

The flowers on the main Altar have been designated by the Neiderer family in memory of Dennis Neiderer.

# Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Dennis Neiderer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Carroll, & Rita Little & Barb Noel
Mon.	<b>7:00p.m.</b>	Keith Adams
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Earl I. Brady, Jr.
Wed.	8:30a.m.	Pat Sneeringer
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Richard P. Smith
Fri.	8:00a.m.	Charlene Orndorff
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Sean Bollinger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Katherine Zinn
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish

**The Readings for this weekend are:**  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
**The Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

Please pray for our Parishioner Gary Adams who went home to be with the Lord this week. Pray too for his family dealing with their loss.

**Attention Lector's, we have the new Workbook for Lectors available in the little Chapel front pew. Please take one to use.**

There are envelopes at the doors of the Church for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend, The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger.

This weekend we welcome the newest member into our Parish family; George Robert Noel, son of Brandon and Chelsea (McSherry) Noel. Congratulations to the new family!



**Christmas Eve Masses:** two Masses at 3:00p.m. 1 in the Church and 1 in the Social Hall with Fr. John Ograh. 5:30p.m.; 8:00p.m

**Christmas:** Midnight Mass at 12:00a.m. and 9:00a.m.

**New Year's Eve:** Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30p.m.

**New Year's Day:** 9:00a.m.

**Boy Scout Troop #107 Christmas Tree Sale is going on in McSherrystown until sold out.** Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday 5-8:30p.m. Saturday 9a.m.—9p.m. Sunday 11a.m.—8p.m. Troop #107 Scouts thank you in advance for your loyal patronage.

**The Prayer Group Movement for Youth & Children will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church Sun. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m.** Please enter on the ramp at the Church Courtyard. Rosaries and prayer books are provided. For more information call Vicky Bunty at 717-632-3245.



**It's time to order Poinsettia's for the Altar in memory or in honor of a loved one for Christmas.** Drop your request in the Collection basket, call the Parish Office at 717-637-2721 or put an envelope in the box on the front screened in porch. **The price is the same as last year, \$10.50 and the deadline is Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>!**

**Evangelization Speaker Series is on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30p.m. via Zoom.** It is entitled, The Sacred Art of Iconography. The speaker is Mrs. Roberta Davis. Mrs. Davis will speak on the spirituality behind Icon Writing as well as displaying and explaining some of her own work, including icons appropriate for the Advent and Christmas seasons. To register for the presentation, go to [https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/speaker\\_series](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/speaker_series). Registration deadline is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Registration is free, though free will offerings are gratefully accepted.

**Foster Parents Needed** in Pennsylvania, thousands of children in foster care are in desperate need of a safe and nurturing home. A caring adult can make a huge difference in a child's life forever. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. To find out how to become a foster parent, please contact Catholic Charities Adoption and Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or [gpfeifer@cchbg.org](mailto:gpfeifer@cchbg.org)

**The Third Sunday of Advent** – “The One who calls you is faithful.” Will you be faithful to His call? God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious. Contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki at 717-657-4804 ext. 282 or [frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org)

**High School Placement Testing**  
Delone Catholic desires a smooth and strong transition from grade school to high school for every student. To ensure that incoming freshmen are placed in the courses that will contribute to their success, we require each student to take a High School Placement Test (HSPT). **The HSPT will be administered at Delone Catholic on Sat. Jan.16<sup>th</sup> and Sat. Feb.13<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 1p.m.** To register to take the test, visit [www.delonecatholic.org](http://www.delonecatholic.org) under Admissions/Placement Testing.

**A note from Pastor Dwight:** Thank you all for responding to the parish survey! The plans for the Christmas Masses are becoming more and more clear. The most popular Mass option is the 3pm

Christmas Eve Mass. We will definitely have one Mass in the Parish Hall and one in the Church at that time. I plan to celebrate the one in the Hall with *no* incense. Fr. John Ograh will celebrate the 3pm Mass in the Church *with* incense. The other Christmas Mass times are 5:30pm, 8pm, Midnight and 9am. As of Thursday 12/10 at 4pm, here are the survey results regarding Christmas Masses:

3:00pm	202
5:30pm	117
8:00pm	90
12midnight	65
9am	100

A simultaneous Mass in the social hall for either the 5:30pm or 9am Masses could possibly become necessary, but we'll see. Fr. John Ograh will be on stand-by. Fr. Joe Gotwalt is scheduled to celebrate the 9am Mass on Christmas morning. If you want to come to the Mass with the lowest number of people, I encourage you to attend the Midnight Mass this year.

The parish council, Deacon Chris, and I will be processing the other information gathered in the surveys. Stay tuned May we all experience a blessed Christmas this year as we await the second coming of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## St. Teresa of Calcutta School News

SCRIP gift cards are available for purchase. SCRIP gift card forms can be found on the [www.stck-8school.org](http://www.stck-8school.org) website and sales benefit the students. There are flyers in the back of Church or call the School at 717-632-8715.

Weis Markets is partnering with schools this year to help provide them with extra funding. **Weis 4 School** is donating money to our school every time you shop at Weis. All you need to do is show a barcode the next time you shop with your Weis Club Card. After that, every time you shop at Weis and use your Club Card, our school gets credit, which equals money to buy things we need! For more information contact Beth Taylor at: [Elbt139@yahoo.com](mailto:Elbt139@yahoo.com)

### A Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of the disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy.