



the test of the potter is in the furnace

OUR PARISH PRAYS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, March 2

5:00 P.M. Jack Compello

SUNDAY, March 3

8:00 A.M. Esther Meisenbach

10:30 A.M. People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 4

7:30 A.M. Alfred Moon

TUESDAY, March 5

7:30 A.M. Betty Kloidt

WEDNESDAY, March 6

8:15 A.M. Sue McVey

7:00 P.M. Anita & Hammer Grab

THURSDAY, March 7

7:30 A.M. Holly Oatman

FRIDAY, March 8

8:15 A.M. Gene Swar

SATURDAY, March 9

8:00 A.M. Jeanette Sherk

5:00 P.M. Mr. and Mrs. William Melbert

SUNDAY, March 10

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

10:30 A.M. Fay Hess

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES will be offered in neighboring parishes and at Holy Trinity according to the following schedule:

St. Peter (Columbia)	Tuesday, Apr. 2	7:00 p.m.
St. John Neumann	Sunday, Apr. 4	7:00 p.m.
St. Philip	Sunday, Apr. 7	2:00 p.m.
St. Leo the Great	Sunday, Apr. 9	7:00 p.m.
Mary Mother of The Church	Wednesday, Apr. 10	7:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity	Sunday, Apr. 14	7:00 p.m.

OUR PARISH WORKS FOR GOD

PARISH FINANCES - To meet our budgeted expenses for the fiscal year the sum of \$8,911.00 is needed on an average basis in the Sunday collection.

February 23-24, 2019

234 Envelopes out of 615 collected	\$	7,579.00
Loose Collection	\$	406.05
Children's Envelopes	\$	57.00
Online Giving	\$	297.65
Total Gifts to God	\$	8,339.05

Deficit for the week	\$	(571.95)
Budgeted income to date	\$	302,974.00
Actual income to date	\$	253,265.93
Deficit to date	\$	(49,708.07)

POOR MISSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES -

The second collection next weekend serves the efforts of the Church to work with poor and minority missions throughout our country and in our own diocese.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - Lent will begin next

Wednesday, March 6th (1) All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to **abstain** from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of the Lenten season. (2) All who are between the ages of 18 and 59 must observe the two days of **fasting** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which means no eating between meals and the eating of one main meal and two smaller meals. (3) Those seriously ill are not obliged to fast during the Lenten Season.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN - In a week

we will kick off the 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign, formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal with the in-pew solicitation. Bishop Gainer has prepared a video message for us which can be viewed on our Parish website as well as the Diocesan Home Page. "Faith Forward" is the theme for the 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign. Letters have been mailed from Bishop Gainer and you should also be receiving a letter from Fr. Kelley asking for your support. We have been asked by Bishop Gainer to prayerfully consider a pledge to this effort. As a parish, we benefit in a number of ways: shared administrative services like payroll and accounts payable to Human Resources to outreach ministries that are led by the Diocese, and implemented at the parish level. By our collective efforts from parishioners and parishes throughout the Diocese, a multitude of programs and ministries are offered to those in need. We are relying on your general support to insure that these programs and ministries continue.

CALENDAR

CCD (Religious Education Classes) - The next class will be held Sunday, March 3rd for students in pre-school through grade 8.

FASTNACHTS will again be baked in the Parish Center during the Lenten season. The first bakes will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 4th, 5th, and 6th. Thereafter, Fastnachts will be baked on Mondays and Wednesdays for the following four weeks. Any and **all** help will be deeply appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - The next class will be Tuesday, March 5th with the topic "Commandments/Beatitudes" instructed by Henry Reese.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE will be meeting in the Rectory Basement on Friday, March 8th at 1:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

March 6, 2019

8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS



VOCATION CROSS

This week is in the home of
Henry and Claudia Reese
and Family

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR - Our parish is offering a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration every Friday at noon. Please join us in prayer and adoration of God, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please park in the small lot.

CONGRATULATIONS to Henry Reese and his classmates in the Deacon Formation Program, for their institution to the Ministry of Acolyte from Bishop Gainer in Harrisburg last weekend. The acolyte is instituted for service at the altar and to assist the Priest and Deacon. It is his place principally to carry the cross in liturgical procession, to prepare the altar and the sacred vessels, to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful, and to purify the vessels used for the Eucharist. Please keep Henry and his deacon class in your prayers as they continue through the last of their five years of formation as they prepare to be ordained as deacons next spring.

FISH FRY SEASON - Fish Fry Season opens Friday, March 8th! Please reserve a Friday or two during Lent to join us in some great meals and also to donate a few hours for set-up, food serving, and clean-up. We are especially looking for **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**. If you are available to help, please call Mary Phyllis Hartman at (717) 684-2087 ASAP. We pray that many will help St. Peter's have another successful season. The Annual St. Peter Lenten Fish Fry will be held on all Fridays in Lent (except Good Friday) from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in the St. Peter's Parish Center.

