

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY** - *Saturday within the Octave of Easter*
Living and deceased members of Joseph Azzara Family
- SUNDAY** - *Sunday of Divine Mercy*
Cyril J. and Beatrice M. Rickrode
People of the Parish
- MONDAY** - Bill Groft
- TUESDAY** - *Saint Anselm*
Living and deceased members of the Overbaugh Family
- WEDNESDAY** - Intention of Gertrude Boran
- THURSDAY** - *Saint George; Saint Adalbert*
NO MASS
- FRIDAY** - *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen*
Jeff Stimer
- SATURDAY** - *Saint Mark*
Sue and Erik Norton
- NEXT SUNDAY** - *Third Sunday of Easter*
People of the Parish
Steve Bittell (Ann.)

The Week Ahead

Next Sunday - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

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



Were you married in 1970? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, August 23, 2020 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.

Please pray for those who have asked for prayers

- Sara Arigo
- Nadine Becker
- Ron Becker, Jr.
- Nicholas Harner
- Henry Krug
- Ellen McWilliams
- Steve Overbaugh
- Larry Redding
- Linus Smith
- Ronald Smith
- Fred Wilke



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered

mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday Collection Budget	\$400,000.00
Weekly Total Needed	\$7,692.30

4/12/2020

Adult Weekly Collection.....	\$5,020.00
Adult Online Giving (4/6 to 4/11).....	\$549.00
Children's Weekly Collection.....	\$0
Weekly Collection Total	\$5,569.00
Weekly Shortfall	\$2,123.30
Y-to-D Deficit	\$(77,748.48)

The mission of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. will continue during these challenging times. However, in order to do that, we need your support. Please pray for our Parish, our Diocese and our Country. In addition to prayers we are asking for your continued financial support. Gifts may be dropped in the mail slot, mailed to the office, or by signing up for our online giving program. We are extremely thankful to our families who have already been mailing or dropping off their donations. Without your gifts, the Parish will struggle to continue with our most basic functions. Thank you for your continued support of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Church. May God keep you healthy and continue to bless you and your families.

Discount tickets to *Hersheypark* are available to the friends and families of the parish for a **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular is \$74.80; our price is **\$38.95** (ALL ages 3+). ***ADD-ON** discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices—**\$12.99 each** and ***ADD-ON** Snack Vouchers—**\$4.50 each**. Orders must be received at the parish by **Thursday, April 30, 2020**. Order forms are available in the back of church.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School is still accepting applications for new and transfer students for the 2020-2021 academic year for Pre-Kindergarten 3 yr. old to 8th grade. Limited openings available in certain classes. For more information, please call Melissa Guy, Director of Marketing & Enrollment at 717-637-3135 or send an email to mguy@stck8school.org. More information about the enrollment process can be found on the school website at www.stck8school.org.

Prayer Against Coronavirus - Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

- Pedro de la Cruz

Certificate Sales - The next scrip order is due the weekend of April 18/19. Orders can be put through the rectory door mail slot.

Rest in Peace - Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Sharon K. Long** (mother of Andrew Long) and **Rev. Joseph Carolin**. May they and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Some ideas for you during this continued time of isolation to help us stay connected to our faith:

Make a Spiritual Communion Today and Every day.

Catholics are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion'. St. John Paul II writes that "it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion', which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'" (*Ecclesia Eucharistia*, no. 34) Bishop Gainer has encouraged Catholics in the diocese to watch local Masses. You can find a list of parishes within our Diocese who are transmitting their Masses on the Diocesan webpage: www.hbgdiocese.org.

How Do You Make a Spiritual Communion?

Below are recommendations for how to make a 'spiritual communion' when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The recommendations can be adapted based upon personal and family needs.

- Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings at www.usccb.org and a wonderful Sunday Gospel reflection by Bishop Barron on Word on Fire. Additionally, watch the Mass on TV or over the internet.
- Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray one of the prayers of spiritual communion (see example below).

An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. (*Adapted from Vatican News.*)

Plenary Indulgence

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Apostolic Penitentiary granted a plenary indulgence to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, family members of those suffering from Coronavirus, health care workers caring for the sick, and to all members of the faithful. Since some of the usual conditions for plenary indulgences (namely, sacramental Confession and reception of the Eucharist) cannot be fulfilled immediately, the desire by the faithful to fulfill the conditions, as soon as possible, suffices for the granting of the indulgence.

2020 Easter Flower List

In Memory or Honor Of:

- Ferd & Celeste Attermeyer
- Mary and Dudley Dirzuweit
- Jean and John McGraw
- Marge and Roy Davis

- Carrie Sponseller
- Guy Sponseller
- David Reigle
- Molly Noel

Deceased members of the Rizzuto Family *Mr. & Mrs. Lee Stewart*

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- Virginia Beiles *Mr. & Mrs. Albert Lowas*
- Albert and Muriel Lowas *Mr. & Mrs. Albert Lowas*
- Michael and Catherine George *Mr. & Mrs. Albert Lowas*
- Robert J. Bittell (Husband) *Mrs. Marilyn Bittell*
- Steven R. Bittell (Son) *Mrs. Marilyn Bittell*
- James P. Bittell (Son) *Mrs. Marilyn Bittell*
- Donald Groft, Sr. *Mrs. Mary C. Groft*
- Joseph and Elsie Moore Family *Mrs. Mary C. Groft*
- Rita Bucher *Mr. Lester Bucher*
- Lester & Marie Bucher, Sr. *Mr. Lester Bucher*
- H. Walter & Anna Belle Smith Family *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr.*

Cyril & Beatrice Rickrode Family *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr.*

Ellwood & Myrna McKonley Family *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr.*

Henry & Beatrice Kiser Family *Mr. & Mrs. Robert, Smith, Jr.*



The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

(HDCCW) invites women of the Diocese to join us for the Tenth Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is from Friday evening on June 12th until noon on Sunday, June 14, 2020. Retreat Master is Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. The registration deadline is May 25, 2020. Contact Jeanne Warren at (717) 367-9306 or email at: warrenrjs@aol.com with questions. Registration forms and more details are available on the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com/retreat>.



We are so thankful to our amazing community friends who have been supporting us through this crisis. However, we are in need of additional healthy volunteers at our New Oxford center who can give their time to ensure that food services and other essential programs can continue. Please know we are adhering to appropriate social distancing requirements to keep everyone safe. Please use the sign up sheet found on our website, www.nhm-pa.org, or give us a call at 717-624-4700. Thank you!

"Remove grace and you have nothing whereby to be saved. Remove free will and you have nothing that could be saved."

**-St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109) Archbishop of Canterbury
Feast Day April 21**