

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

SUNDAY - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Cyril J. and Beatrice M. Rickrode (Bob Smith)

11:00 a.m. Dennis Maletz

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. Fred Hopper (Ann.)

TUESDAY - *Saint Francis of Paola*

10:00 a.m. **Brethren Home** - Clyde P. and Wanita Orner (Estate)

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Rita Bucher (Lana Eline)

THURSDAY - *St. Isidore*

NO MASS

FIRST FRIDAY - *Abstinence*

9:00 a.m. Douglas Zumbum (Ann.) (Nancy and Katie Zumbum)

7:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Clyde P. and Wanita Orner (Estate)

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY - *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth and Pasquale Rizzito (Lee and Theresa Stewart)

11:00 a.m. Steven Bittell (Ann.) (Marilyn Bittell)

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Loose Change Collection - Love of Neighbor
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. in the parish center

Bingo - Doors open at 12 Noon and Bingo starts at 1:30 p.m.

Monday - RCIA - 7:00 p.m. in the parish center

Wednesday - Parish Office - Closed

Next Sunday - Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services
Coffee and Donut Social - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center

Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. in the Parish Center

Adams Deanery Lenten Penance Services

Sunday, March 31 at 2:00 p.m. - St. Vincent

Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. - St. Aloysius

Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. - St. Francis Xavier

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. - Annunciation

Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph the Worker

Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart

Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday Collection Budget\$400,000.00
Weekly Total Needed\$7,692.00

3/24/19

Adult Weekly Collection.....\$4,910.00
Adult Online Giving (3/18 to 3/22)\$505.00
Children's Weekly Collection.....\$3.50
Weekly Collection Total\$5,418.50
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit**.....**\$2,273.50**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit****\$33,807.33**

Gift Certificate Program – The sales for this past week were **\$320.00 with a profit of \$16.00**. The next Scrip order is due the weekend of April 13/14. The completed order will be ready for pick up after all Masses the following weekend.

REMINDER: 1st Communion Retreat will be Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The retreat will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary and will be led by Sr. Rosanne.

ATTENTION: Confirmand Service Hours are due Sunday, April 7. The absolute, latest deadline for submission of all materials for Confirmation and/or 1st Communion is Sunday, April 14.

HersheyPark Discount Tickets On Sale Now! Ticket prices are as follows: Gate Admission for ALL Ages (3+) **\$35.50**, Prepaid Meal Ticket **\$11.99**, Snack Voucher **\$3.50** and Prepaid Parking Passes **\$7.50**. Order forms are available in the back of church. Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Church and return to the parish office **BY MONDAY, APRIL 29**.

Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop is having a BIG SALE, 50% OFF EVERYTHING IN THE STORE! Sale starts Monday, April 1 and ends on Saturday, April 6. Shop hours are Monday to Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Questions can be directed to Pat Slonaker at 717-624-1272.

Life in the Spirit Seminar - Let the healing power of the Holy Spirit penetrate more deeply into yourself. Seek growth in your union with God. Join us Mondays starting April 22, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Social Hall of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 6084 West Canal Road, Abbottstown, PA. This Life in the Spirit Seminar will last for 6 weeks. For information phone or text Janet at 717-259-7798 or email at nocfp@yahoo.com.

Retreat on April 13 at the Seton Shrine for Lent. During Lent, include a retreat at the Seton Shrine as part of your journey. Foundations for the Spiritual Life is the theme for the April 13 retreat, and will be led by Brother Thomas Mary of Jesus, Er. Carm., of the Hermits of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Fairfield, PA. This retreat has three meditations based on the teachings of Carmelite mystics. It includes time for private prayer, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass. The retreat is geared toward adults, but youth are welcome to participate. The cost is \$35/person, and includes lunch. To attend, register at setonshrine.org/retreats.

A special thanks to **George H. Bixler Inc.** for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin. Please remember to support our weekly sponsors.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Henny Noel Memorial Golf Tournament

The 26th Annual Henny Noel Memorial Golf Tournament is being held on Saturday, June 8 at Cedar Ridge Golf Course, Gettysburg, PA with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Highlight your business with a sponsorship package or register a foursome for the tournament. Registration forms and sponsorship information is available at www.delonecatholic.org under Alumni & Advancement or by contacting the Advancement Office at 717-637-5969 x 211.

