

First Sunday of Lent



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things this person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors “bug” you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Sean Bollinger
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Craig Obert
Mon.	7:00p.m.	Jim Murren
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Mary “Mim” Gebhart
Wed.	8:30a.m.	Nadine E. Neiderer
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Eugene G. and Mary E. Groft
Fri.	7:00p.m.	John Robitaille
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ed Kuhn
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Katherine Sneeinger

Offertory Procession

Sat. Feb. 24 th	5:30p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Montgomery
Sun. Feb. 25 th	7:30a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Noel
	10:00a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Doug Stonesifer family

This weekend we welcome _____ the newest member into

our Parish _____ family through



the Sacrament of *Baptism*
Conor Allen O’Neal,
son of Aaron O’Neal and Katherine Otten.
Congratulations to the new family!

The Lenten weekday Mass schedule:

Mon. and Fri. evenings at 7:00p.m.
Tues. and Thurs. mornings at 8:00a.m.
Wed. morning, 8:30a.m.

Stations of the Cross will be held Wed. evenings at 7:00p.m.

From the Pastor: St Irenaeus on our purpose in this world, excerpted from the *Liturgy of the Hours*:

In the beginning God created Adam, not because he needed man, but because he wanted to have someone on whom to bestow his blessings. Not only before Adam but also before all creation, the Word was glorifying the Father in whom he dwelt, and was himself being glorified by the Father. The Word himself said: *Father, glorify me with that glory I had with you before the world was.*

Nor did the Lord need our service. He commanded us to follow him, but his was the gift of salvation. To follow the Savior is to share in salvation; to follow the light is to enjoy the light. Those who are in the light do not illuminate the light but are themselves illuminated

and enlightened by the light. They add nothing to the light; rather, they are beneficiaries, for they are enlightened by the light. The same is true of service to God: it adds nothing to God, nor does God need the service of man. Rather, he gives life and immortality and eternal glory to those who follow and serve him. He confers a benefit on his servants in return for their service and on his followers in return for their loyalty, but he receives no benefit from them. He is rich, perfect and in need of nothing.

If you need a donation statement for tax purposes please call the Parish Office at 717-637-2721.

Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Catholic Church of New Oxford will hold their monthly “All-You-Can-Eat” Turkey Dinner on Sun. Feb. 18th in the Parish Hall, located behind the Church, from 11:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Ticket prices are: \$9.00 for adults \$4.00 for children (6-12) Under age 6 – free.

The Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing at St. Vincent de Paul Church with Rev. John Szada, Jr. as celebrant, has been rescheduled for Wed. Feb. 21st at 7:00p.m.

Please note our annual Lenten Appeal will begin next weekend Feb. 24th and 25th and continue for 3 weeks of in pew pledges and donations. Please be generous.

A Cash Bingo sponsored by the Delone Catholic Athletic Assoc. and the Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg will be Sat. Feb. 24th at Delone Catholic’s Cafeteria. Cost is \$15 per ticket which includes a roast turkey platter and 20 games of regular bingo paying \$50 per game. Doors open at 4:00p.m. dinner served from 5:00-6:15 and Bingo starts at 6:30p.m. Door prizes will be given out. No children under the age of 6 are permitted. Contact Patty Smith for tickets. 717-451-7618.

Come Celebrate the Feast of Saint of Patrick, Patron Saint of the Diocese of Hbg. and the Diocesan 150th Anniversary Prayer Vigil on Fri. Mar. 2nd at 7:00p.m. The opening Mass for the Anniversary Year will be Sat. Mar. 3rd. at 10a.m. Both events will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 6150 Allentown Blvd. Hbg.

Conewago District Council of Catholic Women will host a Lenten Day of Reflection on Sat. Mar. 10th at St. Joseph Church Social Hall, 5125 Grandview Rd. Hanover. Registration begins at 12:00Noon. There will be 2 presentations by Rev. Michael Reid the day will conclude at 3:00p.m. All women are welcome.

The 2018 Diocese of Hbg. Men’s Conference entitled “Men of Mary, Mercy and the Eucharist” will be held Sat. Mar. 10th at Bishop McDevitt High School. Pamphlets with registration forms are in the vestibule of the Church in the pamphlet racks.

Emmanuel UCC presents “Pianos in Paradise” on Sun. Mar. 11th at 3:00p.m. 124 Broadway Hanover. Music of Claude Bolling, Ferrante and Teicher will be played by Don Horneff and David Kreider. All are welcome.

In anticipation of the Easter season, PLEASE remove the Christmas decorations from the Cemetery by Mar. 12th.

St. Patrick Patch Workshop for Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls will be held Sat. Mar.17th from 1:00 - 4:15p.m. at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Hbg. Confession will be available during the workshop. There will be Mass following the workshop at 4:30p.m.

The Adventure Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Abbottstown is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC. On Thurs. Apr. 5th to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit the tomb of Christ. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is \$76 which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre 717-633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus. Deadline is Mar. 26th.

St. Teresa of Calcutta School News

The School is now enrolling students in Kindergarten – 8th grade for the 2018-2019 academic year. For more information on the enrollment process, please visit the school’s website: www.stck8school.org or call the Business Office at 717-637-3135. Multi-child discounts and Tuition Assistance available.

A Designer Bag and Alex & Ani Jewelry Bingo will be held Sun. Mar. 18th at Irishtown Fire Co. 934 Irishtown Rd. New Oxford. Doors open at 11:30a.m. and games begin at 1:00p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Only 300 tickets will be sold and each person in attendance must have a paid ticket to be admitted. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets in advance, please call 717-632-8715.

School Stations of the Cross will be held Fri. Feb. 23rd at 2:00p.m. in the Basilica.