

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY - *Saint Peter Canisius***
4:30 p.m. Living and deceased members of Andrew and Bertha Smith Family (Smith Family)
- SUNDAY - *Fourth Sunday of Advent***
8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Riser and Buie Families (Anita Buie)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- MONDAY - *Saint John of Kanty***
7:30 a.m. Harry Fletcher (Fletcher Family)
- TUESDAY - *Christmas Eve***
NO MORNING MASS
4:30 p.m. All Parishioners and living and deceased loved ones and for the intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
7:00 p.m. All Parishioners and living and deceased loved ones and for the intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
- WEDNESDAY - *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)***
12:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. All Parishioners and living and deceased loved ones and for the intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
- THURSDAY - *Saint Stephen***
NO MASS
- FRIDAY - *Saint John***
NO MASS
- SATURDAY - *The Holy Innocents***
4:30 p.m. Special Intention (Ingrid Luckenbaugh)
- NEXT SUNDAY - *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***
8:00 a.m. Kenneth Deatrick (Deatrick and Bladen Families)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Choir Practice - 9:00 a.m.
Religious Education - No Class

Tuesday - Parish Office - Closed

Wednesday - **Merry Christmas!**
Parish Office - Closed

Thursday - Parish Office - Closed

Next Sunday - Loose Change Collection - Love of Neighbor
Choir Practice - 9:00 a.m.
Religious Education Class - No Class

Certificate Sales - The gift certificate sales were \$2,720 with a profit of \$137.01. The first order for 2020 is due the weekend of January 11/12.

Rest in Peace - Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Father Thomas Hoke, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Spring Grove.** May he and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

NEW POLICY - Beginning January 1, 2020, when there is a funeral scheduled in the church the 7:30 a.m. morning Mass will be canceled and the Mass intention will be moved to the next available date.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

12/15/19

Adult Weekly Collection.....\$6,023.00
Adult Online Giving (12/9 to 12/13).....\$530.00
Children's Weekly Collection.....\$6.00
Weekly Collection Total\$6,559.00
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit**.....**\$1,133.00**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit**.....**\$39,842.32**

2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign - The 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign (formerly known as the Bishop's Lenten Appeal) is coming to a close. Pledge reminders have been mailed to all donors who have a pledge balance for the 2019 effort. Our parish benefits from the many ministries and educational programs that the Diocese supports. Please be sure to honor your commitment for the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Gifts made before December 31, 2019 may provide tax benefits to you.

If you have not made a gift to this year's campaign, it is not too late. You can make your gift securely online at www.hbgdiocese.org/dac. 100% of the monies collected over our parish goal are returned to the Parish for our use. As you think about your personal philanthropy at the end of the year, please consider your Parish and the many programs supported by the Diocese that benefit our Parish. You can contact the Parish office or the Office of Stewardship & Development at the Diocese for more information.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar - Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

Rosary for America...Every 2nd 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 January 11, 2020.

Thanks to all who contributed so generously to the manna bag collection. Because of your generosity we were able to take 51 bags of needed items to New Hope Ministry here in New Oxford to help with holiday distribution. May the Christ child bless you!

A special thanks to **Feiser Funeral Home Inc.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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@hbgdiocese.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Fundraising Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the individuals who made our Winterfest such a success. We could not have done it without the volunteers, cookie bakers and generous financial donors. God bless you all for the much appreciated time and contributions.

Mass will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (also known as the *Traditional Latin Mass*) during Advent at Sacred Heart Basilica, 30 Basilica Dr., Hanover, on the following Sundays: December 22 @ 6:00 p.m. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation and Holy Communion may be received for a second time that day. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Sunday evening Adoration and Mass - On each of the four Sundays of Advent, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Hanover, PA will celebrate adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Vespers at 4:30 p.m., Benediction at 5:25 p.m., and Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out of the spiritual cold and dark of their lives and into warmth and light of Christ's love through the Eucharistic adoration and Holy Mass. Make time in the quiet of a Sunday evening to re-center in Christ and prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Confessions available upon request.

