



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 23**

4 – 5 PM – Confessions

5:30 PM – Leo & Jane Gebhart

**Sunday, December 24**

8:00 AM – Bob & Miriam Clabaugh Family

10:30 AM – People of the Parish

**Sunday, Christmas Eve**

5:30 PM – Children’s Christmas Choir

6:00 PM – Jack Busbey

11:30 PM – Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Mass – Bob Barefoot

**Monday – December 25 – Office Closed**

**Christmas Day**

9:00 AM – People of the Parish

**Tuesday, December 26 – Office Closed**

8:00 AM – Mary Louise Hawbaker

**Wednesday, December 27**

7:00 PM – Mary Martin

**Thursday, December 28**

8:00 AM – Sally Weaver

**Friday, December 29**

8:00 AM – Clement & Gilbert Haw

**Saturday, December 30**

8:00 AM – Living & Deceased Members of Regis & Estelle Gebhart Family

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**Saturday, December 30**

4 – 5 PM – Confessions

5:30 PM – People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 31**

8:00 AM – Pete Weaver

10:30 AM – Jake & Dorry Gebhart

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH  
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of this Christian Catholic Community of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Bonneauville, Pennsylvania, endeavor to live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and practice the teachings of that same Gospel in our worship, our beliefs, what we learn, and the way in which we serve others.

As a Catholic Community of Faith, Hope, & Love, we invite others to join us in our goal of renewal, and welcome them into our gospel fellowship.

**IS ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?**

Please notify Fr. Benny or Deacon Weaver of any parishioner admitted to the hospital. If confined at home and desiring to receive Communion, contact Bob Funari at 334-5737 or call the Parish Office. Call the Office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.



***WE REMEMBER  
IN OUR HEARTS  
AND IN OUR PRAYERS***

Barbara Dinges, Brooke McMaster, Helen P. Weaver, Nancy Defeo, Ambrose Martin, Maureen Johnson, Elizabeth Fetter, Lorena Lamb, Walter Angevine, Tim Clabaugh, Emily Elizabeth Schmidt, Clara M. Redding, Edward Heromin, Barbara Heromin, Robert Strasbaugh, Jayden Ford, Ashley Weishaar, Kathi Barefoot, Fred & Rosalie Schenker, Rick Phillips, Joan Ford, Danielle Gallina, Michael Clabaugh, Andrew Kendris, Rose Weaver, Stacy Welty, and Kerry Chrismer, Barb Orndorff, Julie Eckenrode, Becky Garder, Greta Foster, Janet Staub, David Lambert, Audrey Clabaugh, Mary Zimmerman, Larry Legore and all the rest of our brothers and sisters in need of healing of mind, body and spirit.

Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer list. Help us to keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name.



**CHRISTMAS**

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

12/24 – 6:00 pm – John Defeo, Julie Monzi

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- Tyler Lawrence, Dylan Lawrence

12/25 – 12:00 midnight – Clare Crone, Viola Legore

– Roger Weaver

– Sam Keller, Luke Keller

12/25 – 9:00 am – Cindy Hartlaub, Robert Funari, Louise Tinkler – Donna Livelsberger

– Seamus Waggoner, Josh Bramble

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS -****LECTORS****ALTAR SERVERS**

12/30 – 5:30 pm – Brandon Dinges, Steve Arthur, Jodi Hahn – Leslie Nieves

12/31 – 8:00 am – Viola Legore, Clare Crone

– William Getz

– Ivy Nieves, London Nieves

– Nathan Leech, Ben Getz

12/31 – 10:30 am – Elaine Clabaugh, Rose Bollinger, Kim Beitler – Peter Smith

– Tara Noel, Colby Noel

**FINANCIAL REPORTS****For the weekend of December 16/17, 2017**

Adults	\$2,708.00
Children	3.00
Loose	307.00
On-Line Giving	857.00
Poor of the Parish	222.00
Total	4,097.00
Budgeted - \$4,160.00 less	63.00
Christmas flowers	180.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	23.00
Christmas	20.00

110 of 298 Adults used envelopes  
1 Children's envelopes used

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

January 14<sup>th</sup> - Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa.

**PARISH  
ANNOUNCEMENT****PCCW**

Our annual **Christmas Dinner** will be held at Hoss's in Gettysburg, on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join us RSVP parish office by December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**DO YOU SUPPORT OUR GROCERY CARD PROGRAM?** Grocery gift cards for Giant, Weis, and Walmart are available on weekends after the Masses and Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the rectory office. **Grocery gift card sales the weekend of December 17<sup>TH</sup> of \$2,110.00 made a profit of \$90.18.**



We will be decorating the church on **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 AM mass for anyone who can help.

**CCD News!**

- **NO CCD Sunday, Dec. 24 or Sunday, Dec. 31** due to the Christmas Holiday! Merry Christmas!
- **CCD Classes will resume on Sunday, 9:10 AM.**
- **Confirmation RITE of CHOICE, Sunday January 7 @ 10:30 AM Mass.**
- **NOTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE: Students WILL be having CCD on January 28 in the Church. This is a date that was originally scheduled to not have CCD. This is a pot pie Sunday.**
- **ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED to stay and join our January 28 CCD Session. Jim Gontis from the Diocesan Center will be presenting. Please plan accordingly.**
- **Any questions, contact Clare Crone ([ccronecrestjoe@gmail.com](mailto:ccronecrestjoe@gmail.com))**

**400 CLUBS****WEEK 11**

#	Winner	Seller
189	William Weaver	Jeff Small
195	Brad Harner	Cindy Hartlaub
325	Gary Gebhart	Tom Gebhart
69	Kathy Cullison	Barb Clabaugh
345	Julie Orndorff	Jeff Small



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### **Knights of Columbus**



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**March 3rd** we will be marking our 5th year as Knights of Columbus in Bonneauville. We will meet for the Saturday night Mass and then proceed to the Parish Center for a meal, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**March 10** we will hold our night at the races. We will have tickets available shortly. Tickets will be \$10 which includes a hot meal and setups. Both events will be held in the Deacon Weaver Parish Center.

