 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
www.stleoschool.org 717-394-1742

St. Margaret Mary School, Harrisburg
Sunday, January 26 from 9-11 a.m.
Sunday, February 2 from 1-3 p.m.
www.stmmparishschool.org 717-232-3771

St. Theresa School, New Cumberland
Monday, January 27 from 10-10:45 a.m. for K-1
Monday, January 27 from 8:15-11:15 a.m. and noon-3 p.m.
for preschool 4
Tuesday, January 28 from 8:15-11:15 a.m. for preschool 3
www.sainttheresaschool.org 717-774-7464

York Catholic High School
Wednesday, January 29 from 6-7:30 p.m.
www.yorkcatholic.org 717-846-8871

Choosing A School For Your Child?
Consider Catholic Schools

Excellent Academics
95% of our Elementary students score above the national average in Language skills.
90% of our Elementary students score above the national average in Reading.
85% of our Elementary students score above the national average in Math.

Affordable Tuition
We are committed to making Catholic education an affordable option for families.
Financial Aid and Scholarship programs are available to help with the cost of attending our schools.

High Graduation Rates
Over 98% of our students graduate from High School.

College Scholarships
Annually over $40 Million in scholarship funds are offered to graduates of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Tuition Assistance and Scholarships are available. Learn more at a school near you.
Find a school at www.GoCatholicSchools.org

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Come See What a Catholic School Can Offer!
By Chris Heisey
The Catholic Witness
Smiling faces are a given when you first enter St. Leo the Great School, but what is also given for your eyes to see next is a powerfully striking glass mosaic, which radiantly graces the lobby of the Rohrerstown school.

Five years ago when art teacher Kathryn Hemlick was hired, the school’s principal, Christine McLean, showed her the empty space were the school’s office once was and told the artist that a part of her labor would be to fill the empty space with an artistic project. It was the school’s 50th anniversary year when that goal was set. Today, there is a finished, beautifully fit exquisite mosaic — named the Seven Sacrament Mosaic — depicting the seven sacramental tenets of the Catholic faith in bold fashion with nearly 14,000 pieces of multiple hued glass pieces cut to every size and angle. That sheer number alone illustrates the immense amount of time and effort that was given to this roughly 6-by-8 foot masterpiece.

Hemlick designed and oversaw the project from conception to completion, but the real beauty of this project when speaking to her and the students about the long artistic endeavor is that the entire school and parish community came together to work on the project. It was a “we” thing piece by piece.

While Hemlick spent some 600 hours on the mosaic, more than 350 students also contributed countless hours cutting glass pieces and placing them into the pattern that required precision and the ability to adapt to making the pieces fit not only space wise but complimentary color wise as well. Students and their families came to the school over two summers to help with the project, and truly this was a dedicated effort to be expressive with an ancient art form that dates back thousands of years.

All the while working on the project, many lessons were learned about how important it is to express oneself in art to bring about love for one’s surroundings. Hemlick learned about how important it is to express oneself in art to bring about love for one’s surroundings. Hemlick designed and oversaw the project from conception to completion, but the real beauty of this project when speaking to her and the students about the long artistic endeavor is that the entire school and parish community came together to work on the project. It was a “we” thing piece by piece.

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All the while working on the project, many lessons were learned about how important it is to express oneself in art to bring glory to God. Above all, the literal message of the mosaic speaks clearly to the central beauty of the Church’s sacramental life.

“Our seven sacraments are God’s way of reaching down to us and offering us a lifelong gift,” McLean said. “A gift of grace that gives us a glimpse of heaven and a taste of eternity.”

Given that Hemlick had never created a mosaic, she did extensive research online, and counted on a glass provider in Maryland to help with the elaborate process. Numerous parishioners helped as well with framing and grouting and with mounting and installation. Hemlick stressed this was a “total parish project” and that it was a team effort in every manner.

On Dec. 6, Father Peter Hahn, pastor, blessed the mosaic during the Advent season.

“As we come into our Catholic school, the first thing our students see is this wonderful mosaic...with of course the center being Our Lord in the Eucharist,” Father Hahn said. “To think every single one of these pieces was placed there by a human hand is that kind of loving testimony to God’s life given to us is beautiful.”

Arguably the most striking feature of the mosaic is its central presentation of the Holy Eucharist in rich hues of orange and yellow. On top of that core foundation, the Holy Spirit is marked with a white dove surrounded by a chorus of blue tiles that speaks to the vital tool of combing colors to speak to the human eye in positive fashion. That central art tenet is expertly illustrated by Hemlick and her many helpers.

