

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025



Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior, Bishop of Harrisburg

Rev. Msgr. William M. Richardson

Deacon Steve Huete, Parish Manager

"The Week at a Glance" for February 22 ~ March 2, 2025

Saturday, February 22 - Vigil of the Sunday Mass

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 am ~ That Man Is You

4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center

5:00 ~ Mass

5:00 - 7:00 pm ~ Hot Chicken Dinner

Sunday, February 23 ~ The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass

9:15 - 10:20 ~ CCD

Refreshments between Masses in Lower Loyola, All Are Welcome!!

10:30 am ~ Mass

1:00 - 2:15 pm ~ OCIA

Local Poor Collection

Monday, February 24 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ~ Mass

12 noon ~ Caring Community, conference room

Tuesday, February 25 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ~ Mass

10:45 am ~ Spiritual Reflection Group, conference room

Wednesday, February 26 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS

Thursday, February 27 ~ St. Gregory of Nazek

NO Mass

Friday, February 28 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ~ Mass

Saturday, March 1 - Vigil of the Sunday Mass

8:00 am ~ That Man Is You

9:30 am ~ Knights of Columbus

4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center

4:15 ~ Rosary, led by the Knights of Columbus

5:00 ~ Mass

Sunday, March 2 ~ The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass

9:15 - 10:20 ~ CCD

Refreshments between Masses in Lower Loyola, All Are Welcome!!

10:30 am ~ Mass

1:00 - 2:15 pm ~ OCIA

2nd Collection is for: California Wildfires

The Sanctuary Candle for February

*In Loving Memory of
Christian Rebscher III
From Mary Rebscher*



Coffee & Friendship

*Please join fellow parishioners
for Coffee, Refreshments &
Friendship after the
Sunday 8:00 am Mass
in Lower Loyola*

Pastor's Notes - February 23, 2025

Dear Parishioners,
 A reflection
 To reach satisfaction in all, desire satisfaction in nothing.
 To come to the knowledge of all, desire the knowledge of nothing.
 To come to possess all, desire the possession of nothing.
 To arrive at being all, desire to be nothing. Saint John of the Cross

If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at Church,
 you will not see him in the Chalice. Saint John Chrysostom

Change in Mass Schedule
There will be no Mass this Thursday at 5:00pm

Special Collection
 The Second Collection next weekend (March 1 & 2) will be for the victims of the recent wildfires in California.

Remote Preparation for Lent
 Only two more weeks until we begin the Holy Season of Lent (Ash Wednesday – March 5th). It is not too early to begin to make a plan to use this beautiful Season to come closer to Christ.
 Perhaps:

- Make a commitment to come to daily Mass at least once during the week.
- Attend Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00pm
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
February & March

Saturday 22	5:00 pm	+ Richard & Catherine Codori Cole Family
Sunday 23	8:00 am	+ Janice & Charles Heffner
	10:30 am	- Our Parish Family
Monday 24	10:00 am	+ Bob Doxzen
Tuesday 25	10:00 am	- Abby Lowmy
Wednesday 26	NO MASS	
Thursday 27	5:00 pm	NO MASS
Friday 28	10:00 am	+ Fred Dietch
Saturday 1	5:00 pm	+ James Bucci
Sunday 2	8:00 am	- Our Parish Family
	10:30 am	+ Jim & Deloris Gilbert



CARING COMMUNITY

All are invited to attend the Caring Community meeting on **Monday, February 24th at 12 noon** in the Loyola conference room. We will be expanding our ministry to pray for others, visit the homebound, and help in our parish community.
 If you would like to help others, or if you have any questions or requests, please contact Deacon Steve Huete at huetes@gmail.com or 717/816-9600 cell/text. Let others know you care!

Homebound or Sick

If you or someone you know in the parish is sick or homebound, please contact Deacon Steve or the parish office so we can visit them and take them Communion.



Prayer Chain Warriors

If you would like to be a Prayer Chain warrior please contact Dorothy Vega @ 717-253-0051 or contact the parish office OR if you were a "warrior" in the past and would like to continue please let us.
If you know someone who is in need of prayers and would like to be on the prayer list contact Dorothy Vega @ 717-253-0051 or contact the parish office.

