

The flowers on the main Altar and both side Altars have been designated by Richard Jones "in loving memory of Evelyn S. Jones today and always".



*During the Great Depression, the number of daily patrons of the monastery's soup kitchen tripled and Father Solanus joined the expanded efforts. Arthur Rutledge came to Solanus with a stomach tumor. Solanus told him go back to the doctor and check again, then come and help in the soup kitchen. The doctor found that the tumor was gone and the kitchen had a new volunteer.*

**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!

**This year the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent is Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve.** The easiest way to meet your Sunday and Christmas obligations is to attend one Mass that fulfills your Sunday obligation (Sat. evening or Sun. morning) and one Mass that fulfills your Christmas obligation (Sun. evening or Mon.). If you receive Holy Communion on Sun. morning, you may also receive at a Sun. evening Mass. For more information contact Fr. Howard at the Parish Office 717-637-2721.

**Annunciation BVM Church Boy Scout Troop #107 Christmas Tree Sale continues at the lot next to 237 Main Street in McSherrystown.** Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 5:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. Sat.9a.m.-9p.m. Sun.11a.m.-8p.m.

Sister Maria Wrubel who taught at Delone Catholic High School for approximately 23 years 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 can send them to Sister Maria at Mercy Center, Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

**Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.** Please bring a rag and bucket.

The Neiderer Family Farm will be selling Christmas Trees to raise money for the medical funds of Tommy Laudani (a Delone Catholic Senior) and Nicholas Weaver (a Delone Catholic Alumni). Both individuals are currently battling different forms of cancer. **Trees will be sold at the intersection of High St. and Radio Rd. in Hanover.** For more information contact Ben Neiderer at 717-521 4541.

All are welcome to a Hanover Tradition; the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Carol Sing Sun. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Emmanuel UCC, 124 Broadway, Hanover. Christmas carols sung and their stories (re)told by Steve McKonly and Landy Grimm, accompanied by a community orchestra.



**Time to order Poinsettia's in honor or in memory of a loved one.** The cost is \$10.50 you can drop your order in the collection basket or stop by the Parish Office. **The deadline to order is Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Direction for Our Times: All are welcome to join our Parishioner Wendy McCall in Our Lady's Chapel on Sat. Dec. 23<sup>rd</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 717-969-2452. Check out the website: [www.directionforourtimes.org](http://www.directionforourtimes.org).

**After the Solemnity of Mary on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> until The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Holy Communion will be offered under one species, the species of bread.** As the 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. An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be available in the chapel after each Mass to see to this need. This is a prime cold and flu season.

**Advent Penance Services**

Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover  
 Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. Sacred Heart Basilica  
 Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. St. Francis Xavier Church  
 Tues. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbottstown  
 Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. St. Joseph Church, Grandview Rd. Hanover

**St. Teresa of Calcutta School News**

All are welcome to the dress rehearsal of the Christmas Program: "The Special Gift", on Thurs. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. by the students at the Conewago Campus in grades K – 3. The program will also be held at 6:00p.m. Thurs. evening.

**Christmas Mass times:**

Sun. Christmas Eve Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 and 7:30p.m.  
 Mon. Christmas Day Midnight (12:00a.m.) and 9:00a.m.  
 New Year's Day Mon. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00a.m.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Richard J. Smith
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Neiderer & family
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	8:00a.m.	Lien Thai family
Tues.	8:00a.m.	James M. Groft
Wed.	8:00a.m.	Roy & Madeleine Staub & family
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Keith A. Adams
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Earl I. Brady, Jr.
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Sean Bollinger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Pat Sneeringer

**Offertory Procession**

Sat. Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Eric Staub family
Sun. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sneeringer family
	10:00a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Lehr family

**The second collection this weekend is the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous.**

**The previously ordered Cookie Trays will be available for pick-up after Mass this weekend in the Parish Hall entrance on the left "up" ramp.** Trays will also be available for sale for \$15.00.

**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:** This week I am continuing to feature Fr. Solanus Casey who was beatified in Detroit on November 25. Remember that he was ordained as a simplex priest—not allowed to preach or hear confessions due to his poor academic record. His job in the monastery was to serve as the door keeper. It was in this capacity that he came in contact with the faithful seeking favors. The following is excerpted from *The Detroit News*:

*During his 21 years as porter at St. Bonaventure, he filled seven notebooks with more than 6,000 requests for help from petitioners. And to some 700 of these he recorded reported cures from cancer, leukemia, tuberculosis, diphtheria, arthritis, blindness, and other maladies. These brief postscripts also report conversions of fallen-away churchgoers and favorable resolutions of domestic and business problems...*

*The long list of favors granted included one to the Chevrolet motor company. In 1925 the firm was near bankruptcy when an auto worker, John McKenna, who feared losing his job, enrolled Chevrolet into the Seraphic Mass Association for 50 cents. Two nights later the company got an order for 45,000 machines...*