“This is an excellent teaching tool for our school,” Hemlick said, flanked by the mosaic. “Yes, we teach about the sacraments, but we also learn about history and math with this art. My hope is to continue to develop lessons from this.”

She also stressed how “exciting it was to have everyone be a part of the project,” and to see the “curiosity and excitement in her students” as they saw “it come together,” which made the project so rewarding for her. She considers this to be a “project of a lifetime.” And in talking to St. Leo students their enthusiasm and pride in the project is easily felt. “I came in over the summer with my parents... and I got to place a lot of the tiles, mostly the water,” said third grader Rose, who started working on the mosaic when she was in first grade.

For Evy along with her sister Annie, seventh and eighth graders respectively, they also enjoyed doing the project as a family. “What I will remember most is that everyone was happy doing it, and putting a little piece of love into it,” Evy said. That loving grace after all the hours freely given by all is what welcomes you when you first enter St. Leo the Great School.
RESPECT LIFE

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the Roe v. Wade decision and the millions of lives that have been lost to abortion since 1973,” said Thomas O’Neill, director of the Family & Respect Life Ministries for the Diocese. “Typically taking place the week of the March for Life rally in Washington, pro-life advocates, volunteers, and ordinary Catholics celebrate Mass with a priest who has taken a prominent role in supporting life.”

The Diocese has many Respect Life Ministries, some Diocesan and other parishes based. One of the most notable respect life events the Diocese that many of its parishes participate in is the annual March for Life, which takes place on Friday, Jan. 24 in Washington D.C.

This year, the Diocese is also participating in the first ever Pennsylvania March for Life. Similar to the national march, this state based march will be on Monday, May 18 at the state Capital in Harrisburg. Well known speakers, both state and national, will kick off the event at 11 a.m. with a rally, followed by a march throughout the downtown Harrisburg area. This first state-based March for Life in Pennsylvania is a great opportunity to let your voice be heard by your local legislators on the importance of respect life issues. More information on the Pennsylvania March for Life can be found at www.PaMarchForLife.org.

The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass is planned by the Diocesan Office of Family and Respect Life. This office provides education to parishes, schools and other groups on the sanctity of life; encourages parishes and individuals to be more involved in pro-life groups and issues; and encourages individuals to vote in favor of, and petition their legislators for, pro-life and pro-family value legislation.

This office also works with several pregnancy resource centers to assist women, and men, faced with an unplanned pregnancy. For more information on the Office of Family and Respect Life, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/respectlife.
Mission is part of the “grammar” of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers “Come” and “Go forth.” Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries, for they know that Jesus “walks with them, speaks to them, breathes with them.”

~ Pope Francis

Dear Friends of the Missions,

On the weekend of February 2, we will have a special opportunity to share in the mission of God’s people through participation in the Membership appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The theme this year is One Family in Mission. It calls to mind the essential nature of the Church as the people of God on mission to bring Christ to the whole world. Essentially, the Church exists not to aid those in material need, but to bring all people into communion with God, through Christ, and into the fullness of the Kingdom. One of the ways the Church fulfills this mandate is through membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your membership will help mission priests, religious and catechists who count on our loving and prayerful ongoing assistance as they serve their sisters and brothers day by day.

The work of missionaries is demanding and often dangerous. Agenzia Fides, the Vatican news agency for the Pontifical Mission Societies, reports that in 2019, 29 missionaries were killed throughout the world. They were priests, religious men and women, lay catechists. Often missionaries lost their lives during attempted hold-ups and robberies, ferociously committed, in impoverished, degraded social contexts where violence is the rule of life or the authority of the state was lacking or weakened by corruption. Added to this list are the many of whom we may never hear about but who, in every corner of the planet, suffer and even pay with their lives because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

The faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg regularly contribute more than $125,000 annually in the Membership Sunday collection. Your gift may be used to buy bibles for catechists in Sierra Leone, or provide for a small parish in India. Your offering may be used to help Sisters in Sudan lovingly care for orphans in Jesus’ name, or it may buy a bicycle for a priest in Thailand so that he can travel from village to village to celebrate Mass. Most importantly, wherever your offering is sent, it brings with it the Good News of Jesus Christ and His message of peace, hope, and salvation.

