

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY - *Saint Andrew*

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

SUNDAY - *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Cletus and Mary Billman Family (Chris Noel)
Lloyd Kell (Scott, Lorraine and Eric Rife)

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. Joseph Pirozzi (Brad and Carol Bennett)

TUESDAY - *Saint Francis Xavier*

10:00 a.m. **Brethren Home** - Intention of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY - *Saint John Damascene*

7:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of Joseph Azzara Family (Grace Azzara)

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FIRST FRIDAY - *Saint Nicholas*

9:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kuhn and Family (Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Kuhn)

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint Ambrose*

8:00 a.m. John Kuhn (Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Kuhn)

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY - *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Robert G. Smith, Sr. (Bob Smith)

11:00 a.m. Susan and Erik Norton (Miller Family)

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Coffee and Donut Social - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the parish center cafeteria.

Choir Practice - 9:00 a.m.

Religious Education - No Class

Monday - Parish Office - Closed

Saturday - Immaculate Conception Winterfest - 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the New Oxford Social Club Pavilion.

Next Sunday - Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious

Choir Practice - 9:00 a.m.

Religious Education Class - 9:15 a.m.

Certificate Sales - There are two chances remaining to place your Christmas gift card orders, **the weekends of Nov. 30/Dec. 1 and Dec. 7/8**. The first order for 2020 will be due January 11/12. Thank you to everyone who helps by purchasing gift cards.

Retirement Fund for Religious - Give in Thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar - *At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

11/24/19

Adult Weekly Collection..... will be printed asap
Adult Online Giving (11/18 to 11/22).....\$
Children's Weekly Collection.....\$
Weekly Collection Total\$
Weekly Surplus/Deficit.....\$
Y-to-D Surplus/Deficit\$33,589.32

Immaculate Conception Winterfest will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the New Oxford Social Club Pavilion. There will be a variety of vendors, a cookie walk and raffles. Breakfast and lunch will be served. **Volunteers are needed on Friday, December 6 to help set up and on Saturday, December 7 both during the bazaar and for clean up.** This is a great student service hour opportunity. Please contact Becky Arter at 717-451-6860.



Cookie bakers needed! Please consider using your time and talent to bake a batch or more of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies for the Immaculate Conception Church Winterfest. The Winterfest will be held on December 7, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please contact Sandy Bladen at 717-624-7566 or 717-476-4798 or via email at sbladens@gmail.com. We need a large variety and amount of cookies. Cookies can be dropped off at the church office, New Oxford Social Club Pavilion or individualized arrangements can be made as needed. Please include your name, phone number, kind of cookies and the amount (doz.). This has been a great fundraiser in the past.

Rosary for America...Every second Saturday we gather on the Square of New Oxford at 12 Noon to pray the Rosary for America. Please come and pray with us if you can. **The next date is December 7.**

You can catch the movie *Faustina: Love and Mercy* at RC Theaters, 380 Eisenhower Drive, Hanover on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. (2 hr). Jesus appeared to **Faustina Kowalska** as the **King of Mercy**. The gripping new docudrama *Love and Mercy* presents unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that **shed new light** on the vision of **Faustina**.

Following the baptisms, the new Christians return to their homes and come back with their wives and families to be in their turn prepared for baptism.

-St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Patron of Catholic Missions,
Feast Day December 3

Religious Education Online...

All paperwork required for the religious education program can be accessed online. Visit the parish website (www.icbvmnewoxford.org) and click the "RE Google Folder" link under the Religious Education tab (drop down under "Faith Formation" tab on the homepage.) All Confirmation files are included as well! Communication will be primarily via email. If you are not receiving emails for RE, please email Mr. Jesse Read at jread@hbgiocese.org.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Deanery Advent Penance Services

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents."

St. Francis Xavier	Monday, December 2	7:00 p.m.
ICBVM, New Oxford	Tuesday, December 10	7:00 p.m.
Annunciation	Wednesday, December 11	7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Basilica	Saturday, December 14	10:00 a.m.
St. Vincent	Sunday, December 15	2:00 p.m.
IHM, Abbottstown	Tuesday, December 17	7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph, Hanover	Wednesday, December 18	7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph the Worker	Thursday, December 19	7:00 p.m.
St. Aloysius	Saturday, December 21	10:00 a.m.