Diocesan Men's Conference – April 6, 2019 - The Diocesan Men's Conference is Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is *Men Called to be Saints*. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. John Bergsma, noted Catholic author, speaker, Bible expert, and theology professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The title of his keynote address is *The Top 3 Reasons I Became Catholic and Always Will Be: Perspectives from a Former Protestant Pastor*. Besides the keynote, the Men's Conference includes 40+ workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, opportunity for Confession, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, fellowship with up to 1,000 men from around the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond, and more. Registration deadline is April 1st. Cost is \$35 per man. If you register by the end of March 25th, you get the "early-bird" fee of just \$30 per man. You can register now at www.hbgdiocese.org/men. We'd love to see you April 6th!

Rest in Peace - Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Janet Groft** (mother of Dave Groft) and **Jean Overbaugh**. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace with the Lord.

Thank you for your generous donations to the *Tender Care Baby Bottle Project*. Our donations totaled **\$2,493.50**.

The **Children's Rosary Group** will be meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. Rosaries and booklets are provided.

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in need of more adorers. The following hours need covered: Sunday at **6:00 a.m.**, Monday at **12:00 a.m.** and 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, **5:00 a.m.**, **7:00 a.m.**, 9:00 a.m. and **10:00 p.m.**, Wednesday at **2:00 a.m.** and **6:00 p.m.**, Thursday at **12:00 a.m.** and 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m., **4:00 p.m.**, **5:00 p.m.** and **9:00 p.m.** The hours in bold are in desperate need. "*Can you spend just one hour with our Lord?*" Contact Gloria Murren at 717-479-1071.

TRAVEL THE WORLD...and never leave home - SHARE! Northeast is looking for volunteer host families for foreign students who would like to learn first-hand about the American Way of Life. Students arrive in August to spend a semester or academic year studying at local high schools. For more information, please contact your local coordinator Maryanne Biddison at 717-624-4967. You may also call the SHARE! Northeast Regional Office, toll-free at 1-866-900-3738.

Free Flute Concert at the Seton Shrine on April 7 at 3:30 p.m. Featuring the Frederick Flute Choir and Mt. St. Mary's Flute Ensemble. Both groups will play classical music selections on flutes that include the wider flute family, like the piccolo, C flute, alto flute, bass flute and contrabass flute. Plus, performers will demonstrate these unique instruments for the audience by playing brief music excerpts. The free concert takes place in the Basilica at the Shrine, 339 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD.

Adult help needed in the craft and snack areas for the **New Oxford Vacation Bible School** to be held June 23 through June 27 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Dawn Smith at 717-965-2559.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: A training session for new ministers, and for those needing renewed mandates, will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Spring Grove, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is needed. Contact the parish office ASAP in order to register. All new applicants must also schedule an interview with Fr. Letteer before the application is sent in. Deacon Tom Aumen will be the presenter.

Were you married in 1969? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office.

What men conceal is open to God. Turn to Him with a sincere heart. Live in such a way that you bring upon yourselves the blessing of God, and that the peace of God our Father may be with you always.

-St. Francis of Paola (146-1507), Patron saint of boatman, naval offices, Feast Day April 2

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND - WHP-TV channel 21 (CBS) at 7:30 a.m. Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Catholic Senior Girl for her freshman year at an accredited college, university, or trade school. Applicants must be sponsored by a Mother or Grandmother/Guardian who is a member of a Parish Council of Catholic Women, is a resident of the Harrisburg Diocese, and must meet all conditions established by the Scholarship Committee. Anyone interested in applying should contact Joyce Scott, Scholarship Chair, at 717-737-0927 or email to joynbob10@aol.com. The application deadline is May 1, 2019.

New Hope Ministries Wish List consists of the following items: Coffee, mixed fruit, Manwich Sloppy Joe Mix and Hot dogs. Items may be taken directly to New Hope Ministries located at 120 North Peters Street, New Oxford. Thank you for your generosity.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar - *We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?*



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 all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org.catholic-relief.