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Fr. Anthony Dill, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

Confessions: Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 11am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—10pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email adorers@hspalmyra.com.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email church@hspalmyra.com.

Sponsor Forms: Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

Bulletin Deadline: Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

OUR MISSION


To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Many of you have told me that you felt the visit from Bishop Senior was a special event in our parish history. From hearing 5th grade confessions and visiting the PREP classrooms, to giving a meaningful homily on Transfiguration moments, to staying at our reception until everyone else had a chance to say hello to him (even though he was going to celebrate Mass at Gettysburg college that evening), Bishop Senior showed his care for us at Holy Spirit. He followed up this week with a thank you letter to me noting how the choir and liturgical ministers were prepared and inspiring and that he loved seeing the people representing their ministries.

Our parish already supports the church at the Diocesan level, but in this bulletin we have included some other testimonies of things happening around the bishop's office. I think we will continue to see Bishop Senior's vision develop and expand to match his leadership style.

We are currently collecting for the Diocesan Annual Campaign to help support Diocesan ministries. You can see how much our parish is asked to pay in this bulletin as well as a QR code that allows you to make a payment to the DAC if you wish.

 Please pray for the souls of
Richard Grimes & Jill Longchamp,
who recently passed

TITHING: GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 3/3/2024	\$ 14,654
Focused Giving Enhancements	\$1,670
Easter	\$ 315
Holy Thursday	\$ 95
Holy Land	\$ 75

2024 DAC GOAL: \$118,646

You can send your donation directly to the diocese or make an online donation at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/diocesan-annual-campaign/donate/>. Or use the QR code below to donate.
Select Church of the Holy Spirit.



CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of
Jim & My Dad (From Kathie)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn in loving memory of
Victor Yanchuleff (From Ann Yanchuleff)

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

9:00am Mass

† William Simpson

4:00pm Shine Fitness

6:00pm Spanish Mass

The Living Intention &
Good Health of Michele A.

7:00pm AF Lenten Book Study

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16

3:30pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group; Migrant Justice Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

4:30pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† Bev Uffner

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm WATW Lenten Book Study

7:00pm RCIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

9:00am Mass

† Gerard Follo

7:00pm Sunday Choir, KofC Officers; St. Paul's Penance Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Wis 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10, 25-30

7:00am Mass

† Matilda Stover

3:00pm — 7:00pm Fish Fry

7:10pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

8:00am Men's Ministry

10:00am Rosary Hershey Cemetery Cleaning

4:00pm Mass

† Bartley F. Kaminski

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

(5th Sunday of Lent)

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

8:30am Mass

For the People of the Parish

9:30am CGS-6th Grade PREP; 2nd Gr Parent Meeting

11:00am Mass

† Ildefonso Pabalan

1:00pm Italian Mass

The Living Intention of the
Italian Apostolate

6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

7:30pm Mental Health Course

A Message from Rich Druby



As most of you know, my name is Rich Druby. I have been blessed to be a parishioner here at Holy Spirit for the last twenty-nine years, and have had the honor of being the choir director and organist for the last twenty-one years. However, you may not know that I will shortly be completing my third year (of five) of Diaconate discernment, and my first year as a Diaconate Candidate. This May, I will be installed as a Lector. God willing, I will be installed as an Acolyte in 2025, and will be ordained as a deacon in 2026, along with the other fifteen Candidates in my cohort.

This discernment journey has changed my life. While I am a “Cradle Catholic,” I did not realize how much I did not know about my faith. The program has given me the gift of both educational and spiritual growth. The richness and beauty of the Word has become much clearer, and I have become more keenly aware of the presence of God in my life, and my responsibility to be “Christ the Servant” to others.

I have commented to others that I feel like I have lived my life backwards. Previously, my faith had been more of a crutch, something I could count on in hard times, while focusing on my daily tasks, which I gave more apparent priority. In the last two and a half years, I have learned to first consider what God is calling me to do in every moment and consider how my decisions and actions can affect my own salvation, and the salvation of those with whom I come in contact.