Please pick a gift tag off the Angel Tree for a child or adult who would greatly appreciate something special for Christmas. **All gifts must be returned to the church or rectory no later than Sunday, December 15** so that they can be delivered in time for Christmas. **When returning your wrapped gifts PLEASE attach the tag to the OUTSIDE of the package, without the tags the gifts cannot be delivered to the right people.** Also, we have learned that these families shop using food stamps. Therefore, items like paper towels, personal care products, and cleaning and laundry items and are not included. If you can, please buy one or more of these items and bring them with you when you deliver your gifts.



Christmas Flower Memorials - The cost of the Christmas Flowers will be \$10 each. Envelopes are included in your monthly mailing this year, however, if you did not receive one there are some in the back of church. The deadline to be included in the bulletin insert will be Sunday, December 15.

A special thanks to **Miller Hanover Insurance** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas starring *Frank Runyeon* - Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, 950 W. Market St., York. Tickets are \$10 per adult, children 18 years and under are free. Tickets are available at the school, church office or after weekend Masses or purchased online at <https://saintroseoflimayork.weshareonline.org>. Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time: From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of the Christmas Angel himself! Frank Runyeon has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 year...opposite Meg Ryan on AS THE WORLD TURNS, on SANTA BARBARA, FALCON CREST, GENERAL HOSPITAL, LA LAW and MELROSE PLACE. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

When Grief Colors the Holidays - *Dealing with grief during the holidays and special occasions* - This program is presented by WellSpan Health Spiritual Care and Education on Thursday, December 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital, 147 Gettys St., Gettysburg. The speaker will be Very Rev. Vasyl Marchak. The program provides strategies and coping mechanisms for dealing with grief during all holidays and special occasions through lecture, discussion and interaction. Registration required; please call 717-851-2305.

2020 Calendars have arrived and are available for pick in the back of church. We would like to thank **Feiser Funeral Home Inc.** for providing them to the parish.

Daily Mass on days with Inclement Weather

With the onset of the Winter Season, we may be experiencing mornings when driving conditions are hazardous. This can often lead us to question if Daily Mass will be celebrated at the church. To make things easier for everyone, we will follow this guideline: We will follow Conewago Valley School District on the television announcements. If there is a **Delay** or a **Closing DUE TO WEATHER**, we will **NOT** have morning Mass. Hopefully the winter season will be nice to us!

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel - We are in desperate need of adorers for the following hours: Monday @ 3:00 p.m., Friday @ 7:00 p.m., **Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.** **The Hours in bold are in desperate need.** "Can you spend just one hour with our Lord." Contact: Gloria Murren @ 717-479-1071. **Inclement Weather Policy: When there is an upcoming storm, please call the Chapel Announcement line (717-632-2154) concerning any closings and when the chapel will reopen. Please do not leave a message on this line.**

New Hope Ministries New Oxford Center (120 N. Peters St.) is offering two FREE classes for children. The first class is **PETALS: Preschool and Toddlers Activity Learning Support.** This is a weekly class for kids ages 2-5 that meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to get kids ready for Kindergarten and to give parents resources to work with their children at home. The kids work on colors, numbers, shapes, letters, rhyming, story retelling and more. They also get to go home with a bag of food and a book. The other class we provide is a **Kids Club, a weekly class for kids Kindergarten-6th grade.** This class meets every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the goal of this program is to support kids in school and to teach them basic money management and other life skills. The kids have homework help time, they learn life skills and Bible stories, and play games. We also send them home with a bag of food and a book every week. Please contact Rachel Takeman via text or call 717-517-5022 or email rtakeman@nhm-pa.net.

St. Joseph the Worker is hosting their **6th Annual Christmas Bazaar** at the Deacon Richard Weaver Parish Center in Bonneauville on Saturday, December 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Come and enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

Enjoy Candlelight Tours of Christmas Past - A Living History Experience. Step back to the Christmas season in the 1800s and discover Elizabeth Ann Seton's story by meeting beloved friends who knew her best. A guide leads this candlelight tour of the homes decorated for Christmas and the grounds illuminated with 1,000 luminaries. Tours at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. Buy tickets at the door or online at <https://setonshrine.org/event/candlelight-tours-6/>. Location is 339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD.



We have so many people to thank who worked tirelessly behind the scenes with their time, talent and donations for our **40 Hours celebration**, you know who you are. **THANK YOU!**

Also, many thanks to our parishioners who have participated in our times of adoration during the day and in our evening prayer services.

Father Michael C. Letteer