Please join the missionary task through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Reverend Robert F. Sharman
Diocesan Director

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4800 Union Deposit Road   Harrisburg PA 17111
717-657-4804, ext. 240
www.hbgdiocese.org/missions

For the complete Agenzia Fides report, see http://www.fides.org/en/missionaries.
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

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CLIENTS SERVED BY PROGRAM
Adoption .................................................. 73
Specialized Foster Care ......................... 15
Lancaster Intensive Day Treatment .......... 30
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Willow Way ........................................... 9
Crescent Way .................................... 8
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Lourdeshouse – Residents ............. 35
Lourdeshouse – Babies ..................... 20
Capital Counseling ......................... 276
Lancaster Counseling ..................... 121
Paradise Counseling ...................... 90
York Counseling ....................... 135
TOTAL ........................................ 1,725

FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED
Adoption ............................................. 89
Specialized Foster Care ..................... 30
Lancaster Intensive Day Treatment ...... 118
Paradise School .............................. 270
Interfaith Shelter ............................. 306
Capital Counseling ...................... 19
Lancaster Counseling ...................... 8
Paradise Counseling .................... 11
York Counseling .......................... 5
TOTAL .................................. 856
Grand Total Served ..................... 2,581
Delone Catholic High School Partners with Multiple Universities for Guaranteed Admissions and Scholarship Support

Some Delone Catholic seniors may be resting a little easier during the college application process this year, thanks in part to recent agreements made with colleges and universities in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Delone Catholic, in McSherrystown, has partnered with one college and eight universities to offer qualified seniors guaranteed admission as well as scholarship support.

“At Delone Catholic, our faculty challenges students to perform at their academic best,” explains Richard La Rocca, principal. “This work ethic is paying big dividends with the recent partnerships that have been established at several universities. Eight universities and one college have set some minimum academic standards by which students will automatically be admitted to the university with a four-year scholarship that totals between $32,000 and $88,000 at a minimum. And with more than 90 percent of our seniors going moving onto college, we are incredibly excited about these opportunities for them.”

Each college and university has set minimum grade point average and/or SAT/ACT test scores to determine eligibility, with additional scholarship support available to students with higher academic results. More than two-thirds of Delone Catholic’s recent graduates had a 3.0 GPA or higher and students consistently score above-average on the SAT/ACT.

Delone Catholic has partnered with the following college and universities for guaranteed admission with scholarship support: Alvernia University, Immaculata University, La Roche University, Marymount University, Mercyhurst University, Messiah College, Misericordia University, Mount St. Mary’s University and St. Bonaventure University. The school’s website (www.DeloneCatholic.org) contains the specific parameters for each agreement.

“It gives us great pleasure to see our students continue to learn and mature as they graduate from Delone Catholic,” said La Rocca. “We plan to continue to seek out colleges and universities willing to partner with us to further the education of our graduates.”
McDevitt Edges Trinity on Mid Penn Mat

By Jen Reed
The Catholic Witness

As high school wrestling reached the core of its schedule earlier this month, Bishop McDevitt and Trinity tangled in a Mid Penn Capital match that came down to the final bout.

Entering the Shamrocks’ gymnasium on Jan. 9 at the top of the Capital Division, the Crusaders rolled to an early lead on the heels of a pin by heavyweight stand-out Sawyer Morgan and a Shamrock forfeit at 106. But several decisive wins by Trinity in the middle weights kept the Shamrocks in striking distance, and they took the lead, 22-20 after a pin by Alex Bachman at 138 and a tech fall by Lucas Puig at 145.

With the score close and Trinity threatening an upset, the ‘Rocks traded six points with the Crusaders, forfeiting against McDevitt’s PIAA place-winner Tyler Martin at 152 and sending Daniel Kosinski for a pin at 160. Adding another six points with a pin by freshman Jagger Gray at 170, Trinity took a 34-26 lead heading into the final two bouts.

The Crusaders’ upper weights thwarted any hopes of a Trinity upset, as Justin Piper scored an enthusiastic pin at 182 and freshman Riley Robell, who could be a dark horse in District 3, solidified McDevitt’s 38-34 win with a pin less than 30 seconds into the closing 195-pound match.

The two teams have wrestlers who can undoubtedly bring home hardware in district and state competition this season. They include McDevitt’s three-time district champion and three-time state medalist Nate Smith and two-time district champ and state medalist Tyler Martin. Trinity’s ones-to-watch include state runner-up Patrick DeMark and district place-winners Daniel Kosinski and Makoa Niebel.

York Catholic High School hosted the second annual girls’ basketball Catholic showcase on Jan. 11, offering an opportunity for Catholic high school teams to play each other at one site and to showcase the teams. The event is an effort of the schools’ athletic directors, who are working to put together similar showcases for as many sports as possible. The Jan. 11 event featured match-ups between eight powerhouse teams: York Catholic, Bishop McDevitt, Delone, Lancaster Catholic, Lebanon Catholic and Trinity from the Diocese of Harrisburg; Berks Catholic from the Diocese of Allentown; and Holy Redeemer from the Diocese of Scranton. Each game began with a group photo and a prayer. Father Daniel Richards, York Catholic’s chaplain; Father Tage Danielson, OFM Cap., parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in York; and Katie Seufert, York Catholic’s principal, led the prayer before the games.

