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

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Sean Bollinger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Pat Sneeringer
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Dr. Vincent Pisula
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson, Sr. family
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Living & deceased members of Raymond & Gladys Staub family
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Lillian Murren
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Anna L. Sentz
Sat.	5:30p.m.	J. Richard and DeSales Hagarman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Edward Coyle
Christmas Eve	5:30p.m.	Dustin Riggs
	7:30p.m.	Tom and Beth McKim
Christmas Midnight	12:00a.m.	Barbara Neiderer
	9:00a.m.	The People of the Parish

Offertory Procession

Sat. Dec. 23 rd	5:30p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Vandergrift family
Sun. Dec. 24 th	7:30a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith
	10:00a.m.	Mr. & Mrs.
Christmas Eve	5:30p.m.	Mr. & Mrs.
	7:30p.m.	
Christmas	Midnight 12:00a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Little
	9:00a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Leonard

The 2018 Calendars are available in the Church vestibule. We thank Murphy Funeral Home for supplying the Calendars. Please, 1 per family.

From the Pastor: "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

The deadline to order your Poinsettia is Mon. Dec. 18th and the cost is \$10.50



Do your Christmas shopping at the Parish Office this year! We have men's and women's rosaries \$25, DVD's of the history of the Church narrated by Fr. McNeil \$10, Jackie Klunk's CD "Faith, Hope and Love" \$20, memorable coaster/paper weights of Sacred Heart School \$10. And the best part, there's no standing in line!

Thanks so much to all who donated gifts to New Hope Ministries! The total amount of gifts weighed 188lbs. that's a lot of gifts!

Sacred Heart has taken a one year subscription to FORMED. FORMED is an educational website that can be compared to Netflix for Catholics... The best Catholic study/programs, movies, audio presentations and eBooks from the most trusted apostolates are all just a click away. Please visit www.formed.org and register by using our Parish Code FQC9YF to use the resource. Let us know what you think!

Attention parents: there are boxes of 2018 children's offering envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. Please pick one up for your child.

Advent Penance Services

Mon. Dec. 18th at 7:00p.m. St. Francis Xavier Church
Tues. Dec. 19th at 7:00p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbottstown
Wed. Dec. 20th at 7:00p.m. St. Joseph Church, Grandview Rd. Hanover

Sister Maria Wrubel who taught at Delone Catholic High School has recently celebrated 75 years as a Sister of Mercy. Sister Maria will be 95 years old on January 2, 2018. Anyone who would like to send her a birthday card her address is: Sister Maria at Mercy Center, Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

Direction for Our Times: All are welcome to join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Sat. Dec. 23rd at 10:15a.m. to pray the rosary and read the monthly message from Jesus, as given to Anne, a lay Apostle. For more information, call Wendy at 717-969-2452. Check out the website: www.directionforourtimes.org.

The choir/musician schedule for the Christmas Masses is as follows: 5:30p.m. Christmas Vigil - Junior Choir & Jr. High Instrumentalists Flute & Strings, (Cara Bruton, Carly Lawrence, Ella Billman & Eli Swope). Prelude will begin at 4:30.

7:30p.m. Christmas Vigil - Choral Ensemble with Flute & Clarinet (Alicia & Abbey Jacoby) Prelude will begin at 7:00.
Midnight Mass 12:00a.m. - Adult Choir & Flute (Cara Bruton) Prelude will begin at 11:30p.m.
9:00a.m. Christmas Day - Soloist & Flute (Sarah Scozzaro & Candy Sneeringer) - Prelude will begin at 8:30a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed Mon. Dec. 25th and reopen Tues. Jan. 2nd at 9:00a.m.

After the Solemnity of Mary on Jan. 1st until The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Holy Communion will be offered under one species, the species of bread. Low gluten hosts will be available in the daily Mass chapel after each Mass of obligation. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be available in the chapel after each Mass to see to this need.

March For Life will be held Fri. Jan. 19th in Washington D.C. The K of C Council #13692 of Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbottstown, is sponsoring busses to attend the March. Seats are \$10. If you cannot attend the March you can sponsor seats on the bus. The busses will leave from the Church parking lot, 6084 W. Canal Rd. Abbottstown, on or about 6:30 - 7:00a.m. and return later in the evening. For more information contact the Church Office at 717-259-0611. Seats must be paid by Jan. 2nd.

The Hbg. Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites girls in grades 9 - 12 in the Diocese of Hbg. to enter an art contest. The task: design the cover for the 93rd Annual HDCCW Convention on Apr. 16, 2018. The art work should be an original drawing or painting for a 9 x 12 folder and based on the Convention theme "Caring For God's Creation". The grand prize is \$150, second prize is \$75 and third prize is \$50. The deadline to enter is Jan. 15th. For complete details please refer to the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com>.

Christmas Mass times:

Remember your weekend Mass Obligation in addition to Christmas Mass. Sat. 5:30p.m. Sun. 7:30 and 10:00a.m. "2fer's" don't count even though Christmas Eve is Sun.

Sun. Christmas Eve Dec. 24th 5:30 and 7:30p.m.

Mon. Christmas Day Midnight (12:00a.m.) and 9:00a.m.

New Year's Day Mon. Jan. 1st 9:00a.m.

