

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish

2121 North 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA
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THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Sunday, the Lord's Day:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 (English), 7:00 (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 AM (English), 12:30 PM (Vietnamese)

Weekdays:

Monday through Friday: 12:00 - Noon (English)
Friday Evening: 6:30 (Vietnamese)
Saturday Morning: 8:00 (English)

Weekday Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil: 5:30 PM (English), 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
Day: Noon (English), 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Friday evenings at 6:00 (Vietnamese community) All welcome

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Infants: Call the office as soon as the baby is born to schedule.

Children over the age of 7 and Adults: Call the office

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Weekdays: 11:30 AM; *Saturday:* 4:00 PM; or by appointment

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Contact the rectory immediately in the case of emergency. In cases of illness or in preparation of surgery call the rectory to schedule the celebration of the sacrament

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Diocesan policy requires between nine and twelve months notice for weddings and participation in marriage preparation.



Parish Clergy:

Rev. Mark T. Wilke
Rev. Thuong Paul Nguyen
Deacon James B. Doyle

Parish Staff:

Trish Wolf – Finance Secretary
Josiah Kadar-Kallen: Maintenance
Christine Purcell - Choir Director

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Catholic Education:

Bishop McDevitt High School
St. Margaret Mary School
Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School

Parish Mission Contacts:

Evangelization: Brenda Lee 232-9896, *Education:* Mary Jane Corl 236-5709, *Pastoral Ministry:* Toni Grogan 236-7126, *Liturgy:* Frank Horwath 576-8710 *Social Concerns & Outreach:* Elaine Davis 236-3717, *Ecumenism & Interfaith Concerns:* Pam Kotz 238-6173, *Prayer Line:* Madeline Crawford 652-8870, *Special Needs Advocate:* Daria Hall 599-5049

February 5, 2017 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Vigil - 5 pm - People of the Parish

Sunday - 8:30 am - Joyce Prebola
10:30 am - Cubranic & Lawler families

Monday: Leroy Robinson

Tuesday: Julia Lapkowicz

Wednesday: Special intention of Mike Kelly

Thursday: Special intention of Kim Merry

Friday: Charles V. Spiroff Sr.

Saturday: 8 am - Special intention of Roger Franz

Sat Vigil - 5 pm - Special intention of Beverly Robinson & family

Sunday - 8:30 am - People of the Parish
10:30 am - Michael Kotz

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK:

2/5-Sunday: Community Donuts—VN food sale is cancelled.

Monday:

Tuesday: Food pantry (Social Hall) 10 am - 1 pm Woodbine Entrance.

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: Gospel Reflection Group 9 am

Sunday: Our Lady's Breakfast after the 8:30 & 10:30 Mass. All Are Welcome!

** Parish Office Hours are 10 am - 12 pm & 1 pm-3 pm

We, the family of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, united by the Heavenly Father and guided by Our Lady, vow to be a loving, caring, and welcoming people by living the Gospel in service to others.

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and administer the Sacraments of His New Covenant. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish shares this mission through Liturgy and worship; Educating our parishioners in the Faith; Serving the poor and those in need; Being a friendly, loving, and caring community; and Strengthening spiritual and social connections within the Parish's community and neighborhood.

IN SERVICE TO THE LORD				
This Sunday 2/5/2017	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	COMMUNION	MUSIC
Vigil 5 pm	K. Conard	N. & S. Clancy	TBA	TBA
8:30 am	Ann Marie Rudolph	R. Fry A. Rosito	F. Horwath J. Baker B. Coy	TBA
10:30 am	Nicole Reyes	Natalie Reyes McKenzie Robinson	A Mendy J. Burr Q. Sharpe	TBA
NEXT SUNDAY	February 12, 2017 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Vigil 5pm	T. Baldari	C & G Lee	TBA	TBA
8:30 am	M. Ruldolph	N. & S Clancy	J. Connolly B. Kotz J. Moe	TBA
10:30am	A. Mendy	A. & J Nguyen	R. Conard L & R Zaikowski	TBA
Hospitality <i>THIS SUNDAY: Ann Tamburri</i> <i>NEXT SUNDAY: Our Lady's Breakfast</i>				

IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION
Becky Sawyer, Patrick Conrad, Noel Toro, Joel Gross, Kevin Burr, Colin Burr, Joseph Roe, David Kotz. Please pray for them and their families.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAYS
AT NOON -**

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 . NEW Parish office hours: .
 . Mon - Fri .
 . 10 am. - 12 noon .
 . 1pm - 3 pm .
 . The office is located in the front .
 . of the Rectory. .