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Tell me a little bit about your childhood, and being raised in the faith.

My parents really set the example for me, making sure that I went to Mass every Sunday. Because we went to public school, we went to CCD on Wednesday evenings, and that was always very much a priority. My mother, in a special way, witnessed to that because she would help out in the office at St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle.

We were altar servers, and it was natural to be in the parish. I got to know a lot of the priests very well. In high school, I went to different youth events and retreats. Again, my parents always made it a priority, and I was very blessed.

I really enjoyed being at church and interacting with people and doing all the service projects.

When did you first think about being a priest?

The first time would have been kindergarten. My mother, at the end of every year, would have us fill out this little booklet about the school year, things that you liked, your report card. The last question was, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” For kindergarten, I checked “Priest,” which was one of the boxes available. Of course, the following years, it was always “Astronaut.”

In eighth grade, shortly after Confirmation, I was riding home on the bus, and it was just any old day, I thought, “Boy, it would be neat to be a priest.” Throughout high school, it was something I would think about from time to time, but my intention was to be an auto mechanic and own my own shop one day.

You studied to become an auto mechanic. How did you move from that career to the seminary?

I really enjoyed working on cars. Working with my hands was always one of those things that I enjoy, and I still do. After high school, I went to technical training in Texas and had a great experience at a parish there. Looking back on it, God was always there. I didn’t see it all the time, but it’s very clear now. Even as I was working on cars and looking at factory-specific training, the parish I was in was absolutely phenomenal. It was so alive. I was working in LifeTeen, meeting a lot of people. They took their faith seriously and lived it. They weren’t afraid to talk about it, either. That was very formative for me. It really started to allow me to hear the Lord’s call.

I came back to Pennsylvania after school concluded and started working for a shop, which at that point was my dream job. After two years of working there, I was thinking to myself, “What’s next?” I was happy that I was there, but I wasn’t joy-filled. There was kind of a discontentment that I was wrestling with. I thought the natural course of things was to look at getting married and, Lord willing, have kids. As I thought about that, quite often the thought of seminary would come up. Over the next months, it became louder and louder.

With Father LaVoie and Father David Hereshko, I got some guidance from priests who were very close in my life and I started discerning that this might be something God was calling me to. Personally, the difficulty was that there was a lot of surety in my job. I was making good money, I felt very comfortable there, and I really enjoyed what I was doing and where I was working. Through continued discernment and prayer, it became really pronounced, and finally I asked for the application.

Does the seminary experience also help to alleviate concerns or fears during the discernment process?

Definitely. The faculty are phenomenal. As soon as I got there, a lot of my initial fears and concerns just kind of vanished because I realized I was in a place where they were going to set me up for success. Through prayer, I had done a lot of discernment myself and there was still a need for it to continue, but in seminary, things really fell into place.

One of my concerns was academics, and the faculty was wonderful. They worked with me if I had a question. Looking at four years of philosophy, I’m a very concrete thinker, so in that sense, some of it was difficult, but the faculty were really helpful.

Discernment is difficult as it ought to be; it doesn’t necessarily come easy. But they really work with the guys where they’re at. That’s what really helped me discern amidst all the things that seminary tries to teach, and the knowledge, wisdom and structure that they try to impart on someone to become a good and effective priest, Lord willing.

You were ordained in June of 2017. Where have you served?

My first two years were at Holy Name of Jesus in Harrisburg, with Father Quinlan, a great mentor. It’s the biggest parish in the Diocese, and it was absolutely wonderful. After two years there, Bishop asked me to come to Sacred Heart as pastor. Interestingly enough, I was here in my final year of seminary as a deacon, so they already knew me. I always hoped that I’d come back; I just didn’t think it would be quite this fast.

Throughout seminary, you start to recognize that God’s going to put stuff in front of you that you can’t even begin to imagine. Being a priest is a very humbling experience. The first time an 80-year-old man asked me for guidance on a spiritual issue, and he called me “Father,” I was humbled. When you’re a priest, it’s joy-filled. You finally get to start doing the work you’ve trained for. As a seminarian, you do get a taste for it as you serve in parishes and talk to priests, but it’s just an immense joy to get to work with the people of God.

