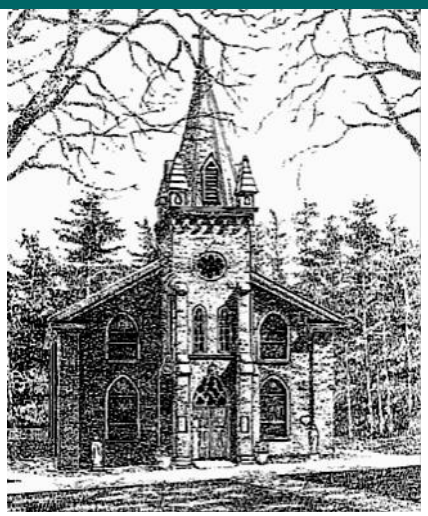
St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Catholic Schools Week

January 30 - February 5

Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

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Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, PA

Rev. Dominic M. DiBiccaro , Pastor

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Deacon Steve Huete , Pastoral Associate

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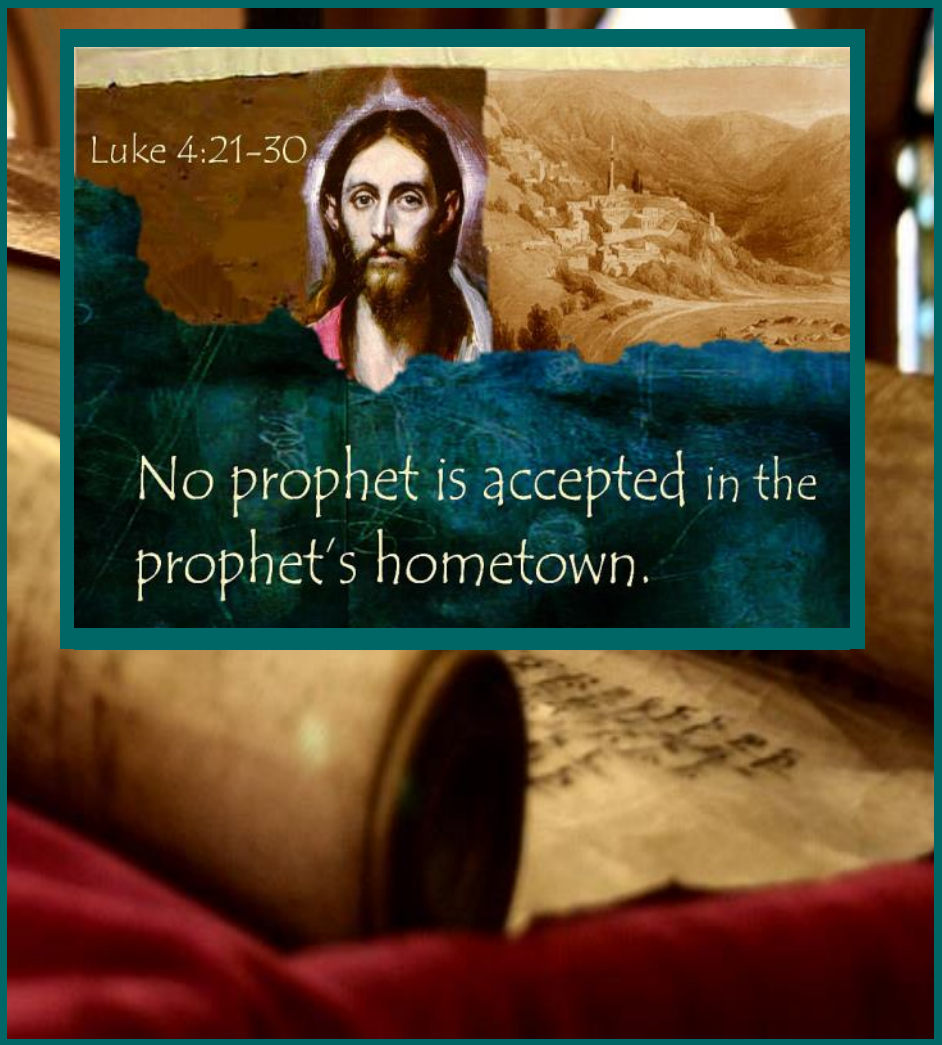
Current Public Weekend Masses

Vigil ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday ~ 8:00 & 10:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday PUBLIC Daily Masses

(See Weekly Calendar Inside for times)



Be Not Afraid!

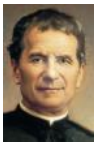
See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #314.