Get Involved at OLBS! Your parish needs *your* help! We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers (Sat. Vigil Mass especially) ushers, cantors, choir members and volunteers for various jobs. Altar Servers are most welcome also! Perhaps serving as a family? Lector, EMHC, and altar servers? God will bless you for it!

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish family:

Jim & Cecilia Baker, Edward Bazzar, Colleen Brannon, Nellie Cammack, Drucilla Cluck, Ron Conard, Kate Conard, Connie Conrad, Brad Coy, Deb Coy, Madeline Crawford, Andrew Davis-Coyle, Elaine Davis, Jane Donlin, Jan Doyle, Dwight, Patrick Ezekiel, Thomas & Linda Ferree, Michael Garber, Ramon Garced, Judy Garner, Mary Gelenser, David Grimme, Suzanne Grimme, Michelle Grubb, Tom Grutza, Lily Hall, Janice Hoerner, Frank & Peggy Horwath., Ernesto Luciano, Kate Maren, James May, Jeanette Moe, Shirley Miller, Deacon John Mowery, Esther Rodriguez, Joan Sandherr, Jayden Scott, Carrie Sellers, Quintelle Sharpe, Brandon Shrawder, Jeanette Sullivan, Kathy Sullivan, Pat Thornton, John Travers, Hop Troung, Joni Wade, Christopher Wertz as well as those in nursing homes, the homebound, and those suffering from serious illness.

Please pray for Fr. Nguyen's sister, Theresa Nguyen and his father, Joseph Nguyen.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

To register with our parish or to inform us of any changes to your address, phone number or email, please call the parish office at 717-233-1014.

February 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>* Please note that there will be no Vietnamese Food Sale this month</p> <p><i>Happy New Year to our Brothers and Sisters!!</i></p>			1	2 <u>Knights of Columbus</u> 7:00 pm	3	4 <u>Pro-Life Mass</u> 8:00 am <u>Gospel Reflection Group</u> 9:00 am
5	6	7 <u>Food Bank</u> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	8	9	10	11 <u>Gospel Reflection Group</u> 9:00 am World Day of the Sick O.L. of Lourdes
12 <u>Our Lady's Breakfast</u> After the 8:30 a.m. Mass-Soc Hall. All welcome.	13	14 <u>Valentine's Day</u> <u>Food Bank</u> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	15	16 <u>Knights of Columbus</u> 7:00 pm	17	18 <u>Gospel Reflection Group</u> 9:00 am
19 <u>Card Ministry</u> 9:30 am <u>Community Donuts-</u> Social Hall	20 <u>President's Day-</u> Noon Mass & Office is open reg hrs	21 <u>Food Bank</u> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	22	23	24	25
26 <u>Community Donuts-</u> Social Hall- 9:30 am	27	28 <u>Food Bank</u> 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	<p>*All dates are subject to change. This is for social and informational purposes only. To schedule a church event, please contact Father Mark Wilke. To list any upcoming events on the event calendar, please e-mail information to Laura Rowe at laurarowe3@gmail.com. *** New parish office hours: 10 a.m. - 12 pm and 1 pm - 3 pm Monday - Friday.</p>			

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg – Please save the date of April 1, 2017 for the Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. Theme is: **Fools for Christ: Men Called to Glorify God through His Catholic Church.** Keynote Speaker is world-renowned Catholic author and speaker, **Dr. Peter Kreeft** from Boston. His keynote is *Seven Reasons Why Everyone Should be Catholic.* **Bishop Ronald W. Gainer** is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass and will also be presenting two workshops on St. Thomas More as a Model for Conscience Formation. There are thirty+ workshop choices over three sessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, more than 20 Priests available for Confession, plus good music, food, and fellowship. Last year we had 925 men who attended this event. This year we are hoping for 1,000 men. **Registration materials are coming soon to your parish.** Please join us, and invite a friend or three to come with you!

IN OUR PARISH

Interested in Prison Ministry? Thinking about volunteering from time to time? email OLBSDEACON@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Religious Education

Questions about our CARE religious ed program? Call or email Connie Egan (232-2169 x 222 or cegan@hbqdiocese.org)

St Margaret Mary School: Collects *Box Tops for Education*. Each *Box Top* is worth 10¢ to the School. Many cereals, food storage and dairy products carry them. Find the list here: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> Place your box tops in an envelope and drop in the box in the Narthex, or place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your help! . For information about their flea market call 233-3062.

World Day of The Sick: Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer will be celebrating Holy Mass commemorating the 25th World Day of the Sick at the Geisinger Medical Center's Hood Memorial Building in Danville on Saturday February 11th at noon. Come and join us! A light reception will be available following the Mass.