I credit this change to the exemplary work of those who are responsible for our diaconate training and discernment at both the Diocese of Harrisburg and the Pontifical College Josephinum (“PCJ”) in Ohio. At the PCJ, our studies are broken down into trimesters, lasting twelve weeks each, during which we take two courses online. Our cohort also meets at the Diocesan Center with our formators every other Tuesday evening and one Saturday per month. The program is both challenging and rewarding.

However, none of this could be possible without your support of the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Your contribution to the DAC helps pay for our tuition at the PCJ, and the cost of other materials we use at the Diocese. Your financial help is crucial to the success of the diaconate program, and others.

I would like to say, “Thank you!” for making this opportunity possible for me, and my brother Candidates.

Rest assured that you will remain in my prayers, and I humbly ask that you continue to pray for me, and my fellow Candidates, as we continue on this journey.

May God bless you all!

A Message from Cole Mase

The Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) is a campaign in which the whole diocese comes together to provide for the needs of the whole local church community for the upcoming year. As a seminarian over the last five years, I can say that the DAC goes a long way in aiding young men who are discerning and being formed for the priesthood. In my personal experience, the DAC has allowed my brother seminarians and I the opportunity to discern faithfully the call of God in our lives in the environment of seminary. The seminary provides us with the tools of discernment and a place to grow in both spiritual and intellectual knowledge of God. During my time in the seminary, funds from the DAC have certainly supported things such as: seminary tuition, book stipends for each semester, and vocation events for new discerners.

For me personally, I have had an amazing journey during my time in seminary. I have grown a lot and learned more clearly who God is. There have been times of joy and times of challenge. I have had the opportunity to serve in great parishes over the summer and was even given the chance to learn Spanish in Mexico last year so as to better serve the needs of the people. All of this would be impossible without the support the people of the diocese show to the DAC.

As the diocese looks to grow the number of vocations of young men to the priesthood, so as to support our many parishes and ministries, the generosity of the people of God becomes more and more important. The church needs the support of faithful and joy filled Catholics in order to effectively prepare for the future needs of the parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg. I have seen and experienced the devotion and dedication of the Church in Harrisburg during my time in the seminary, and at Holy Spirit in Palmyra we have always embodied that spirit of hope and renewal.

I thank you all for the support you have shown me and the diocese.

A Message from Janet Parks



A not widely known fact is that the Diocese of Harrisburg has a consolidated banking system. In most Dioceses, the parishes all operate independently from each other. These parishes use their own cash and resources to pay their bills, payroll, etc. In our Diocese, we have a consolidated system where each week our collection information is sent to the Diocese. There, our money is held under Holy Spirit finances in the accounts that are designated. The same is true regarding invoices. The invoices are coded for payment and are submitted to the Diocese. The Accounts Payable team will then process the invoices and send payment to the various vendors. Some of our DAC dollars goes to the Departments at the Diocese that we work closely with – HCAS (Cash Receivables, Payables, Payroll, etc.), which is one that I personally work with closely. Some may think that this system is not beneficial but in reality it is. If a parish is operating in the red, they are still able to continue to pay their bills by using this system until May of each fiscal year; at which time they will either need to be able to operate in the black or take a loan from the Diocese to cover their loss. Not only do I need to report our information to the Diocese but each month, I also need to verify what the Diocese is posting to our accounts. So we work in tandem watching over Holy Spirit's finances. I am accountable to Fr. Anthony, to the Parish, and to the Diocese while the Diocese is accountable to Holy Spirit. A small portion of our DAC funds help to contribute to the workings of the HCAS Department. In the past, Holy Spirit has had to bring legal action against vendors for work not completed properly, our DAC dollars paid for the Diocesan lawyers to get involved and make sure the vendors corrected the work with no cost to Holy Spirit. Many do not see the behind the scenes work that goes on between the Diocese and our parish but I do rely on them just as they rely on me to do the work at Holy Spirit under the guidelines of the Diocese.