Mass Schedule, Intentions and Events for the Week of Jan. 29 ~ Feb. 6

Saturday, January 29 ~ Vigil for The Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM MASS + ROBERT COLE

Week of prayer for Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 30 ~ The Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 ◆ 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 ◆ Luke 4:21-30
8:00 AM MASS – PEOPLE OF PARISH
10:30 AM MASS + MARILYN COLE

Monday, January 31 ~ St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 ◆ Mark 5:1-20
Parish Office CLOSED
NO MASS

Tuesday, February 1 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 ◆ Mark 5:21-43
8:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ Parish Office Open
10: 00 AM MASS + JIM BUCCI

Wednesday, February 2 ~ The Presentation of the LORD

Malachi 3:1-4 ◆ Hebrews 2:14-18 ◆ Luke 2:22-40
8:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ Parish Office Open
6:00 - 6:45 pm ~ Confessions - Parish Loyola Center
7:00 pm MASS + ALICE TERNES
Blessing of home candles following Mass
Adoration following Evening Mass

World Day of Consecrated Life

Thursday, February 3 ~ St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; and St. Ansgar, Bishop

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 ◆ Mark 6:7-13
8:00 am - 2:00 pm ~ Parish Office Open
10: 00 AM MASS + FR. ANDREW P. MARINAK
BLESSING OF THE THROATS AFTER MASS
6:30 pm ~ Knights of Columbus - Conference Room

Friday, February 4 ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 47:2-11 ◆ Mark 6:14-29
Parish Office CLOSED
10:00 AM MASS + DEACON RAYMOND J. SMITH

Saturday, February 5 ~ St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
1 Kings 3:4-13 ◆ Mark 6:30-34
10:00 am ~ Christmas Clean-up

Saturday, February 5 ~ Vigil for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM MASS – SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JOANNE COCHRAN AND KEYSTONE HEALTH
BLESSING OF THE THROATS AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday, February 6 ~ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 ◆ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ◆ Luke 5:1-11
8:00 AM MASS – PEOPLE OF PARISH
10:30 AM MASS + NORINE CARLL
BLESSING OF THE THROATS AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

SECOND COLLECTION: SOCIETY OF THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Thank you for your generous support for the
Churches in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America & Africa
As a parish, we collected $766.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters. If you missed the collection, it's not to late to give! To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit: www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Welcome Back
FR. TYLER MENTZER, M.I.C.
our guest celebrant at the 5:00 pm Mass.
There will be light refreshments and a receiving line in the downstairs social hall following.
Please stop by to congratulate Fr. Tyler!

Blessing of Throats

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr with Blessing of the Throats:
After the Thursday morning Mass, February 3 and Weekend Masses on Feb. 5 & 6.
Blessing of home candles on Wed. evening @ 7:00 pm Mass.

In the charity of your prayers, please remember:

Jay Shaffer

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Sue & Tom Switzer and Sue's family on the loss of her father.

May they all be embraced by consolation and peace.

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

Please Pray for:

Coronavirus victims and those who are ill, Rebecca Baldwin & Bruce & Sara, Jim & Jeanie Kline, Colleen, Baby Addie, Peggy Neiderer, Danielle, Chris Kimple, Trey, Gene & Jo-Ann McDannell, Robert Riquet, Bob & Donna Doxzen, Kimberly Mears, Sheila, Gabriella Angello, Alexander, Lena Swartz, Mark & Kate Morrow, Denyel, Calvin Cramer, Mark Morris, Linda Fogleman, Paul Knight, David, Dennis Turner, George & Barbara Erstila, Jeff Carpenter, Nelson Harmon, Cole & Connor, Diane Slothour, Sue McDannell, Mickie & Larry Schneider, Joe & Lisa Grasel, Ange Pena, Julie Barnhart, Shaffer family, Em Dickerson, Endy Family, Brad Pabody, Adeline Lienard, Robbie, Michael & daughter, Mike Huete, Aiden Tyler Schneider, Karrie McCall & daughter, George Shahid, Heather, Christine Neiderer, Dorothy Vega, Mande, Marylyn Sobun, Drew Schneider & Family, Paul Ward, Ida Bloomfield, Linda McDannell, Ted, Janie Singley, Joseph Whalen, Mary Beth Greenstreet, Rick Benedict, Nelson Salem, Ryan, Kathe Fogleman, James, Sam Sheffler, Eileen, Kate Hemmis, Salem Shunnarah, Lana, Dennis Oehmsen, Baby Hannah, Jean, Bill Graham, Joanna Hodges, John Varones, Joan O'Sullivan, Donna, Martha Klinger, Lisa Dionne Lauretti, Sue Orndorff, Jim Gleason, Sue Gustafson, Rosemary McGilloway, Michelle Cleary, Dalton, Kim Johnson, Helen Mills, Ray Haber, Haley Detman, Fr. Bill Sullivan, Kathy, Jan Patla, Joe Durovey, Bev Smith, Donald Sheppard, Jenn, Ursula Kaley, Linda Mumaugh, Alison Haring, Hank & Loretta, Janet Hartman, Edward Johnson, Mary Irwin, Angela Galeone, Juliete Lang, Chris MacBeth, Harry Graham, Donald Howard, Armond Binni, Troy Weishaar, Elizabeth Stansky, Pat Johnson, Chris Morris, Peg Hippensteel, Faud Doaney, Rae Harmand, Marlene Iannotti, Patrick Glass, Helen Lagasse, Nancy Kewisnek, Maureen McGilloway Collins, Anji Eisenhart, Andy Graham, Monica Manner, Denny Borbonus, Paul & Helen Myers Scarlata, Mary Hawthorne, Ed Washington, Josh Kempinski, Nancy Baker Baltzey, Spencer Propts, Assour and Abuhajaze, Karlton Smith & Cheryl Sobun, Marlene Webster, Yvette Stoklosa, Andy Consiglio, Bill & Michelle Cloonan, Emile Shunnarah, Janet Shunnarah, Gorge Shunnarah, Bill & Deb McClintock, Mary Pekich, all nursing home residents, shut-ins, all parishioners, **and all private intentions**.