### **MEMORIAL BRICKS**

Memorial bricks are available in the cemetery. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church or on the website. Bricks will be installed in the spring of the year.

### **Curious About Kindergarten?**

Do you have a child that is ready to start Kindergarten this year? If so, please join us for our Kindergarten Open House. Our Kindergarten teachers will allow you and your child to experience what Kindergarten will be like at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. Rotate through the learning stations, and let your child see what a fun and exciting experience Kindergarten will be at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School!

*What:* Kindergarten Open House

*Where:* St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School • Conewago Campus • 55 Basilica Drive • Hanover, PA 17331 • 717-632-8715

• [www.stck8school.org](http://www.stck8school.org)

*When:* Sunday, January 7, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Masses are available for "2018" for anyone who would like to have a Mass said for a living or deceased loved one. Mass stipends are \$10.00.

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**



The parish will once again be sponsoring a Blood Drive, it will be held on Tuesday, January 16th from 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Sign up form will be available after Christmas in the vestibule of the church to register your appointment. Volunteers are needed the day of the drive, if you can give an hour of your time a sign up form is in the vestibule of the church.

### **2017 Federal Tax Deduction\***

For the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**

All payments on pledges must be received at the Diocese by Saturday, December 30, 2017 in order to receive your tax deduction for your generosity to our annual appeal. Make checks payable to, Diocese of Harrisburg Mail payments to Diocese of Harrisburg, HCAS-LA, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710. Payments can also be made online via Visa or MasterCard [www.hbgdiocese.org/blacc](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/blacc)

\*your donation may be deductible, please refer to your tax advisor.

**'NEW' Extraordinary Ministers:** Have you ever prayerfully considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, either to serve at Mass or to visit the sick and homebound (or both)? A training program for 'new' EMHC's, sponsored by the Diocese, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Grandview Road, Hanover. The date is Tuesday January 2, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Deacon Tom Aumen will present the 2-hour program. The EMHC mandate that one receives lasts for 3 years. If you would like to join this beautiful ministry of service, please contact your parish office to arrange for an interview with your pastor, and to fill out the necessary application. May God guide you in your contemplation.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16  
 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

### Monday December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28  
 1 Sm 2:1,4-8  
 Luke 1:46-56

### Tuesday December 23

Malachi 3:1-4,23-24  
 Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10,14  
 Luke 1:57-66

### Wednesday December 24

2 Sam 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16  
 Ps 89:2-5,27,29  
 Luke 1:67-79

### Thursday Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Ps 98:1-6  
 Hebrews 1:1-6  
 John 1:1-18

### Friday December 26 Saint Stephen

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59  
 Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17  
 Matthew 10:17-22

### Saturday December 27 Saint John, Apostle

1 John 1:1-4  
 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12  
 John 20:1a,2-8

Today's Gospel shows us how the mission of Christ affected the Virgin Mary even before Jesus entered her womb.

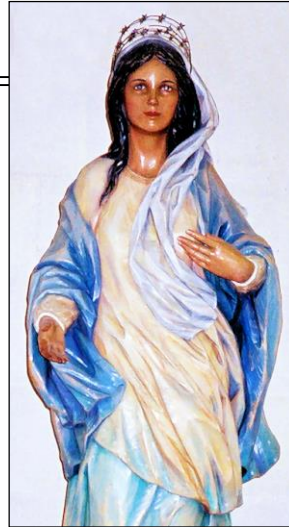
However, that is not when his salvation plan began. Jesus is God; he has always existed. His salvation plan impacted Mary in the moment of her own conception.

In the Nicene Creed we say that God "came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." In other words, his Spirit bathed Mary in his pure, holy presence. Even though she could not understand how the Messiah could possibly be conceived within her, by the grace of God's Spirit she could know that God was the one who was asking for it and God was the one who was doing it.

All of us are called by God to carry the presence of Christ and birth him more fully into the world. What are you doing about it? How much are you

fulfilling your divine destiny? Remember, he always empowers us to accomplish whatever he asks us to do. God knows what he's doing when he calls us to continue what Mary began, and he is always trustworthy and dependable. There is nothing to fear, no reason to hold back from fulfilling our true destiny.

Everything that God does is always good, even when his plan for our mission requires a journey through the



cross. If we follow Christ, sooner or later we hang with him on the cross, persecuted for our faith.

With this in mind, when he asks us to do something for his kingdom, of course our answer is yes, right?

Why wouldn't it be? Of course we

want to cooperate with his plan. Mary shows us that we can yes to his plan even when we don't understand it nor see how God could possibly do what he says he'll do.

It's normal to feel inadequate, like he cannot fulfill his plan *through us*, because we know we are weak, sinful, and unqualified. Don't trust your feelings about it; trust God!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. When was the last time you said to God, "But how can this be? You want me to do WHAT? I don't understand why!" What were you afraid of?
2. How strong was your trust in God?
3. When God chooses you for a task or responsibility, what helps you move from uncertainty or confusion or reluctance into saying "yes"?
4. When the plans of God don't make sense or they seem unpleasant, how do you overcome your reluctance?