Although your DAC dollars do not come directly to Holy Spirit, we do experience the benefits whether it is by working with HCAS, the Tribunal, Property & Grounds, the Development Office, Communications, Education or Family Life. Many programs are subsidized through the Diocese because Parishes could not afford to offer them on their own. Your DAC Pledges, combined with those throughout the Diocese, benefit all of us, Parishes and Schools, with offering various programs either free or at a minimal cost. Some such programs that your DAC donations subsidize are Marriage Mentors, Eucharistic Minister training, Buildings & Grounds conferences, DAC & HCAS seminars, and various educational seminars just to name a few.

One other benefit that most do not realize is any dollar we collect on the DAC that is above and beyond our assessment is returned to Holy Spirit. In my time here at Holy Spirit, we have had only one year that we surpassed our DAC assessment and received close to \$6,000 back to the church. We used those funds for the next year to help with our shortfall.

Thank you for your support of the DAC and the various programs, outside of my office, that benefit Holy Spirit.

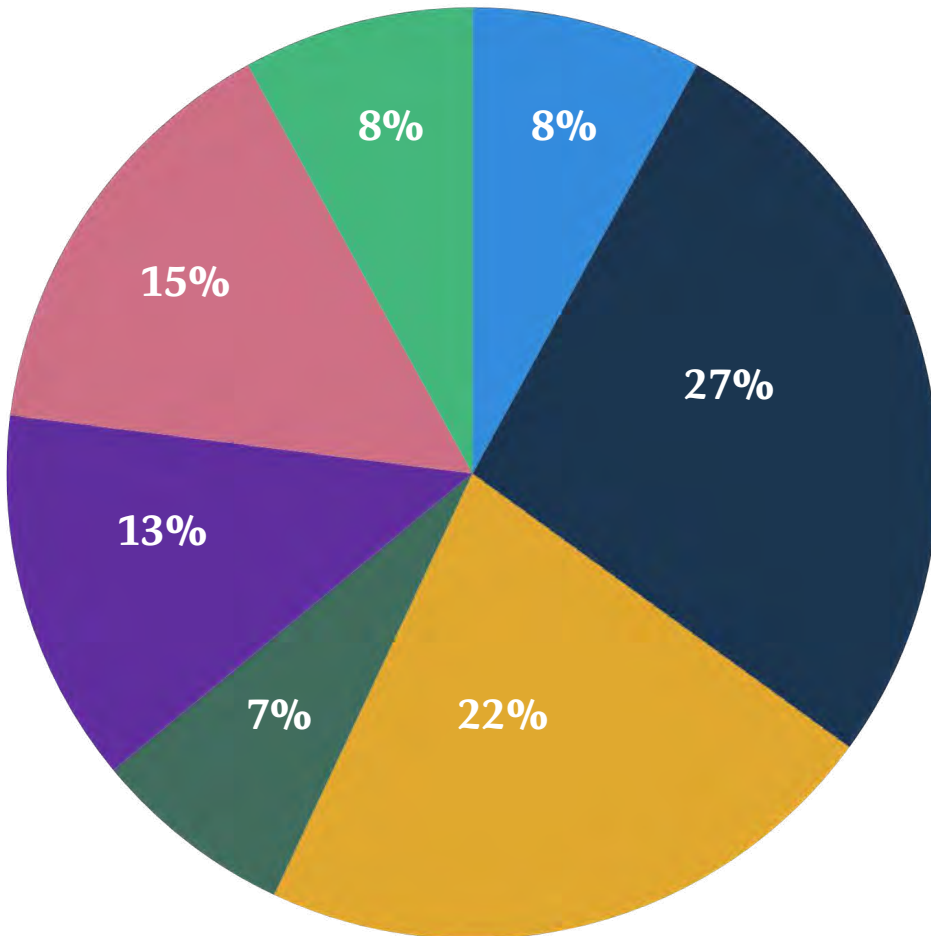
2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) provides the vast majority of the financial resources needed to operate Diocesan ministries and programs, which in turn provide support for many parish level programs.

The DAC partners with our parishes and the faithful,

working together to strengthen the ministries and outreach, and further the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese.

