

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY - Robert F. Miller

SUNDAY - *Pentecost Sunday*

People of the Parish

MONDAY - *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

Michael Stewart

TUESDAY - *Saint Marcellinus and Peter*

Living and deceased members of Ranny and Evie Staub Family

WEDNESDAY - *Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions*

Jeff Stimer Family

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FIRST FRIDAY - *Saint Boniface*

Msgr. Vincent Smith

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint Norbert; Blessed Virgin Mary*

People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY - *The Most Holy Trinity*

Robert Bittell (Ann.)

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Pentecost Collection to Fund Education of Future Priests and Care of Sick Priests

A special thanks to *Codori Memorials* for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin. Please remember to patronize our sponsors.

Please pray for those who have asked for prayers

- Sara Arigo
- Nadine Becker
- Ron Becker, Jr.
- Nicholas Harner
- Henry Krug
- Ellen McWilliams
- Joe Orndorff
- Steve Overbaugh
- Larry Redding
- Richard Shermeyer
- Donald "Donnie" Smith
- Linus Smith
- Ronald Smith
- Fred Wilke

If you would like to add or remove someone from this list please call 717-624-4121 or email icbvmno@comcast.net.

Important Notice

While we know everyone is excited and ready to head back to Mass during the yellow phase, there is still much to be accomplished before that can happen. We have been working behind the scenes for the past few weeks making preparations. **Our target opening date is the weekend of June 6/7 with a LIMITED Mass schedule.** We are following the directives provided by the Diocese of Harrisburg and the CDC and we continue to ask for your patience and cooperation. **We will need MANY volunteers to make the reopening as safe as possible.** If you wish to volunteer please email the parish office at icbvmno@comcast.net with your contact information. Thank you to the members who have already signed up to volunteer. You will be contacted soon about assignments.

Sacrificial Giving

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

5/24/2020

Adult Weekly Collection.....\$2,277.00
 Adult Online Giving (5/18 to 5/22).....\$680.00
 Children's Weekly Collection.....\$0
 Weekly Collection Total\$2,957.00
 Weekly Shortfall\$4,735.30
 Y-to-D Deficit\$(94,879.28)

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

PA Department of State Announce **JUNE 2, 2020** is the new date for the PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY. All Pennsylvanians can now apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot and vote from the comfort of home. Learn more at: VotesPA.com/. Mail Ballot is fast, easy and mobile friendly! **June 2 at 8 pm is the deadline to return your mail-in ballot**



Thank you to **Mark Becker, Keith Smith** and the **Rockey Family** for volunteering their time to mulch and weed the flower beds around the church, parish center and convent. Also a shout out and our sincere thanks to **Jim Gastley**, owner of **C&R Landscaping in Gettysburg**, for donating two full dump truck loads of mulch.



We would like to thank **Daniel F. Smith Roofing** and **Jim Kuhn** for replacing/repairing the roof to the handicap ramp at no charge to the church. This has been a long time issue with problematic leaks. Also, we would like to thank **Lou Brown** and **Packaging Corp of America (PCA)** in New Oxford for donating packing boxes to the church for the removal of the missalettes and hymnals. **We are extremely grateful for your generosity!**

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

"Catholic education has played an important role in lifting many from poverty to a more hopeful future. This mission is in danger as a result of the economic devastation facing many families across the country. Abrupt unemployment and lost income has meant that families suddenly find themselves unable to make the tuition payments that sustain our schools.

Additionally, our parishes which normally provide financial support to the schools to keep tuition within financial reach for families have lost their Sunday collections with the halt to the public celebration of Masses.

Please take a moment to contact your Members of Congress to ask for emergency aid to Catholic schools and our families in the next Covid-19 Legislation package. Our requests include: equitable access to K12 federal funds for Catholic schools, direct funding to families for tuition aid and tax breaks for K12 tuition payments. We encourage you to add your own personal story in the message as well. Catholic schools urgently need help in this time of uncertainty. By speaking with one voice, we can amplify this problem with Congress and provide help for our families.

Here is the link to take action -- and please share this with anyone who wants to help support Catholic Schools." <https://www.votervoices.net/USCCB/campaigns/74377/respond>

Mother's Day Intentions

In Memory of:

Mary V. Sneeringer
Margaret Smith
Mary Greenholt
Mary C. Stambaugh
Leitha Deardorff

In Honor of:

Geraldine Bowers
Marie Weaver

From:

Betty Kepler
Mike & Teresa Smith
Mike & Teresa Smith
Mary Bible
Gloria Link

From:

Gloria Link
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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

Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The

Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church" was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council and today's memorial was decreed by Pope Francis in 2018.

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (June 1)

In 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar to be observed on the Monday after Pentecost, taking precedence over an obligatory Memorial that coincides with it.

Come, Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel. (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13). If God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, call Fr. Jonathan Sawicki at 717-657-4804, or write: frijsawicki@hbgdiocese.org.

Sheltering-at-home for an extended period of time can drive even the best of people to be frustrated with each other and with the present circumstances. But this time can also be experienced as one of grace. We know from Romans 8:28 that "all things work for good for those who love God." So even during (and maybe especially during), these difficult days, our Lord is calling us to draw closer to Himself. Here are some suggestions for the spiritual life of families that might be helpful.

Spiritual Communion/Morning Offering – We might not be able to receive the Body and Blood of Christ yet sacramentally, and let's face it, there is no substitute for that. Still, we can profit a great deal spiritually by watching and praying televised or livestreamed Masses (especially on Sundays) and by uniting ourselves to the Holy Sacrifice by through spiritual communion and morning offerings.

Increasing Our Prayer Lives – Both Quality and Quantity. Should at least pray each morning and night and grace at meals. From "golden oldies", to devotional prayer, to lectio divina, to just talking to God as our friend...because He is! Talk to Him plainly. Pour your heart out to Him.

The Rosary, Especially the Family Rosary – I know this also falls under the previous point, but the Rosary is particularly powerful. St. (Padre) Pio referred to the Rosary as "The Weapon". Outside of liturgical prayer, it may be the most powerful prayer there is. It is also like "glue" for families, especially during trying times.

Good Spiritual Reading – The Bible, Liturgy of the Hours, Writings by the Saints, writings by contemporary Catholic authors like Scott Hahn, Colleen Carroll Campbell, Peter Kreeft, Emily Stimpson Chapman, etc.

Fasting – Fasting is one of those things that I am generally weak in, but have been focusing on more regularly during this time. Scripture speaks clearly of the power of fasting combined with prayer. As a family we are also trying to abstain from meat on Fridays. Little sacrifices, when united to the Cross, are pleasing to God.

Keeping a Spiritual Journal – Helps to concretize things a bit more in our spiritual lives and helps to keep us honest.

Singing Hymns and/or Praise and Worship – Saint Augustine famously wrote, "He who sings prays twice." Actually, the quote is rendered more accurately is "He who sings well, prays twice", but I think that effort counts here. And it has the added benefit of lifting our spirits.

Forgiving Each Other and Making Sacrificial Acts of Love – This is true for everyone, and especially for those sharing familial bonds. The emotions might not be there, which is where the act of the will comes in. Say the words. Don't think you are being disingenuous if you say the words and don't feel it. In such cases, there is even more grace. We also grow in charity by helping others, e.g. with a chore, making a meal, etc.

Sharing in Wholesome Fun – Playing games together, conversation, watching movies and old sitcoms, and laughing together are all things that can reduce stress and bring us together.

Eating Meals Together - Food is a great uniter and tends to bring out our "better angels". Put away the phone and hand-held device and see what happens.