THAT MAN IS YOU! men's group will meet at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9th in the St. Peter Parish Center, downstairs. The topic for this week is "Evolution and Faith". Men of the parishes are invited to join their brothers from St. Peter's and other local churches on a spiritual journey that will lead them to the three spiritual foods that Christ proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God. Sessions begin at 6:30 a.m. and conclude at 7:45 a.m. For more information, contact Paul Resch at (717) 449-0056 or paulresch@comcast.net.

INTO THE DEEP ADULT RETREAT - Any adult 21+ is welcome to attend the Into The Deep Retreat for adults on March 29-31 hosted by St. Joseph Parish, York. For more information, including a Q&A sheet and registration form, please visit the parish website at www.sjy.org and click on the "Into the Deep" banner and/or links. This is the perfect retreat for anyone who does not have a relationship with Jesus or who would like to rekindle that relationship! Partial scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the full registration fee. Contact Scott Anthony for more information at Anthony@sjy.org or (717) 757-5424.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Columbia Council #2294
4th and Maple Streets

LEBANON VA VISIT - On Tuesday, March 5th, the families of the Columbia Knights of Columbus will be visiting the Lebanon VA hospital to entertain our veterans. We need donations of individual serving size drinks and snacks. Please drop them off at the home before Sunday, March 3rd. If anyone is interested in volunteering that night, please meet us at the home at 5:30 p.m. Please call Steve Nikolaus at (717) 684-2985 if you can be there.

WING NIGHT - The Knights of Columbus will be having a wing night on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a limited menu of freshly fried chicken wings in your choice of 4 flavors, along with fried shrimp, french fries, pizza, and chicken tenders.

COLUMBIA MINISTERIUM

HANDS ACROSS THE STREET - The Columbia homeless shelter at Vision Columbia is in need of volunteers for their 7-9 p.m. dinner shift and their 9 p.m.-6 a.m. overnight shift. The dinner shift includes bringing food for the 7-12 residents, such as casserole or pasta. If interested, please call Nan Best at Columbia Presbyterian Church at (717) 449-0492.

COLUMBIA FOOD BANK is looking for people willing to serve as board members. If interested, please call Danielle Peters at (717) 449-5101.

HOMES OF HOPE (of Love, INC) has a property in Columbia to provide temporary housing and an opportunity for a family to get back on their feet. They are looking for financial mentor counseling volunteers, those who will help their guest family set up and maintain a family budget, help them keep track of their bank account, etc. If interested, please contact Shawn Moyer at (717) 735-7540 x105.

FREE LEAD TESTING - CHI/St. Joseph is offering free lead testing for homes in the Columbia Borough. Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint, which is particularly hazardous for young children. To get your home tested for free, please contact Kelsey Miller at (717) 397-7625.

LANCASTER CATHOLIC

PURPLE & GOLD GALA - On Saturday, April 6 from 6:00-11:00 p.m., Lancaster Catholic will celebrate its 5th Annual Purple & Gold Gala at the Lancaster Country Club. This is Lancaster Catholic's biggest fundraiser event and there will be live and silent auctions in addition to great company and excellent food. This year, we will celebrate The Saint John Paul II Excellence Award Winners, Fr. Allan Wolfe and Marilyn Berger. All are welcome to attend! Tickets are on-sale now and can be found at www.lchsy.es.org. For any questions, please contact Lori Wagner, Special Events Coordinator at (717) 509-0313.

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

2019 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE - Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond... the Diocesan Men's Conference is Saturday, April 6 at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is Men Called to be Saints. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. John Bergsma, noted Catholic author, speaker, Bible expert, and theology professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The title of his keynote address is *The Top 3 Reasons I Became Catholic and Always Will Be: Perspectives from a Former Protestant Pastor*. Besides the keynote, the Men's Conference includes 40+ workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with benediction, opportunity for Confession, beautiful music, good food, numerous Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to 1,000 men from around the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond. Each of the past two years we have had 1,000 men attend this conference. We expect another large crowd this year. Please register now at www.hbgdiocese.org/men.

94TH ANNUAL WOMEN CONVENTION - The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the Diocese to attend the 94th Annual Convention, Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, PA. Mass will be concelebrated by the Vicar General, Very Reverend David Danneker with many Priests and Deacons of the Diocese. Megan Murphy, Keynote Speaker, view meganmurphyministries.com for more details. Cost: \$25.00 includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch. You may register with your Parish CCW or contact Mary Ann Pitek at maryannpitek@gmail.com or (717) 939-8852 (please no calls after 8:30 p.m.) **Registration deadline is April 24.** Cancellations must be received by May 1. For more details check <https://hdccw.webs.com/2019-hdccw-convention>.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS - The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving two presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorce Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. The dates are March 21st at St. Joseph Parish, York at 7:00 p.m. and March 25th at the Diocesan Conference Center, Harrisburg at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call (717) 657-4804 ext. 304 or email tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.