One of the great joys I experienced in my first year was being at a parish for an entire liturgical year. In seminary, you get to spend ten weeks in the summer with a parish, but then you go back to studies. Being with a parish in Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, there’s something beautiful about being there in all those moments.

And we have a school here. The kids are wonderful. Coming from public school, I wish I would have had the experience of being about to talk about my faith in a classroom. I was blessed that with my parents, we talked about the faith. But to be in a place where you’re learning about the sciences, math, literature and having God, the ultimate Truth, in the midst of it, it’s wonderful.

The fathers have a firm sense that they’re doing God’s work. It’s a very blessed thing that the Church offers and that our parish here offers.

We’re also blessed to have six IHM Sisters who do a phenomenal job with a real sense of purpose and love for the Lord that flows out into what they do. There’s a vibrancy that the school brings to the parish.

What would you say to a young man who is starting to discern a possible call to the priesthood?

The thing that helped me first was talking, telling a priest that I knew. They’re going to help guide you in that. If God is calling you, it will be stable and abiding. As I verbalized it, I found it became more concrete.

Also, it’s also important to point out the things you’re concerned about, or things that might be a struggle. Seminary is not a walk in the park. There is some difficulty, but that’s purifying our “Yes” that we say to God as we lay on the marble.

The other thing is, if other people have told you that they think you might be called, there might be something to that. When I told my parents and my family, it wasn’t a big surprise to them. They had seen it. When we hear other people say it, sometimes it can help us confirm it.

And pray. We have to give time to Our Lord to speak to us. We can hear the call, and it can be kind of scary in some sense, but God will not be outdone in his goodness.
Seeds of Humility
By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC
Special to The Witness

Many, many years ago, when I was a novice, our novice director decided to take a day off. She asked us to pack up a picnic basket and blankets and enjoy the day outside. We left the Motherhouse, journeyed to the other side of our property, spread out the blankets and enjoyed cheese, crackers and grapes. I noticed that one of the novices peeled her grapes before she ate them. Quite naively I asked, “Is that a Vietnamese custom?” She laughed and said, “No, I do this for two reasons. I dislike the bitter taste of the skins and, for well, a spiritual reason!” She held up a skinless grape and continued, “See this grape? Look through its flesh and you can view the seed in the middle of it. Suppose that the seed was alive. It would only know the reality of its existence as far as it could ‘see,’ which wouldn’t be far because it was in complete darkness before it was peeled. By taking off the skin, it experiences a new reality – one that has not only light but shape.” “Okay,” I answered. She went on, “The skin represents our sinfulness and imperfections. Through the grace of God, sin and imperfections are peeled away, giving us a new existence and a new perspective. The exposed meat of the grape represents the virtues, particularly humility and trust.” With that, she popped the peeled grape into her mouth, chewed and swallowed the meat of the fruit and spit out the seeds in the grass beyond our picnic blankets. She continued, “These virtues free us to grow into who we are meant to be – even if that is a grape vine. In a few months, you just might see grape vine growing here!”

So what is humility all about? One author describes it this way: “Humility is a supernatural virtue by which we lovingly recognize our true value in God’s eyes, and are disposed to render Him due recognition for all the good we find in ourselves.”1 Another author describes it this way: Humility “is accepting ourselves peacefully as we are – our littleness, physical limitations, psychological weakness, lack of courage or virtue, the difficulty we have in praying, all the wretchedness present in our lives, whether physical, mental or even spiritual. Being humble means consenting to our inner poverty. First of all, recognizing it, because sometimes we don’t want to face it, but above all accepting it!”2 Yes, humility is certainly a virtue that is easy to define but truly harder to live. It is living in a place knowing that God is in control as well as allowing Him to take on that role. It is a way of service because through it we can experience our interconnectedness with one another. Through the “meat” of humility, we remain little, dependent and available for others. Through the “meat” of humility, we learn trust and vulnerability that opens us up to God working in the life story of others and ourselves.

Grapes, anyone?

1Boylan, Eugene. This Tremendous Lover. Westminster, MD: Newman, 1966. Pg. 84.

(Sister Geralyn Schmidt is the Wide Area Network Coordinator at the Diocese of Harrisburg and the Director of Formation for Wives in the Diaconate Program. An educator for 30 years, she is responsible for Professional Development Programs for every age learner. Through her presentations, she challenges her audiences to be the individual God has called them to be.)
SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS

15-decade Rosary for Life, every third Saturday of the month following the 9 a.m. Traditional Latin Mass at St. Lawrence Chapel in Harrisburg, All are invited to attend to pray for an end to abortion. For information, contact Chris at 717-432-5415.