Word of Life: "A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk" .~Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, Sept 24, 2015 (www.goo.gl/9HGt2d)

Bishop McDevitt High School is proud to present "**A Night of the Arts: A Pops Concert and Art Exhibit**" on *February 18, 2017!* Please join us at 6:30 pm for an art exhibit featuring our students' various forms of visual art. The Pops Concert portion will begin at 7:30 pm. Our concert will feature student solo and group performances, as well as the bands and choirs of Bishop McDevitt. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (tickets for children 5 and under are free) and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you in Finestra Hall .

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

<u>Daily Mass</u>	Jan 29, 2017	\$40.
<u>Sunday Mass</u>	Jan 29, 2017	\$3,140.
<u>Children</u>	Jan 29, 2017	\$0.

Remember then the LORD, your God, for he is the one who gives you the power to get wealth, by fulfilling, as he has now done, the covenant he swore to your ancestors. Deuteronomy 8:18

A new way to support our parish using your debit card!

Use this link [cash.me/\\$olbs](http://cash.me/$olbs) or scan the code:



Charismatic Mass - On Tuesday, MARCH 7, at 7:00 pm., there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at St. Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. Very Reverend William C. Forrey, V.F., Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, Carlisle will be the celebrant. All are welcome. For more information, please call: Loretta 737-7551 or Mary Ann 564-7709.

Are Our Families the Problem or the Solution?

Join Bishop Gainer on March 16 & 17 for a conference on evangelization and family life with an ecumenical group called "Fresh Expressions." Christian churches of all denominations will gather to rethink their approach to evangelization, and to help reach people on the periphery. Monsignor Renzo Bonetti of the Amore Project in Italy will challenge those attending to view the family as our greatest resource for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. A host of others will discuss how we can reimagine our ministry to families & youth while refreshing our own faith. Call the Family Life office at (717) 657-4804 or visit <http://freshexpressionsus.org/amorelaunch> for more info.

From the Pastor's Desk

As we begin the Month of February we have celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on Thursday, February 2nd. On this feast day, the Church celebrates the mystery of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. After receiving the Lord, Simeon declared Christ to be the "light to the nations." Therefore, it traditionally involves the blessing of candles.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Thus, this weekend we celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life.

The Church continues to give thanks for all persons in the Consecrated Life on the Feast of the Presentation. This is because, consecrated men and women, by their evangelical witness become like Christ in that they are lights of God's love in the darkness of the world. Their zeal and joy for doing God's will manifests the life and holiness of the Church. Please pray for all discerning a vocation to the Consecrated Life, as well as for all who are vowed to a life consecrated to the Lord.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us!

Fr. Wilke

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith has become the Church's official organization for mission aid. The Society continues to seek prayer and sacrifice for the world's missions. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs. The financial contributions in our own Diocese of Harrisburg largely come from the World Mission Sunday collection each October and the Propagation of the Faith Membership Sunday collection in February. In addition to these two major collections, funds are also received from a group of faithful monthly donors, from wills, bequests, and legacies, and outright gifts made by the faithful of the diocese.

A Second Collection will be taken this weekend, for the propagation of the faith. Thank you for your generosity!

Around the Diocese

This Valentine's Day why not give your spouse a gift that lasts, one that you can both enjoy day after day? Please go to www.yourmarriageisworthit.org for more information or to register, or call us at 412-635-7775

40 Days for Life, Harrisburg From March 1 through April 9, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Hillcrest Women's Medical Center, 2709 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Kathy O'Donnell at – Harrisburg40Days@Gmail.com

Encounter: A Retreat Experience Especially Designed for College Aged Young Adults and Recent Graduates will be held Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Lent is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information contact the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at: oyyam@hbgdiocese.org or call 717-657-4804 ext. 327.

The Harrisburg Guild of the Catholic Medical Association along with The Saint Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania will co-host A Lenten Reflection on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9 am to noon at Cardinal Keeler Center. The day includes Holy Mass, light refreshments, and Reflection by Bishop Ronald Gainer *To be Zealous for The Lord*. For further information or to RSVP please contact cathmedhbg@aol.com

Five Things that Surprised Me About Religious Life

Religious life is something I thought I knew a lot about. I went to Catholic school for 10 years, had several nuns as teachers, was involved in my parish, met many priests over the years, and never missed the chance to watch *The Trouble with Angels* or *Sister Act*. However, I recently discovered through my blogging for VISION that all of that Catholic culture hardly qualified me as an expert on religious life. In fact, what I didn't know about religious life could be stacked about as high as that mountain Maria climbs in *The Sound of Music*. Here's a sampling of some surprising things I've learned:

1. It takes a long time to become an official "finally professed" member of a religious order.

While you are considering entering a religious community, there is a long period of prayer, more discernment, training, and learning—as well as the community determining if you're a good fit—before you take what are called "final vows." Prior to final vows, people take and renew temporary vows for a period of three to nine years.