Also In your prayers please also remember all our men and women who are currently in our Armed Forces who are on active duty. Pray for them, their families, and for their safe return.

Maj. Nathan Jeffcoat - Marines, Lt. Alexandra Jeffcoat - Navy, Lt. Joseph Cleary - Navy, Michael C. Kenney IV - Coast Guard, Joshua Kimple - Army, Lt. Sarah Fogleman, M.D. - Navy CPT.

If you have a family member or someone who you would like listed in the bulletin for the parish prayer chain to pray for, contact:

Mickie Schneider at hlsforts@centurylink.net or 642-8501 or Helen Lagasse @ 352-4339.

The Sanctuary Candle reminds us of the Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Sanctuary Candle in the church is Offered for the month of February In Memory of

Baby Bennett Long

from

Doug & Terry Edwards

For the intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the month of February:

For religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

JUST A REMINDER

IF YOU ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK PLEASE LIKE US AND SHARE!

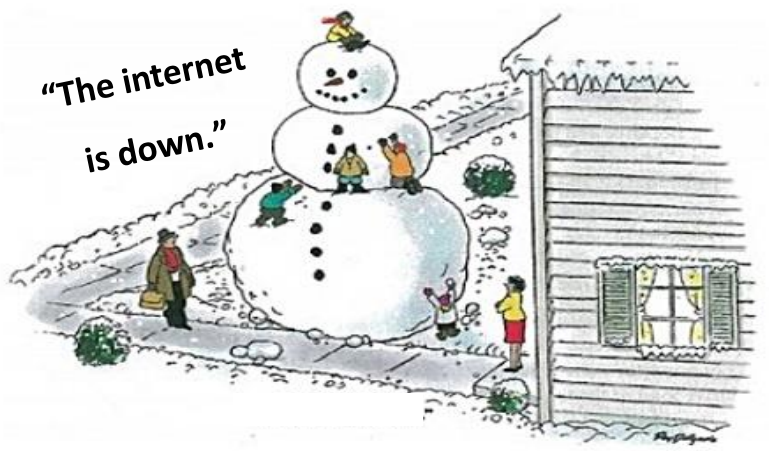
If not, please join us on the St. Ignatius Facebook Page.

Join our page for Daily reflections and other St. Ignatius news.

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

Ministers' Reading Schedule

January 29/30	February 5/6
5:00 pm – Mark Schur	5:00 pm – Cheryl Sobun
8:00 am – Beth Gilbert	8:00 am – Tim McGinn
10:30 am – Mary Lou Graham	10:30 am – Dodie Huete



CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS

The 2021 contribution statements are ready.
Again this year, copies of the contribution statements will be mailed ONLY upon request.
Anyone requesting a copy, please contact Sue in the Parish Office by phone or sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org

A HUGE Thank You to all those who helped with the placement, watering and upkeep of the poinsettias in the church over the Christmas season.

Diana Stouffer & Fr. Dominic

The Knights of Columbus Council #14035 will be accepting donations for The **ARC of Adams County**. The ARC works with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. A donation basket will be in the Narthex. They will continue to collect on the **weekends of Jan. 29 & 30 and Feb. 5 & 6**

The Arc.
Adams County, PA
ADVOCACY & PROTECTION FOR CITIZENS
with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Family Support
Community Relationship
Employment Opportunities
Children's Services Recreation
17 Rice Avenue
Biglerville, PA 17307
717-677-8487
www.arcadamspa.org

Please make any checks to "Knights of Columbus".

Thank you in advance for your understanding and generosity.