Charismatic Mass with Prayers for Healing, Feb. 11 at St. Rose of Lima Church in York, celebrated by Father Daniel Richard, pastor. Praise and worship music begins at 6:30 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m., followed by prayers for healing. Sponsored by The Spirit of Love & Mercy at St. Rose of Lima and the Come & See Prayer Group at St. Patrick Church. For information, call Joyce at 717-308-7245.

Caelorum at St. Joan of Arc Church in Hershey, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Prepare for Lent by spending some time with the Lord, Savior and Redeemer in Adoration, song, meditation and praise! A reception will be held immediately following in the catechete. All are welcome, bring a friend. For more information, call 717-583-0240.

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

Theology on Tap in York presents Angelus Virata, director of evangelization at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at The First Post in York (second floor). Virata will speak on “Come, Holy Spirit,” describing her experiences as a theology on Tap in a young adult ministry of the Diocese, open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s. For more information on this and other young adult activities, visit www.facebook.com/YorkTheology on Tap.

St. John the Baptist in New Freedom, 12-week Surviving Divorce program begins Feb. 5 at 6:45 p.m. 12 video presentations featuring a psychologist, priests and personal testimonies from Catholic men and women. Topics include shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. View http://www.catholicdivorce.com. A $25 fee includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials. Confidential support group will meet weekly. For information, or to register, contact Dan Ramsbottom at danr792@aol.com for information. Pre-K is back at Resurrection Catholic School in Lancaster. Children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2020, can start enrolling in our new Pre-K program for the 2020-2021 school year. Students will participate in a full day of school, Monday-Friday, 8:30-3 p.m. Contact Resurrection Catholic School at 717-392-3094.

Catholic perspectives on crime, criminal justice and incarceration, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral Hall in Harrisburg. Addressing Church teaching on issues of post-release, prison ministry and criminal justice reform initiatives. Organized by the Catholic Parish of St. Patrick’s Mercy Matters Committee and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. Speakers include Deacon Jim Doyle, state legislators and Eric Feiling, Executive Director of the PCC. Registration not necessary.

Surviving Divorce program at St. Aloysius Parish in Litteestown begins Feb. 25 from 6:30-8 p.m. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, the program features experts on relationships and divorce, as well as testimonies from Catholic men and women about their stories. For information, or to register, contact Kathy Hunter at 410-259-2159 or kas38280@comcast.net. RSVP by Feb. 10.


The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic attracts prayerful men and women with a deep love of the Catholic Church, an interest in living according to Gospel values, ongoing study of the faith, and salvation of souls. If you are interested in learning about the Dominican Laity, attend a monthly fraternity meeting. Our next one is Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Dominican Monastery, 1834 Little Pike, Lancaster. For more information, visit laymenticians.org or e-mail: opl@laymenticians@gmail.com.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg, “Deeply Rooted,” a family workshop, on Feb. 15 from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Includes a keynote with Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SSC, 10 speakers on topics relevant to families, children’s programming, Adoration, Confirmation retreat, high school events and lunch. Child care provided. More information and registration at www.stemas.net/family.

Made for More event with Christopher West and Mike Mangione at St. Boniface Parish in Williamsport, PA., March 31 from 7:30-9 p.m. Presentation reflects on the meaning of life, love and human destiny. Tickets are $25. Visit http://thecoproject.com/williamsport or contact youthmin@sjparish.com.

Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill has 340 brand new Worship Hymnals available for purchase at a discounted price. Hymnals come 10 in a box. If purchased from Good Shepherd, the cost would be $15 and the hymnals could be picked up during regular Mass times. Contact Hymnal Contact at hkantes@gspcha.org or call the parish at 717-761-1167 with any questions. Detailed information regarding the hymnal itself available at https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/worship-fourth-edition-pew-with-readings-hymnal-g7900c.

York Catholic High School, open house Jan. 29 from 6-7:30 p.m., for students to meet the teachers and sample classes to see how YC blends tradition with technology. Pre-register at www.yorkcatholic.org. To learn more, contact Heather Hoffman, Director of Admissions and Enrollment, at hhoffman@yorkcatholic.org or 717-846-8871, ext. 220.

York Catholic High School’s Science and Engineering Fair, Jan. 29 from 6-7:30 p.m., during its open house. Twenty students will present projects. First place winners will proceed to the York County Science and Engineering Fair at Penn State-York campus in March. Topics range from the effect of exercise on emotional intelligence to the determination of the best camouflage in wooded environments.

