

The flowers on the main Altar have been designated by Jeanette Devine in memory of Thomas F. Devine.

*Mass Intentions*

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Marcia Ann Lindsey
	7:30a.m.	Living & deceased members of Cletus & Mary Neiderer family
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Thomas F. Devine
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Charlie Klunk & deceased children Mike & Judy
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Mary Ann Long
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Charles Glessner
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Keith A. Adams
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Earl I. Brady, Jr.
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Sean Bollinger
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish



*Second Sunday*



*of Advent*

Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: *1390 Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite.*

Low gluten hosts will be available in the daily Mass chapel after each Mass of obligation and I ask that one Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion be available in the chapel after each Mass to see to this need. I am doing this because this period is the prime cold and flu season. In addition, the number of Extraordinary Ministers is decreasing and this will allow those serving to be scheduled less frequently during this period.

**This weekend after each Mass Cookie Trays are available for pick up for those who preordered and we have extra trays for purchase.** They are \$15.00 per tray and are wrapped with and have a bow ready for gift giving. You can pick them up at the Parish Hall entrance up the left ramp.

**For those who have ordered Ornaments and haven't picked them up yet, they are available at the Parish Office.** We have some left if anyone is interested in purchasing them.

**The Children's Rosary Group will gather at the Adoration Chapel, 9 N. Third St. McSherrystown, this Sun. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m.** Rosaries and prayer books will be provided. Adults too are welcome. For more information call Vicky Bunty at 717-632-3245.

**There will be an Ecumenical, Inter-Religious Candlelight Remembrance Service held for anyone who has experienced the death of a friend, family member, or loved one to suicide. It will be held this Sun. at 6:00p.m. here at the Basilica.** Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the service. All are welcome ~ does not matter when the suicide occurred. It is just a time for us all to come together.

**Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.** Please bring a rag and bucket.

**Direction for Our Times: All are welcome to join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Sat. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 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 717-476-6435. Check out the website: [www.directionforourtimes.org](http://www.directionforourtimes.org).

**For those who chose an Angel ornament off of the Angel Tree, they are due back on Sun. Dec.16<sup>th</sup> by the 10:00a.m. Mass!** Thank you everyone for your generosity!

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

**You can order a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Deadline to do so is Sun. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.** The cost is the same as last year, \$10.50 and you can drop your order in the collection basket or contact the Parish Office 717-637-2721.

**Sacred Heart Day at Hoss's is early this month, Tues. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.** Cards will be at the doors of the Church and in the Bulletin next weekend.

**We are in need of people to take up the gifts during the Offertory. No one has volunteered for any of the Masses the weekend of Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.** For more information on how to help contact Candy Sneeringer at 717-420-6395.

*St. Teresa of Calcutta School News*  
**The Conewago Campus, grades K ~ 3 will host their Christmas Program Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.** The dress rehearsal will be at 1:00p.m. for any grandparents or others who wish to attend. Everyone is invited to attend either concert!

**Low denomination SCRIP Gift Cards are available for a limited time! Now through Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>,** SCRIP is offering low denomination gift cards from retailers like Panera, Starbucks and Taco Bell. See [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for complete list of low denomination cards. Cash and carry available at our Conewago Campus during regular school hours, 717-632-8715.

*Advent Penance Services*

- St. Aloysius Littlestown, Sat. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.
- St. Francis Xavier Gettysburg, Mon. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbottstown, Tues. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.
- St. Joseph Hanover, Wed. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.
- Here at the Basilica Sat. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00a.m.

**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.**

**The Second Collection this weekend is the Retirement Fund for the Religious.** Please be generous.

**Ornament gifts for New Hope Ministries are due this Sunday by the 10:00 Mass.**

**The Little Blue Books for Advent are located in the vestibule.** Feel free to take one.

**Pastors Column:** From a sermon of St. Bernard of Clairvaux We know that the coming of the Lord is threefold: the third coming is between the other two and it is not visible in the way they are. At his first coming the Lord was seen on earth and lived among men, who saw him and hated him. At his last coming *All flesh shall see the salvation of our God, and They shall look on him whom they have pierced.* In the middle, the hidden coming, only the chosen see him, and they see him within themselves; and so their souls are saved. The first coming was in flesh and weakness, the middle coming is in spirit and power, and the final coming will be in glory and majesty.

This middle coming is like a road that leads from the first coming to the last. At the first, Christ was our redemption; at the last, he will become manifest as our life; but in this middle way he is our rest and our consolation.

**After the Solemnity of Mary on January 1 until The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Holy Communion will be offered under the species of bread only.** As the