In 2023, our goal was to raise \$7,339,816 to support these ministries. Below is a breakdown of how DAC gifts were distributed to these programs.



Evangelization (27%) includes support for our Multicultural, Campus, Youth and Young Adult, and Family and Respect Life Ministries; Parish ministry support and Communications.

Parish support (22%) includes preservation of Parish records, **Youth Protection**, continuing formation for clergy and religious, Liturgical materials and Canonical assistance through the Tribunal.

Vocations (7%) support our seminarians and those in formation as Permanent Deacons.

Support for the **Bishop's Office (13%)**, the Priests Retirement Center and supplemental medical for our clergy.

Educational programing (15%) supports the work of our Parish based Catholic schools and Catholic high schools, our Parish Religious Education programs, catechist formation, the Principal's Academy, and Catholic Scouting.

Administrative operations (8%) include the Office of the Vicar General and our Development office, which covers the Campaign cost.

The DAC funding provides a portion of the financial resources needed for **Catholic Charities (8%)** to operate their more than 20 programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS FRIDAY AT 7:10PM

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL FORMS ARE DUE TODAY,
MARCH 10, AT NOON**

1st Communion Parent Meeting

Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion are reminded of the parent meeting next Sunday, March 17, at 9:30am in the Social Hall. At least one parent must attend.

PREP Registration 2024-25

Registration for the 2024-25 PREP year has begun. Registration forms and information were sent home with the students attending in-person and are available near the bulletin in the east end entrance hallway. If your child is currently not registered in our program, please come by the office to complete a registration form or pick up a form near the PREP bulletin board.

Lenten Penance Services 2024

St. Benedict, Lebanon: Sunday, March 10, 7pm

St. Paul, Annville: Thursday, March 14, 7pm

St. Cecilia, Lebanon: Sunday, March 17, 2pm

St. Joan of Arc, Hershey: Sunday, March 17, 7pm

Holy Spirit, Palmyra: Monday, March 18, 7pm

Mary Gate of Heaven, Myerstown: Tuesday, March 26, 6:30pm

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to this collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Caring Cupboard

Please pick up a canvas bag for CARING CUPBOARD and return your filled bag next weekend. Their wish list this month is **Canned meats**: tuna, Spam, and chicken and **Canned vegetables & fruit**: yams, mixed vegetables, corn, & fruit.

Were you Married in 1974?

In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass with Bishop Senior on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 2pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Please email us your name & address (include both names) to church@hspalmyra.com by Monday, April 1.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, at 11am, rain or shine. All children 12 years old and under are welcome to participate. There will be a coloring contest, punch and cookies, plus a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Adult Faith Mental Health Sanctuary Course

Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, these introductory sessions explore key mental health topics and provide a springboard for discussing ministering to mental health among the church community. Join us on Sunday evenings, March 10 & 17, April 7 & 14 from 7:30pm — 9pm in the 3rd grade classroom. No pre-registration or pre-readings are necessary. Email Julie or Nicole at mentalhealth@hspalmyra.com for more information.

Italian Mass for the Feast of Saint Joseph

Holy Spirit will host the Italian Mass for the feast of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 17, at 1pm, with Rev. Joshua Brommer and Rev. Anthony Dill. There will be a dinner reception following Mass, with a traditional St. Joseph Altar in the Social Hall.

Seder Meal on Palm Sunday

Please join us as we celebrate a Passover Ceremony on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 6pm in Agape Hall. Sign up in the narthex and please **bring your own silverware**.

FROM OUR ADORATION CHAPEL



"Be still and know that I am God." Silence is so powerful a language that it reaches the throne of the living God. Silence is His language, though secret, yet still living and powerful. Like St. Faustina, we need to spend time in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord to let Him minister to us with His healing & merciful love. The most important thing to realize about visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is that you don't have to do anything. All you have to do is "be present to the One who is present to you." Visit Jesus in our Adoration Chapel and consider becoming a regular adorer. Contact the coordinator, Bart Kaminski, at 717-838-3369 x 111.

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