Dates to Remember

- February 22 - Chicken Dinner, 5-7 pm
 - March 1 - Knights of Columbus, 9:30-11:30 am
 Rosary, 4:15 pm, led by K of C
 - March 3 - Parish Council, 6 pm
 - March 5 - Ash Wednesday
 Masses 10 am & 7 pm
 - March 7 - Lenten Fish Fry, 5-7 pm
 - March 15 - St. Patrick's Dinner Dance
 - March 28 - Lenten Fish Fry, 5-7
 - May 11 - First Holy Communion followed by
 May Procession
 - August 1-3 - C.C. Men's Retreat
 - August 23 - Annual Buchanan Valley Picnic
 - October 5, 6 & 7 - 40 Hours (note change of date)
- Please let Sue know if you need to add any date.

A Wonderful Tradition

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament especially during this Jubilee Year and as we begin this New Year.

The church will be open:
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays -
 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Thursdays - 9:00am to 5:30pm
 Saturdays - 4:00pm to 6:00pm
 Sundays - 7:30am to 12:30pm



Why not make a resolution to stop in for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament on a regular weekly basis?

In the charity of your prayers, please remember:

Edna Redding

*We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to her family.
 May they all be embraced by consolation and peace.*



*+ Eternal Rest grant unto her and may
 the Perpetual Light shine upon her +*

COMING SOON...

Parishioner BINGO

All parishioners are invited on the 4th Monday of the month following the 10:00 am Mass for a morning of Fellowship, Bingo Games, Prizes and Desserts.

First BINGO will be March 24

For information contact Sue Switzer at 717-253-8391

*Flowers on the Altar are In Loving Memory of
 Edna Redding*



Upcoming Second Collection

- March 2 - Disaster Relief
- 16 - Easter Flowers (please print the name/s of loved ones you would like to honor or have in memory of on the back of the envelope)



Ash Wednesday
 Season of Renewal

MASS SCHEDULE

Wed., March 5

10:00 am

&

7:00 pm



Knights of Columbus Monsignor Louis J. Yeager Council # 14035 St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

We invite All Parishioners to attend on

Saturday, March 15, 2025

6:00 pm Social followed by Dinner at 7:00 pm

\$10.00/pp (due to a generous benefactor)

The meal will consist of Corned Beef, Cabbage.

Music by D. J.

Tickets will be available from the Knights ~ Saturday, Feb 1st to Wednesday, March 5th.

We welcome Volunteers to make this event a huge success for our parish.

Come and Enjoy a "Good Irish Festivity"
with fellow parishioners.



Did you know...

You can request flowers on the Altar for a special occasion or in memory of someone!

Call the Parish Office

Tues - Thurs

717-677-8012

\$50 set



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
at 7:00 pm



It's a great day to have a great day!

Lenten Fish Fry

March 7 & 28

Serving 5-7

Adults \$ 14.00

Child \$ 8.00

(6-10)

Under 5 free

Dessert Donations

Appreciated

On The Menu

Potato Crusted

Cod

Fresh cut Fries

Cole Slaw

Dessert

Drink

For information:

Wally 321-5321/Sue 253-8391



First Day of Spring

March 20th



Highlights - Pastoral Council Minutes – February 3, 2025

The full version of the Pastoral Council Minutes are available for review in the Parish Office.

Pastor's Report

Church front doors are being evaluated for repairs and options will be made by the Building and Grounds Committee.

The new Parish website is up and running.

New policies for the Kitchen and the Cemetery are in review by the Council.

Building and Grounds

A list of items is currently being assessed for the rectory, stained glass window repairs, tree harvesting, and replacement timelines for building mechanical systems.

Caring Community

The Caring Community will be focusing on engaging the community, 'meet and greet' for new parishioners, and expanding prayer ministry.

Old Business

The use of an automated phone call system is under consideration as an alert capability for closings during weather conditions, and holy day messages.

Open Floor Discussion

A review of the parish parishioners listing will be made to coordinate the number of families in our records and those held by the Diocese.

Parish donations to local organizations will be reviewed to reinstate support that has declined in previous years.

Next Parish Council meeting is Monday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm in conference room.