See Christmas movies for free at the Seton Shrine on Saturdays at 3 p.m. in December. "The Muppet Christmas Carol" on December 28. Get your free tickets at setonshrine.org. Movies take place inside the Shrine's Visitor Center theater. The Shrine is located at 339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD.

Delone Catholic High School Placement Testing for incoming Freshmen will take place at Delone Catholic HS in the school cafeteria on Saturday, Jan. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register for the placement test, please visit the school website at www.delonecatholic.org and click on Admissions/Placement Testing.

Delone Catholic High School is currently seeking to hire a full-time Math/Science Teacher and a full-time Building Service Worker. Please visit the school website at www.delonecatholic.org/About/Employment for more info.

Delone Catholic Youth Winter Baseball Clinics Scheduled. Registration is now open for boys in Grades K-3 and 4-8 for the Youth Winter Baseball Clinics. Sign up today to brush up on your baseball skills with the Delone Catholic baseball team. Coaches and players will be conducting age-appropriate baseball instruction with each group. Kindergarten through third grade, please register by Friday, Jan. 3. Grades 4-8, please register by Friday, Feb. 7. Registration forms are available on the school website at www.delonecatholic.org/StudentLife/Athletics. Please contact Coach Dave Neumayer at dneumayer@delonecatholic.org with any questions.

Men's Discernment Retreat

What is your vocation? Do you think Jesus may be calling you to be His priest? Join other men as we gather in prayer and fraternity to spend a weekend discerning our Lord's voice.

When: Friday, January 3 to Sunday, January 5, 2020

Where: Mother Maria Kaupas Center, Mt. Carmel

Who: Men, 18 – 35

Cost: \$50 per person

Rev. Jonathan Sawicki, Vocation Director, will be the chaplain. For more information or to register, contact the Office of Vocations (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email: vocations@hbdiocese.org.

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!

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School 2020-2021

Enrollment: Know someone who is not happy with their child's current school environment or looking for the right school to send their child off to Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten? Please have them complete the Google form located on the sidebar of our school's website (www.stck8school.org) and someone will be in contact with them. We expect our Application for Enrollment to be available by the last week of January, with Acceptance Letters being delivered the week of March 9, 2020. Please note that children eligible for Kindergarten should be five (5) years of age by September 1, 2020. If you have any questions, please call Melissa Guy at 717-637-3135.

Join other young adults for a discussion of "To Be is To Be For" with Damon Clarke Owens. Damon Owens is an international speaker, evangelist and founder/executive director of "Joy To Be." He enjoyed success in the business world before directing his attention to promoting the good news of marriage, sexuality and the study of Theology of the Body.

When: Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Where: Holiday Inn, 26 E. Chestnut St., Lancaster Pa

7:00 p.m. Happy Half Hour

7:30 p.m. Speaker followed by Q & A

Theology on Tap is a Young Adult Outreach Ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. All young adults (20's and 30's) are welcome to attend.

Not in a servant did He dwell, but in His holy tabernacle not made with hands, which is Mary the Mother of God.

-St. Pope Dionysius (d. 268), Pope, Feast Day December 26

ART CONTEST! The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites girls in grades 9 - 12 in the Diocese of Harrisburg to enter an art contest. The task: design the cover for the 95th Annual HDCCW Convention on April 25, 2020. The art work should be an original drawing or painting for a 9 x 12 folder and based on the Convention theme "**Rejoice and Be Thankful**". The grand prize is \$150, second prize is \$75 and third prize is \$50. The deadline to enter is January 20, 2020. For complete details and Contest Guidelines please refer to the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com>. You may also contact HDCCW at 717-860-0700 or email hdccw1@gmail.com with questions.

Celebrate St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day on January 4

at the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD. Mass with Baltimore's Archbishop William Lori is at 10:00 a.m. in the Basilica where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's remains are entombed. Anyone in attendance named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be recognized at Mass. After Mass, enjoy free tours of the historic homes where she lived and worked from 1809 until her death in 1821. The Shrine is located at 339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg MD. For more, visit setonshrine.org.