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SPECIAL REQUEST

The 2021 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The 2021 Diocesan Annual Campaign (formerly known as the Bishop's Lenten Appeal) is coming to a close this week. Our parish benefits from the many ministries and educational programs that the Diocese supports.

The deadline to complete your commitment is this weekend, January 31, 2022.

100% of the monies collected over our parish goal are returned to the Parish for our use. If all pledges are paid in, St. Ignatius will receive back $9,700.00. You can contact the Parish Office or the Office of Stewardship & Development at the Diocese for more information.

THANK YOU to all those who made a pledge to the 2021 Diocesan Annual Campaign!

Flowers on the Altar are In Loving Memory of:

Donald Redding

from his loving wife, Edna

Women of St. Ignatius Luncheon

Tuesday, February 1 @ 12:30 pm

Join other ladies of the parish at Perkins on Route 30 East for some good food and fellowship. It's a low-key, friendly affair.
All ladies are welcome!
If you have questions please call Sharon McCormley @ 717-401-1144.

STEWARDSHIP BOOKCASE

IS OPEN WITH ALL NEW ITEMS!

NEW ITEMS FOR ALL AGES!

Brochures, Books, and cd's. Stop by and take a closer look!

Congratulations to …

John Joseph Malloy

and

Barbara Lee Rowe

who

celebrated the

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Friday, January 28, 2022

The parishioners of St. Ignatius extend heartfelt prayers for continued blessings & joys!

Congratulations to

Isabella Victoria Haller

son of

Jesse & Alix Haller

who was be Baptized by water and the Holy Spirit on

January 30, 2022.

Keep Isabella and her family always in your love & prayers, and renew the grace of our Baptism in each one of us.

Then I remembered what the LORD had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' Acts 11:16

Society for the Propagation of the Faith Membership Sunday

February 5 & 6

By our baptism, we are called to share our faith with our family and friends, with our neighbors, indeed, with the whole world.

Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the whole world mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the world in more than 1,150 mission dioceses.

In making this commitment, we pledge to…
PRAY daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve.
OFFER REGULAR FINANCIAL HELP in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in missions.

Please say "yes" to this special missionary call next weekend.

The theme chosen this year is Supporting the Missions for 200 years, commemorating the upcoming beatification of Pauline Jaricot who founded the Propagation of the Faith in 1822.

Pauline understood the many difficulties missionaries face. Her desire was to prayerfully and financially support the Church's missionary outreach.

Today, missionaries bring the saving and life giving Gospel to the most vulnerable men, women, and children in over 1,150 mission dioceses.

Your membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith enables the Church to stand in solidarity with God's people, offering faith, hope, and service.

Catholic Schools Week ~ Jan. 30 - Feb. 29

Faith. Excellence. Service.

Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

The annual celebration is an opportunity for Catholic schools across the country to showcase their faith-based education and student success in academics, leadership, volunteerism, the arts and athletics.

Schools also mark the celebration with Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, faculty, parishioners and the larger community. Events often include recognition of first responders, military personnel, community leaders, bus drivers, teachers and volunteers; special lunches with parents or grandparents; volunteer efforts at local food banks; and lively assemblies or games to heighten school spirit.

Through these events and activities, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to the Church, local communities and the nation.

Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, and Mr. Daniel Breen, Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese, announced today that enrollment in the Diocesan Catholic schools has increased by 6.5% over the fall 2020 numbers. This is the first enrollment increase seen in our schools since 2013. The increase equates to more than 580 new students attending the Catholic schools in the Diocese, and represents the single largest one-year increase on record.

“Our 36 Catholic schools continue to strive for excellence in educating nearly 10,000 students across the Diocese. This enrollment increase is positive news for our Catholic school system and is a testimony to the excellent education, in mind, body and spirit, that students receive in our schools,” said Bishop Gainer.

The Diocese has approximately 10,000 students enrolled at 36 schools. High School students in the Diocese typically have a graduation rate over 98% and annually are offered more than $40 million in scholarship funds. Families are always welcome to explore the benefits of a Catholic education. Please visit GoCatholicSchools.org to learn more.

Did you know…

98% of students nationwide who attend Catholic high school graduate. Of those, 86% attend 4-year colleges.

Catholic schools tend to operate as communities rather than bureaucracies, which links to higher levels of teacher commitment, student engagement, and student achievement. Catholic schools save taxpayers more than $24 billion annually.

Help support Catholic Schools not just by money contributions but help out in the school — Be A Volunteer!