Holy Name Society of St. Cecilia Parish in Lebanon, spaghetti dinner with bread and salad bar, Jan. 29 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the parish center on State Drive. Cost is $10 for adults, $5 for children under 12, and free for children under 3. Take-out available.


Fourth annual Lancaster County Indoor March for Life, Jan. 29 from 6-7:30 p.m., at St. John Neumann Parish in Lancaster. Prayer, speakers, videos and live-streaming of the speakers in Washington, D.C. Short indoor walk and silent & live auction items, basket raffles, gaming tables and much more. Semiformal attire and masquerade mask is requested. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.lcindoormarchforlife.org.

St. John the Baptist School in New Freedom, celebrating 10 years with a Masquerade Gala & Silent/Live Auction Dinner, Feb. 22. Featuring a diamond raffle, live music, silent & live auction items, basket raffles, gaming tables and much more. Semiformal attire and masquerade mask is requested. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.stjohnthebaptistfundraiser.com.

Big Game Sunday at St. Joseph Parish in Berwick, Feb. 2. Featuring wedding soup, fireball sandwich, meatball in sauce sandwich, sausage barbecue, porchetta, and baked goods. Pick up in the church on Feb. 1 from 3-6 p.m., and Feb. 2 from 9 a.m.-noon. To order, call the parish office at 570-752-2017.

St. Joseph Parish in Berwick, spring craft, vendor and food fair in the church hall on March 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring a variety of handcrafted items. Easter chocolates and sweet treats for sale. The Council of Catholic Women will sell baked items and homemade pastas. St. Joseph’s Kitchen open for wedding soup, fireballs, meatballs, porketta, pierogi and haluski; eat in or take out. Handicap accessible.

American Girl Doll Bingo hosted by Sacred Heart Pre-school in Lancaster, March 6 at Hambright Elementary School. Bingo, drawings, food, prizes and a doll hair salon. Prizes include dolls, pets, furniture, accessories, etc. Doors open at 5 p.m. Early-bird game at 6:15 p.m. for 2020 Doll of the Year. Regular games start at 6:30 p.m. Dinner, dessert and snack concessions. Cost is $25 for adults; $12 for children. Call 717-488-1101 for tickets or more information.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at St. Joseph Parish in Hanover, Feb. 25 from 4-6:30 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, fastnachts, desserts and drinks. Cost is $6 for adults; $4 for children 12 and under and free for children under 3. Proceeds benefit the parish.

Annual Ded Loss Scholarship Fund Indoor yard sale at St. Joseph Parish in Hanover, March 7 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast and lunch available for purchase. More than 40 vendors.
OBITUARIES

The names of the following deceased persons have been submitted by their parishes. Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of these recently departed souls and the consolation of their loved ones.

Abbottstown
Inmaculate Heart of Mary:
Richard Rassman

Annville
St. Patrick the Apostle:
Mark Krause
Peter Poloney

Bloomsburg
St. Columbia:
Winifred Casey

Buchanan Valley
St. Ignatius Loyola:
David Dionne

Camp Hill
Good Shepherd:
Betty Kilgore
Cecilia Lyden

Carlisle
St. Patrick:
Sandi Edstrom
Edward J. Gardner

Conewago
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Shirley J. Myers
Brian A. Zinn
Katherine M. Zinn

Danville
St. Joseph:
Earl Snyder

Gettysburg
St. Francis Xavier:
William F. Coston, Jr.
Shirley F. Fetter

Harrisburg
Holy Family:
Joseph Galati
William Strobel

St. Catherine Labouré:
Patricia Cackovic

Hershey
St. Joan of Arc:
Michael Henry
Dennis Schaffer

Kulpmont
Holy Angels:
Jasminda D. Mirtello
John H. Osko

Lancaster
Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Rita M. Flick
Margaret Going
Paula Hankel

St. Anne:
Maria Rosina “Rose” Madonna

Lebanon
Assumption BVM:
Jeanette Eisenhauer
James R. Maier
Thomas V. Quinn

Lykens
Our Lady, Help of Christians:
Bernard T. Doyle

Mechanicsburg
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
Sunny Follman
Mary Keever

St. Joseph:
Francis McKendrick

Middletown
Seven Sorrows BVM:
Joan Bernardo

Milton
St. Joseph:
Mary D. Umpstead

Mount Carmel
Divine Redeemer:
Phillip D. Costello
Charles J. Lucas III
Katherine (Kitty) L. Treece

Our Lady of Mount Carmel:
Joan Fanella
Edward Flowers
Patricia Kimsal
Steven Miller