Rules for Gallery Guests at Parish Council Meetings

Because the Pastor, in his canonical governance of the parish, cannot always communicate with, or hear from, every parishioner, the Parish Council is a requisite by the Bishop to be a smaller body of representative parishioners that make their advisory role more manageable and efficient. Nonetheless, Council meetings are generally open to any parishioner who wishes to sit in.

As the regular meetings of the Parish Council are not, per se, "Town hall-style" events, the Council must be able to proceed with its business as constituted - in an uninterrupted, orderly and dignified way - always entrusting itself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit! Consequently, any guests in the gallery will please observe the following:

1. During the meeting proper, the gallery is to act as interested observers only. As such, they are asked to not participate in, nor comment upon, any of the discussions or debate, or ask questions at this time. Taking notes is, of course, okay.
2. Any handouts or other supporting materials that relate to the business at hand will be given to the Council only. However, these documents may be made available later in the Parish Office for review by the parish at large.
3. Neither are those in the gallery permitted to influence in any way the voting by, or polling of, the Council members.
4. At the end of the meeting proper, they may ask questions or put forth concerns in a respectful and courteous manner.

Thank you for your cooperation.

An Open Letter to the Catholic Community and All People of Good Will in Mid-State Pennsylvania

Bishop Timothy Senior
Twelfth Bishop of Harrisburg

February 13, 2025

Immigration is a topic that evokes very strong emotions in many people. I write not as an expert on immigration, or from a political perspective, but rather as a fellow citizen and the shepherd of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg which is comprised of fifteen counties here in the mid-State. I am moved to address this topic, especially at this time, because many of those who are entrusted to my pastoral care in our Diocese are frightened about events that are unfolding in our country because of their immigration status. In the midst of all the controversy, I want to share with you what the Catholic Church actually teaches about the topic, which is not always accurately reported in the media. My hope is for us to thoughtfully consider what we can do to balance what is best for the common good of all citizens while showing respect and dignity to immigrants, who are our neighbors as well.

Whenever I visit New York City, I appreciate opportunities to see the Statue of Liberty as it is still a moving experience for me. I reflect on how many of our ancestors, including my own, passed through there on their own journey to a new land of opportunity and freedom. That Statue symbolizes generations of welcoming immigrants to our great Nation, and it has primarily been positive both for us and for them. Central Pennsylvania is home to many migrants who have transitioned well into the work force, our schools, neighborhoods, and places of worship. As Pope Francis stated: "...the encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, is also an encounter with Christ. He himself said so. It is he who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, an outsider, naked, sick and imprisoned, asking to be met and assisted" (Homily, Mass with Participants in the "Free from Fear" Meeting, Sacrofano, 15 February 2019). The final judgment in Matthew 25 leaves no doubt: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (v. 35); and again, "truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (v. 40). Recently, Pope Francis sent a Letter to the United States Bishops concerning migration issues in which he notes: "...the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness" ("Letter" n.4). "This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all – as I have affirmed on numerous occasions – welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable. This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration... (Ibid. n.5)"

In recent years, our immigration system has broken down and our southern border is currently a flashpoint. There are many people who think that the Church supports open borders. This is not our official position (Rev. Thomas Betz OFC, Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples). Many migrants seek to enter our Country to escape the overwhelming poverty where they lived, government oppression, and religious persecution. Most are good people seeking a better life to support their families and a place to raise their children in an environment where they can thrive. Regrettably, fear and insecurity are now part of many of these peoples' lives. Pastors, school principals, and those who work with migrants have shared with me how this is true here in our own Commonwealth with the people to whom they minister. Recently I published, "Setting Captives Free: A Pastoral Letter on Human Trafficking." In that document, I talk about the challenges that migrants face, particularly exploitation for economic and sexual purposes. I want all to know that I hear their distress and worries about their current situations and their desire to preserve what they have worked so hard to achieve; I pray that you do as well.

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The Church also recognizes that there are some who seek entry into our Country for immoral reasons, who perpetrate violent crimes, and from whom our Citizens should be protected (NCCB/USCCB, Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, 2000). So, on the one hand, the Church acknowledges that individuals have a right to migrate. On the other hand, the Church recognizes the rights of countries to control their borders and enforce migration policies (Catechism of the Catholic Church, N.2241). Those rights should balance both the common good and respect the human dignity of each individual because we are all made in God's image and likeness. The Catholic Church is a proponent of comprehensive legal immigration reform that includes pathways to citizenship and keeping families together while still protecting our borders. And so Catholic teaching is not supportive of open border policies yet calls for a commonsense approach where caring for the stranger is balanced with protecting our Country.