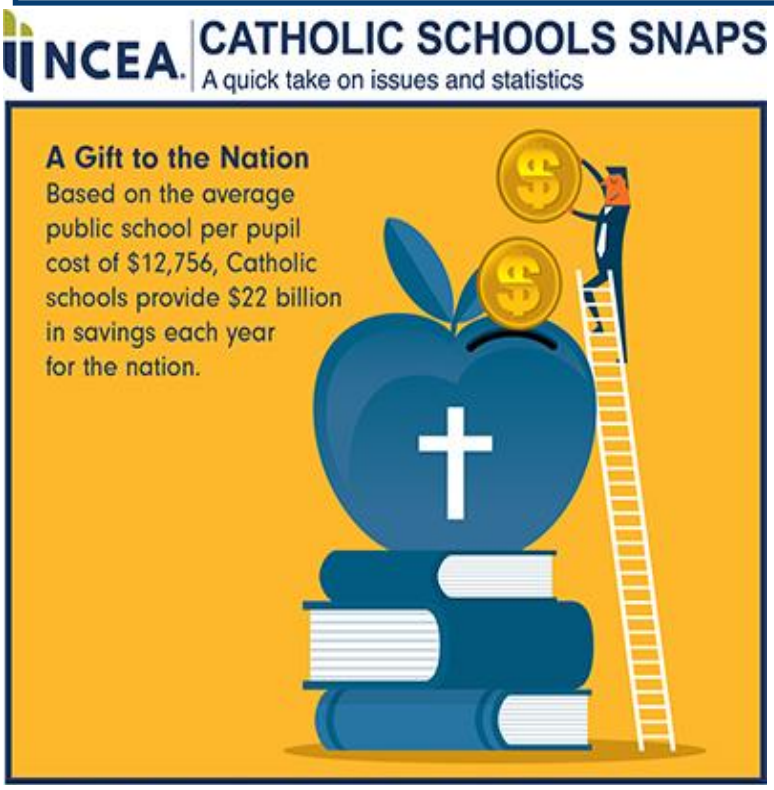
Local Catholic Schools

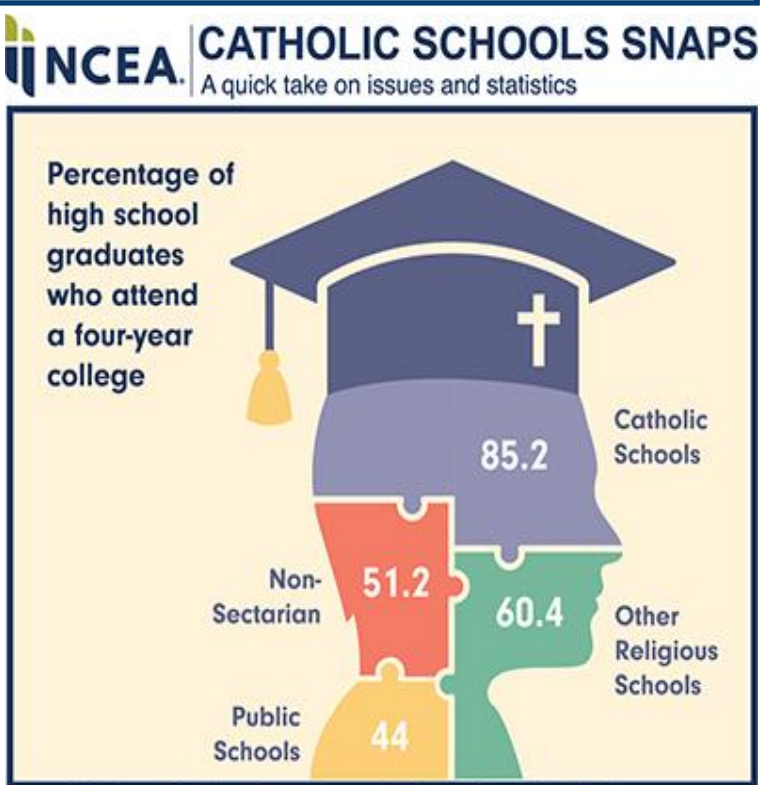
Corpus Christi ~ 717-263-5036 ~ 305 N 2nd Street, Chambersburg
St. Andrews ~ 717-762-3221 ~ 213 E Main Street, Waynesboro
St. Francis Xavier ~ 717-334-4221 ~ 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg
Delone Catholic High School ~ 717-637-5969 ~ 140 S Oxford Avenue, McSherrystown

