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The flowers on the main Altar have been designated by the Neiderer family in loving memory of Dennis Neiderer.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Earl I. Brady, Jr.
	7:30a.m.	Sean Bollinger
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Leona "Pony" McIntyre
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson family
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Richard Timmins
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Bobbi Miller
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Mary P. Groft
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Living & deceased members of Raymond & Gladys Staub family
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Pat Sneeringer
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish

Offertory Procession

Sat. Dec. 22 nd	5:30p.m.	Volunteers needed
Sun. Dec. 23 rd	7:30a.m.	Mary and Fred Small and Sue Riser
	10:00a.m.	Volunteers needed

Angel gifts are due this Sunday by the 10:00 Mass. Thank you everyone for your generosity!

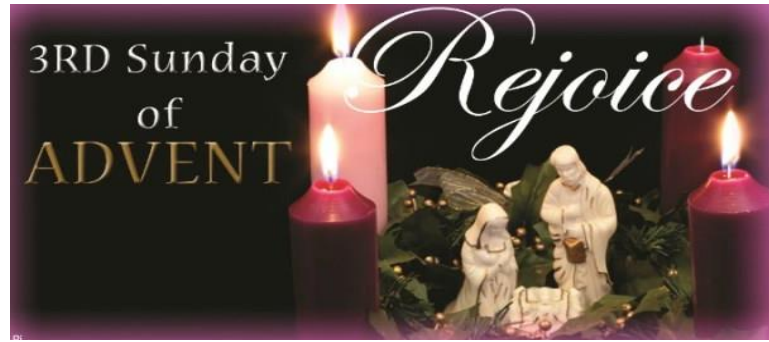
The deadline to order a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one is this Sunday. The cost is the same as last year, \$10.50. The order must be called to the florist first thing Mon. morning.

Pastors Column: "Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Excerpted from the *Catholic Culture* website.

Delone Catholic Christmas Concert will be held Sun. Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Gym. Come and listen to the beautiful sounds of the season from talented students.

Finish your Christmas shopping at the Parish Office! We have Sacred Heart Rosary's for men and women for \$25, our Parishioner



Jackie Klunk's CD "Faith, Hope & Love" for \$20, this year's Ornament "Finding Jesus in the Temple" \$20, a DVD of the history of our Church narrated by Father McNeil \$10, and Sacred Heart School's coaster for \$10. For more information contact the Parish Office at 717-632-2721.

For those who have pre-ordered Ornaments and haven't picked them up yet, they are available at the Parish Office.

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in desperate need of adorers for the following hours: Sun. at 4p.m, Tues. at 3pm, **Wednesday at 1a.m. & 7p.m.** Thurs. at 12p.m, Fri. at 5a.m. & 12pm, Sat. at 8a.m. The day and times in bold are in most need of adorers. For more information contact Gloria Murren 717-479-1071.

A Live Nativity outdoors will be held this Sun. Dec. 16th, shows are 6:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 127 York St. Hanover. Light refreshments follow each show.

All are welcome to Annunciation's Choir Christmas Concert Sun. Dec 23rd at 3:00p.m. in the Church on 26 North Third Street McSherrystown.

Advent Penance Services

St. Francis Xavier Gettysburg, Mon. Dec. 17th at 7:00p.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbottstown, Tues. Dec. 18th at 7:00p.m.
St. Joseph Hanover, Wed. Dec. 19th at 7:00p.m.
Here at the Basilica Sat. Dec. 22nd at 10:00a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Mon. Dec. 24th and will reopen Mon. Dec. 31st.

There will be a half hour music prelude prior to each of the Christmas Masses consisting of vocal and instrumental music. The Junior Choir will be singing at the 5:30p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and the Adult Choir will be singing for Midnight Mass.

Delone Catholic High School is accepting admission applications for new students for the upcoming school year. **New students who apply by Dec. 31st can save \$25 off the registration fee.** Contact Jennifer Hart, Director of Marketing and Admissions, at 717-637-5969 x206 or jhart@delonecatholic.org to schedule a personal tour

of the school or a shadow day for your new student. The 2019-20 Admission Application is available on the School website at www.DeloneCatholic.org

Delone Catholic HS will administer the High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Sat. Jan. 12, 2019 and Sat. Feb. 9th. The test is given in the school cafeteria from 9-1 p.m. and covers mathematics and English. To register for the test, visit the school website at www.DeloneCatholic.org and click on Admissions, Welcome. For more information, contact Mrs. Jennifer Hart at 717-637-5969 x206 or jhart@delonecatholic.org

The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will take place on Sun. Jan. 20, 2019 at 9:30a.m. at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973. Rev. Stephen Kelley, chaplain to our diocese's Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion ministry, will be the celebrant and homilist.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5:30p.m. and 7:30p.m.
our Midnight Mass is at 12:00a.m.
Christmas morning Mass: 9:00a.m.
New Year's Eve Mass is at 5:30p.m.
New Year's Day Mass is at 9:00a.m.

An Advent Prayer



Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son.

Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Sacred Heart Day at Hoss's is Tues. Dec. 18th. Cards are at the doors of the Church or cut out the coupon below. Take a break from shopping and get a good meal knowing a percentage comes back to the Parish.