I encourage our Catholic faithful to learn more about the challenges immigrants face, to better understand the Church's teachings in this area, and to join with me, along with all people of good will, in advocating for migration policies that respect the dignity and rights of immigrants balanced with the common good of our citizens. We need to help immigrants overcome their anxieties and find their home among us in a way that allows them to be law-abiding citizens. An important part of our Christian tradition is the story of the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt to protect Jesus from the murderous wrath of King Herod. In a word, they became migrants in a foreign land.

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 as a **Jubilee Year of Hope**. May we strive to solve our Nation's migration challenges with policies and solutions that balance respecting human dignity with justice for all concerned. May the Holy Family, whose experience in Egypt symbolizes the plight of many migrants, watch over and protect our Nation and all of us.



The Mass Intention Book is open for 2025

If you would like to request a Mass Intention for the repose of a soul or a special intention for living, sick or special occasion, please contact or stop by the Parish Office Tuesday - Thursday.

The Pilgrim Cross continues to move around the parish and families to pray for vocations. If you would like to request the materials for your use for a certain date, please contact Amy Thomas - 717-339-7933 or amyboyerthomas@gmail.com.

It's That Time of Year, Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

The offer is available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings. Gate admission \$44.95 (ALL ages 3+) Regular is \$90.80 and is valid until 1/4/26. *ADD-ON Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets \$19.06 each and *ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$26.00 pre-ordered or pay \$35.00 onsite Tickets purchased in 2025 are valid for any 1 public operating day throughout the 2025 calendar year, but will not be valid past their expiration date. Refunds, extensions or upgrades will not be offered. **Orders must be received at the parish by Friday, April 15, 2025.** Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 19, 2025.



Order Forms are located in the Parish Center by the mailboxes across from the office.

E-mail Address

We are tidying up the parish group e-mailing list. If you would like to be part of that mass e-mailing (for church events; dinners, picnic work night, etc..) contact office.

Diocesan & Local Church News/Events:



Were you married in 1975?

Celebrate your Golden Jubilee with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, June 22nd at Good Shepherd Church. Please contact your parish office with your name and address if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year **by March 28th.**

SAVE THE DATE

Shippensburg PA Ride for Life

Saturday April 26, 2025

On the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail

Starting at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish
305 N. Prince Street - Shippensburg, PA
Program begins at 8:30 am

Join us in supporting moms and families served through pregnancy resource centers and young adults committed to renewing a culture of life

Contact information:
Greg Ernst - ernstgj67@gmail.com
Phil Mobley - pmmobley4b@gmail.com

Go to - <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events> - for registration

The Diocese of Harrisburg is pleased to share a new and exciting fundraiser event to support our local pregnancy resource centers. Biking for Babies will host a local Ride for Life on the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church, Shippensburg, at 7:30 am. The Biking for Babies program will follow Mass. Join us! For more information and to register please visit <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/events/>

Come join other young adults, married or single, from ages 18-39 from the Diocese of Harrisburg for an overnight weekend retreat. This year's retreat is entitled Journey of Hope. We are all pilgrims, travelers on this journey we call the life of faith. Some of us are just taking our first steps, while some of us have been walking for a long time. Wherever you are, however you feel, you are welcome.

Come join your fellow pilgrims.
Let's walk together and let's do it with hope.

The retreat will include Mass, prayer, Confession, teachings, small groups, fellowship, and fun! Check-in will start on Friday, May 23 from 7-8pm and the retreat will conclude on Sunday, May 25 around 12pm. The cost includes all retreat activities, three meals on Saturday, Sunday Brunch, and lodging.

JOURNEY OF HOPE

A DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
May 23-25, 2025
Christian Retreat Center (East Waterford, PA)

Scan to begin...

Pricing:
Cabin: \$80/\$100 per person
Lodge: \$125/\$150 per person
EARLY BIRD ends April 7th
www.hbgdiocese.org/yaretreat

Parish Directory

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"Be still and know
that I am God"

Psalm 46:10