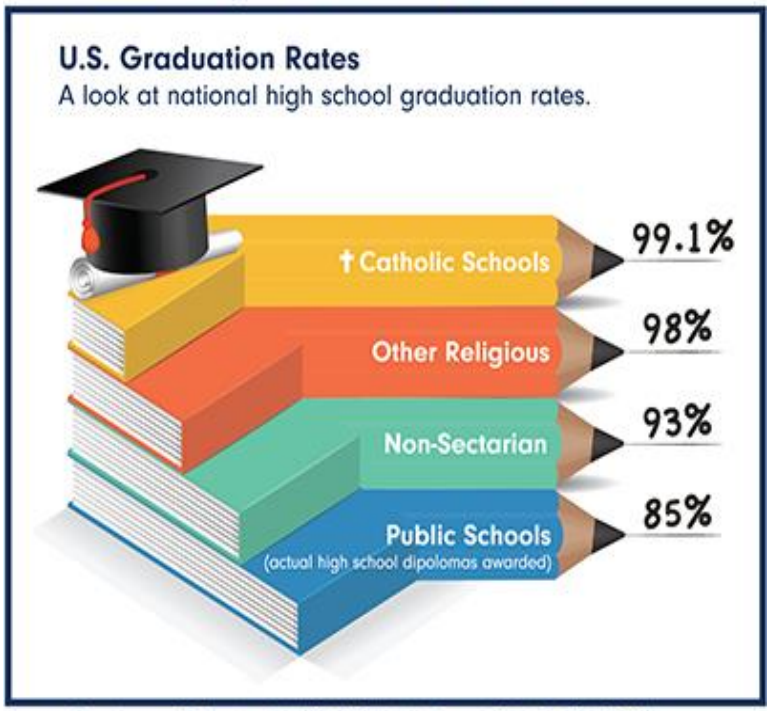
Educate them in a Christian Way of Life!

DISCOVERING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 30 - February 5, 2022







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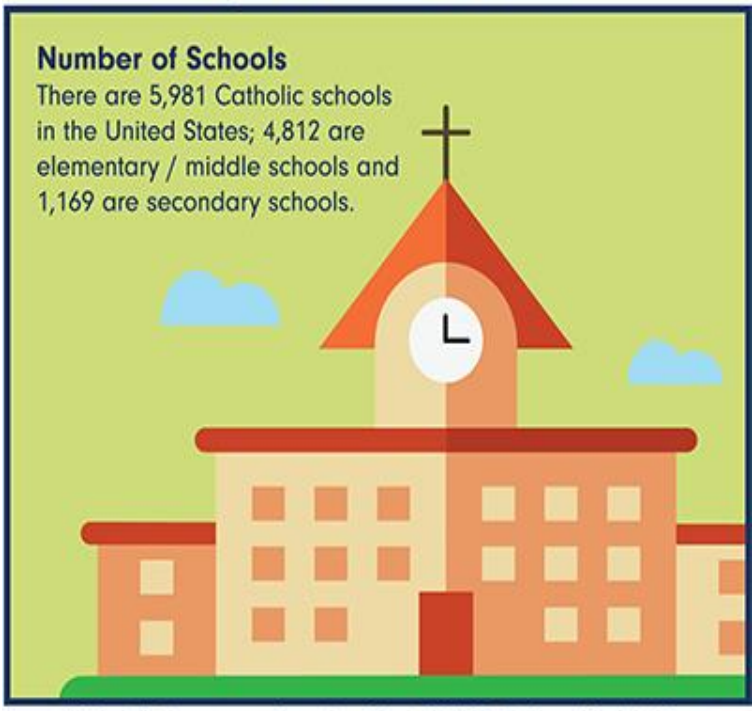

Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2020-2021: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

When to Remove the Christmas Manger

Legitimate Varieties in Customs Exist

ZENIT ("The World Seen from Rome") | December 15, 2015 | by Fr. Edward McNamara

Answered by Legionary of Christ Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy and dean of theology at the Regina Apostolorum University.

Q: *My question is simple but causes confusion among us sometimes: When should the crib/Nativity scene come down in the church? Should it happen before the Baptism of the LORD or afterward?* — M.M., Cape Town, South Africa

A: This and similar questions arise almost every year around this time, so some of what we say now has already been published in earlier pieces. There is not a great deal of what could be deemed "magisterium" on the Christmas crib and other Christmas traditions. Most such traditions are customary and hence are not determined in official norms. Since legitimate varieties in customs do exist, there is not necessarily a right or a wrong answer to this question.

Paintings, mosaics and reliefs have depicted the Nativity from ancient times. It is possible that one of the earliest representations of a crib was a chapel built by Pope Sixtus III (A.D. 432-440) as a representation of the cave of Bethlehem. This tiny chapel, now completely lost, was adjunct to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, whose construction was initiated by the same Pope. The relics believed to be of the original manger were first placed in this chapel in the seventh century and are now found below the basilica's main altar.