On average, it takes about six to 10 years after completing a bachelor's degree for a man or woman to become a "finally professed" member of a religious community. Men who seek ordination must earn a Master of Divinity degree, which can add additional time to the process. Both men and women who join a community usually live and work in it during this long initiation phase.

2. Most members of religious communities have advanced degrees and almost all have college degrees.

While I knew that many religious were highly educated in various areas, I didn't know to what extent. Many religious orders prefer that members have an undergraduate degree before entering. Members are not only educated in theology and pastoral care but often have advanced degrees—be it in English, mathematics, philosophy, science, music—wherever their interests and talents lie. I think many young people fear their specific studies will go unused if they enter a religious community, but that is not the case.

3. Young people are still joining religious communities.

Like many others in their 20s, I always pictured sisters, brothers, and priests—if I pictured them at all—as older members of the Catholic community. It was not until my senior year of high school when a classmate of mine contemplated priesthood and I also came to know two Jesuit novices that I became aware of a younger generation of religious.



In fact, according to a 2009 study commissioned by the National Religious Vocation Conference, the average age of entrance to religious life is 30 for men and 32 for women, and nearly 1,000 women are in formation to become sisters. In 2014, 190 women and men in the United States professed final vows, and their average age was 37, according to a report from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

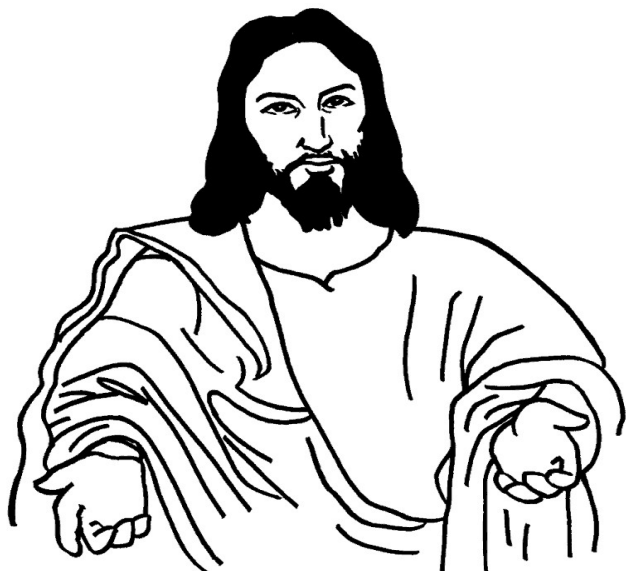


So young people play a vital role in religious communities, and the fact that young people continue to be interested in becoming sisters, brothers, and priests ensures the future of religious life.

4. Members of religious communities have differences of opinion.

I always thought of religious men and women as extremely obedient and believed they followed the directives of the church and their communities without question. But faithful, lively debate and questioning in good conscience exists within communities and among various religious orders and the wider church.

Knowing that differences exist helps young people have a more realistic understanding of religious life. I've learned that you don't stop being human and feeling passionate about your ideals when you enter religious life. In fact, if the life is right for you, you will become all the more yourself—the person you were meant to be. And though you may not always see eye to eye with other members of your community, other Catholics, or church leaders, you will strive to listen, learn, and grow in the process of becoming a more faithful and loving person and help others do the same.



5. Men and women in religious life are not visible everywhere.

Maybe it's because of my Catholic schooling or the fact that I grew up in a big city with a large Catholic population, but I always thought that religious life and opportunities to meet sisters, brothers, and priests and see them in action were not hard to come by, but this is not the case in many places. Some small towns and rural parishes have little or no interaction with men and women in religious life, and even the parish priest may only be available once a month as he must make the rounds to several understaffed parishes in the diocese. This means many young Catholics never witness firsthand the life and work of men and women in religious life and never realize that a religious vocation is an option for them.

Discovering all these surprising things about religious sisters, brothers, and priests makes me acutely aware of what a daily blessing they are to all of us.

By Catherine Loftus

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Vocations!

World Day for Consecrated Life

“Let your light shine before others” perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call **Father Brian Wayne** at (717) 657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org, or speak with Fr. Wilke.

Open House— 24 Hour Retreat, Feb 25 2pm– Feb 26, 3 pm. Sisters Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus St. Joseph Convent, Portage, PA More info/ RSVP by calling 814-505-2290 or emailing sisterjacinta@gmail.com