New Cumberland
St. Theresa:
Thomas Dougherty

New Freedom
St. John the Baptist:
Ronald Annesley
Gerald Jacques
Eleanor Myers

Palmyra
Holy Spirit:
William Strobel

Rohrerstown
St. Leo the Great:
Genevieve (Jenny) Drake
Krause Riccio

Shamokin
Mother Cabrini:
Edward Grill
Nikola Kolovic
Robert Wurster
Anna Yoncoski

Steelton
Prince of Peace:
John Sellner
Sarah A. Spizzirri

Trevorton
St. Patrick:
Ronald Kuhns

York
St. Patrick:
Jerry Michalak
Angelo Russo
Phyllis Showell
Emory Swords
George Tutino

St. Rose of Lima:
Annette Javitt-King
Frederick Mohle

www.lchsyes.org/raffle/. Drawing is Jan. 31; winners notified via e-mail.

“Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat,” March 19-21 at 7 p.m. and March 22 at 2 p.m. at Lancaster Catholic High School’s Old Main Auditorium. Cost is $17 for reserved seating, $15 for general admission, $7 for student general admission. Tickets available at the door, or by mail and self-addressed envelope to Tony Brill, Lancaster Catholic High School, 650 Juliette Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601. Make checks to LCHS Fine Arts Department.

The Canal Street String Band performance, March 15 at 3 p.m. in the Lancaster Catholic High School cafeteria. Free admission; donations accepted for the school’s Fine and Performing Arts Department.

Sacred Heart School in Lancaster is participating in the One Day of Giving sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. Donations accepted Jan. 28 at noon until Jan. 29 at 11:59 a.m. Visit https://factsmgtdadmin.com/give/appeal/wuz6u to donate at the school office. Various incentives offered through the donation days, including gift cards, dinners, show tickets and tuition credit. To learn more, go to www.sacredheartschla.org or follow on Facebook @official-SacredHeartSchool and Twitter @SacredHeartLanc.

Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, Hall of Honor Class of 2020 induction, Feb. 7. Honoring Charles E. Gissla, James L. Groff, Joseph P. McCullough, Henry C. Noel and Sister Jane O. Small, SSJ. School-wide Mass at 1:30 p.m., followed by an information reception. Dinner and induction ceremony at the school at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are $35, available until Feb. 1. Call 717-637-5969, ext. 211, e-mail gslagle@delonecatholic.org or visit www.DeloneCatholic.org.

Harrsiburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

“SAVE THE DATES”
95th Annual Convention Saturday, April 25, 2020
9 A. M. — 4 P. M.

Keynote Speaker: Sarah Christmyer
Diocesan Center
Harrsiburg, PA

10th Annual Weekend Retreat
June 12 – 14, 2020
(Friday evening until Sunday Noon)
Mount St. Mary’s University
Emmitsburg, MD

Retreat Master: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
More Details Coming Soon!
Masses for Healing from Addiction

The Diocesan health care chaplaincy program is working with parishes to host Masses for Healing from Addiction through June. The Masses will provide spiritual support to those who suffer from addiction and to their loved ones. Dates will be added to the list as Masses are scheduled. The list can also be found at www.hbgdiocese.org/healthcare-ministry/.

February
St. Catherine Labouré, Harrisburg, Feb. 1 at 9 a.m.

March
St. Joseph, Milton, March 4 at 6 p.m.
St. Ignatius Loyola, Buchanan Valley, March 18 at 6 p.m.
Assumption BVM, Lancaster, March 25 at 7 p.m.

April
St. Joseph, Milton, April 21 at 9 a.m.

May
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Marysville, May 1 at 8:30 a.m.
St. Joseph, Milton, May 4 at 9 a.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mechanicsburg, May 16 at 5 p.m.

June
St. Catherine Labouré, Harrisburg, June 20 at 9 a.m.
St. Joseph, Milton, June 24 at 7 p.m.

Charismatic Workshop with Gloria Coyne

Saturday, February 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Diocesan Center in Harrisburg

Gloria Coyne, Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, will speak on “Called to be Missionaries of Renewal” and “Comfort Zone”

Schedule of the Day:
8:00 – Check in and fellowship
9:00 – Celebration of Mass
10:45 – “Missionaries of Renewal”
Noon – Lunch
1:00 – “Comfort Zone”
2:00 – Prayers for Healing and Empowerment

The day will also include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the veneration of relics of saints. Attendees who have a first-class relic are asked to indicate with registration.

Cost is $20. Pre-registration deadline is February 14.
Call 717-308-7245 or e-mail jbankowski5639@comcast.net
Visit www.aliveinthespirt.net for the full event flyer.