There are, however, some official guidelines that manifest Church thinking on the subject of the Crib. On the universal level the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy has some pertinent indications which emphasize the importance of placing a crib at home and in church during this season. Thus, No. 104 states:

"The Crib: As is well known, in addition to the representations of the crib found in churches since antiquity, the custom of building cribs in the home was widely promoted from the thirteenth century, influenced undoubtedly by St. Francis of Assisi's crib in Greccio. Their preparation, in which children play a significant role, is an occasion for the members of the family to come into contact with the mystery of Christmas, as they gather for a moment of prayer or to read the biblical accounts of the LORD's birth."

This is corroborated by No. 111:

"At Midnight Mass, an event of major liturgical significance and of strong resonance in popular piety, the following could be given prominence: […]

"– at the end of Mass, the faithful could be invited to kiss the image of the Child Jesus, which is then placed in a crib erected in the church or somewhere nearby."

The English-language translation of the Book of Blessings (No. 1544) has a blessing for a Nativity scene in church but forbids its placement in the sanctuary. **This rule would not prohibit its placement in the general area of the sanctuary (such as on a side altar no longer used) but would not permit the crèche to be placed around or in front of the altar, chair, ambo or tabernacle.** Nor do I believe that this norm would exclude the custom of placing an image of the infant Jesus in the sanctuary area. This custom is quite common in many places, including St. Peter's Basilica where an image of the Infant is customarily placed on a stand located at ground level in front of the high altar. Besides this image, there is also a fully populated Nativity scene in another part of the basilica and the huge display in the square outside. [EA]

On the national level some bishops' conferences have issued guidelines. For example, the U.S. bishops' conference guidelines on church buildings, "Built of Living Stones," makes some sensible suggestions regarding Advent and Christmas decorations that can be applied everywhere. To wit:

"124. Plans for seasonal decorations should include other areas besides the sanctuary. Decorations are intended to draw people to the true nature of the mystery being celebrated rather than being ends in themselves. Natural flowers, plants, wreaths and fabric hangings, and other seasonal objects can be arranged to enhance the primary liturgical points of focus. The altar should remain clear and free-standing, not walled in by massive floral displays or the Christmas crib, and pathways in the narthex, nave, and sanctuary should remain clear.

"128. Objects such as the Advent wreath, the Christmas crib, and other traditional seasonal appointments proportioned to the size of the space and to the other furnishings can enhance the prayer and understanding of the parish community."

Diocesan bishops may also issue local guidelines which should always be taken into account.

With respect to the question as to when to remove the crib, once more customs vary from place to place, and there is no absolute rule. In some places it may be customary to remove the crib after the Epiphany. In others, and perhaps more commonly, after the feast of the Baptism of the LORD, which marks the end of the official Christmas season in the current calendar.

This feast is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany. However, in those countries that transfer the Epiphany to the Sunday between Jan. 2 and 8, the feast is celebrated on a Monday, Jan. 9, whenever Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and Epiphany falls on Jan. 8. In this case the Christmas season ends on Monday instead of Sunday.

In some countries it is not unusual to retain some Christmas decorations until the feast of the Presentation of the LORD on February 2. [In fact, Saint] John Paul II would make his last visit to the crib in St. Peter's Square after celebrating the evening Mass on Feb. 2. After this visit the Nativity scene was [then] dismantled. [EA]

This corresponds to a longstanding custom in which the eve of Candlemas was the day for removal of Christmas decorations, especially those made of greenery. This tradition is witnessed by poet Robert Herrick (1591-1654) in two of his poems, one of them "Ceremony upon Candelmas Eve":

"Down with the rosemary, and so Down with the bays and mistletoe; Down with the holly, ivy, all, Wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas Hall."

He takes up a similar theme in the first verses of his longer verse, "Ceremonies for Candlemas Eve":

"Down with the rosemary and bays, Down with the mistletoe; Instead of holly, now up-raise, The greener box (for show). The holly hitherto did sway; Let box now domineer, Until the dancing Easter day, Or Easter's eve appear."

Therefore, at the risk of furthering a state of confusion, I can only say that the best option is to maintain what is already customary in each place.

We are looking for volunteers to help take down Christmas decorations on

Saturday, February 5 @ 10:00 am

METROPOLITAN ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA
Ukrainian Catholic
Most Reverend Borys Gudziak
810 North Franklin Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123-2005
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ukrmet@ukrcap.org

January 22, 2022

An Appeal of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the United States:

"Pray for peace and justice for Ukraine.
Be informed.
Support the suffering."

"Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him" (Mt 2,13)

In our Eastern Christian Christmas traditions, we rejoice and celebrate that "God is with us," singing the praises of the Prince of Peace in hymns and carols. Yet as we reread the Nativity account, we encounter the homelessness of the Mother of God, the anguish of Joseph, and the refugee status of the newborn Jesus. Herod appears, a homicidal tyrant craving hegemony, who massacres innocent children in Bethlehem in order to kill the Messiah— a vivid image of the lust for power. Herod's determination to dominate was so overpowering that he even murdered three of his own sons. The Holy Infant bringing salvation to all was a menace to a tyrant pathetically clinging to his self-importance.

During the Christmas season, some 100,000 Russian troops have been positioned on three sides of Ukraine: a nascent democracy, a country on a pilgrimage to freedom and dignity from the fear of a totalitarian past in which 15 million people were killed on Ukrainian territory.

Today, the world watches and wonders: Are religious liberty, a free press, a robust public debate, and accountable government in a sovereign state to be punished through the escalation of an invasion that began in 2014? Is the Ukrainian people's exercise of their God-given dignity a threat to a modern Herod's thirst for power and hegemony?

This is a question of life and death, as nostalgia for an empire lost has led to senseless slaughter and immense suffering throughout Ukraine.

God-given human dignity and freedom threaten rulers who seek to dominate others, build empires, enslave, and colonize. Those with the audacity to resist, who dare to move from the fear of totalitarianism to freedom and dignity are mercilessly punished.

"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more." (Mt 2,18) After eight years of war initiated by Russia, Ukraine has lost a substantial part of its territory.14,000 people, including children, have been killed, 1.5 million have been internally displaced, several hundred thousand agonize near the frontline, and millions suffer from post-traumatic stress. There are 400,000 traumatized Ukrainian veterans of the Russian war and thousands who have lost their loved-ones.

How long will this continue? How many more shattered families, destitute widows and orphans, grieving parents and grandparents? How many more destroyed churches, mosques, and synagogues, schools and hospitals, roads and bridges, homes and apartment buildings, factories and airports? How many more homeless, jobless, and impoverished millions forced to flee their country? How much more mindless, devastating pillaging by foreign-controlled organized crime? How many more devious, paralyzing international cyberattacks? How much more torment of freedom loving citizens and torture of prisoners seized by terrorists? When will this stop?!

Since February 2014, when more than 100 peaceful protestors were killed in cold blood in the heart of Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, to quash demands for dignity, Ukrainian society has lived under a cloud of mourning and grief. Every city and town, and hundreds of villages, have fresh graves—sons and sisters, husbands and daughters, fathers, and grandfathers who gave their lives for what God promises to every human being: freedom and dignity.

The war in Ukraine is real. It kills, maims, and destroys daily. An escalated Russian invasion will generate additional millions of refugees, more dead and injured, more tears and pain. Still, the people of Ukraine courageously endure. As they stand with a gun to their head, they ask for our solidarity.

What can *we* do?

Pray. Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine. God is the Lord of history and the Lover of Humankind. His grace changes the most hardened hearts. Ukraine was brutally invaded, its territory annexed, the society traumatized. May God convert the promoters of violence. May God protect Ukraine and its people from further harm.

Be informed. Know the facts and fight falsehood in a post-truth public debate being warped by Russian disinformation. Inform others. The world cannot look away; you should not look away. Seek and share the truth, which gives authentic freedom and wisdom.

Support. There is a huge humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. People near the frontline often lack the basics—clean water, food, clothes, medicine. Heal the wounds. Help the victims of this senseless invasion. Donations can be sent to: https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate.

May God's gift of human dignity and freedom be honoured and protected in Ukraine and throughout the world!

Give ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not thyself from my supplication…
I am distraught by the noise of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked…
But I will trust in thee. (Ps. 55, 1,2-3; 23)

+Borys Gudziak
Archbishop of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States
Head of the Department of External Church Relations, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

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+Andriy Rabiy
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

Food for the Spirit:

Broken crayons still color...

Upcoming Second Collections:

February

6 ~ Propagation of the Faith Membership Sunday

27 ~ Local Poor

Where's global warming when you really need it?

I will sing of Your salvation.

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday ~ 6:00 - 7:00 pm; or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death. If possible, the Sacrament should also be administered before major surgery or when one is initially hospitalized.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Diocesan policy requires 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. No arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a Baptism preparation class prior to the Baptism if this is your first child baptized. Requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for Information and to register your child for Baptism.

Parish Registration

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. Please contact the parish office to obtain registration forms, or if you are uncertain of the parish where you should register.

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Cemetery
Contact Sue Switzer

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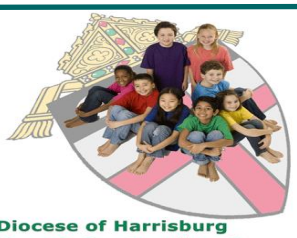
Call the Parish Office for Contact Information



Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program

www.YouthProtectionHBG.com

Abuse Reporting Contact Information

First – Call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 800-932-0313
Then – Call the Diocesan toll-free hotline at 800-626-1608

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it." (*1 Cor* 12:26)