

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY - *Blessed Virgin Mary*

3 - 4 p.m. *Confessions*  
4:30 p.m. Dorothy and George Bondra, Sr.  
6:30 p.m. Gregory Earl Seely

### SUNDAY - *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Richard Flickinger  
11:00 a.m. Curtis Hardnack  
1:00 p.m. *Communion Service*  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### MONDAY - *Saint Andrew*

7:30 a.m. All Souls  
4 - 5 p.m. *Confessions*

### TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Janet Groft  
8:30-9:30 a.m. *Confessions*

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Martha Klinger Memorial Mass  
4 - 5 p.m. *Confessions*  
5:30 p.m. Gene Hejmanowski

### THURSDAY - *Saint Francis Xavier*

7:30 a.m. Mike McKim  
9 - 10 a.m. *Confessions*

### FIRST FRIDAY - *Saint John Damascene*

9:00 a.m. Sr. Paula Mary Aumen  
12 - 1 p.m. *Confessions*  
4 - 5 p.m. *Confessions*  
7 - 8 p.m. *Confessions*

### FIRST SATURDAY

3 - 4 p.m. *Confessions*  
4:30 p.m. Charlie Sentz  
6:30 p.m. People of the Parish

### NEXT SUNDAY - *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Ranny and Evie Staub Family  
11:00 a.m. Dennis M. Smith (Ann.)  
1:00 p.m. *Communion Service*  
5:00 p.m. Living and deceased members of Gerald Topper, Sr.

## The Week Ahead

SUNDAY - Religious Education Class - NO CLASS

NEXT SUNDAY - Religious Education Class - 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

**Rest in Peace** - Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Martha Klinger**. May she and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace with the Lord.

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

## Sacrificial Giving (Fiscal Year 2020-2021)

Sunday Collection Budget ..... \$380,000.00  
Weekly Total Needed ..... \$7,307.69

11/22/2020

Adult Weekly Collection ..... will be printed asap  
Adult Online Giving (11/16 to 11/20) ..... \$  
Children's Weekly Collection ..... \$  
Weekly Total ..... \$  
Weekly Deficit ..... \$  
Y-to-D Deficit ..... \$(47,434.55)

### Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Sara Arigo  
Ron Becker, Jr.  
Agnes Bevenour  
Sandy Bladen  
Joyce Brooks  
Nancy Christy  
John (Bill) Dean  
Lorraine Ensor  
Ean Grothey  
Konnor Grothey  
John Goshorn  
Ben Heidlebaugh  
Bill Heidlebaugh  
Teresa Hertz  
Tom Hockensmith  
Henry Krug  
Joe Kuhn  
Bernard Lawrence  
Dakota Legore  
Ellen McWilliams  
Jeanne Myers  
Bill O'Bryan  
Joe Orndorff  
Steve Overbaugh  
Larry Redding  
Dee Schuette  
Mary Shadle  
Linda Sokolovich  
Linus Smith  
Deven Veith  
Charles Walmer  
Donna Weaver  
Sarah Weaver  
Fred Wilke



**Homespun Project:** Many families have benefited from the Homespun Project since it's beginning in 2006. To date we have donated 1291 blankets. Many of these have gone to organizations throughout our area, families in need, and For the Love of a Veteran. One deployed Veteran from Afghanistan had said, *Thank you, the crocheted blanket I received was like a "Hug from Home"*.

Another shared a story of how returning from the field, they were with out electricity and they were wet and cold. At the end of his bed lay a crocheted blanket. He wrapped himself up, lay down, and fell asleep. He was so grateful for the thoughtfulness. I thought you should know your gift from your hearts and hands are cherished. Please continue to make blankets and contact Lori Ann Ziolkowski at 633-5135 for blanket pick up. God Bless!

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**SWEETS On the Porch** Sponsored by the Annunciation B.V.M. Parish Women of Mercy & Joy Saturday, December 5, 2020 Sunday, December 6, 2020 After the 4pm, 8am, & 10am Masses At the Parish House 9 N. Third St. McSherrystown, PA Home made Cookies & Candies for sale.


**Grocery Certificates** - Giant & Weis gift cards can be ordered by writing your order on paper or downloading the form and placing with payment into the collection basket. **Gift card orders can be picked up after the 8 a.m. Mass or call the rectory to make arrangements. The next order is due December 5/6.** FYI: Panera and Starbucks have \$5 gift cards and Amazon has \$10 cards available. The Scrip form can be obtained at [www.icbvnewoxford.org](http://www.icbvnewoxford.org), on the home page, under Parish Documents.

**2021 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.




Please pick a gift tag off the Angel Tree for a child or adult who would greatly appreciate something special for Christmas. **All Angel Tree gifts must be returned to the church or rectory no later than Sunday, December**

**20. When returning your wrapped gifts PLEASE attach the ORIGINAL 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 are not included. If you can, please buy one or more of these items and bring them with you when you deliver your gifts. *\*If you are not attending Mass and would like to participate in the Angel Tree project please call the parish office and an angel will be mailed to you.*

 **Christmas Flowers** - 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 13.

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar** - In today's gospel Jesus advises: *"Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful," fear cripples! Instead, "pray for strength" to be courageous.*

**The deadline for new applications to enroll in the next Formation of Permanent Deacons has been extended until March 1, 2021.** If you have an interest in becoming a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Harrisburg please contact the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Carroll. All applicants must be approved by the pastor prior to applying.

 **The Delone Catholic Athletic Association** is sponsoring a holiday apparel sale on Saturday, December 5. It will be held in the school lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Many great gift ideas are available for the Squire enthusiast on your list! We are requiring anyone who attends to wear a mask and social distance from others in attendance. Contact Patty Smith at 717-451-7618 if you have any

questions.

**Director, Buildings & Properties FT position** Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services is seeking an energetic and organized Director to manage the Department of Buildings and Properties. This complex position includes direct management of properties owned by The Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg; technical advice and support for the buildings and grounds at over 100 parishes and schools; supervision of a Diocese wide asbestos management program (AHERA); management of facilities staff, including a diocesan-wide shared maintenance program; oversight and approval of planning, design, and construction programs and interfacing with architects, engineers, and contractors. The successful applicant will be experienced in property management and construction procedures, team-oriented and a good communicator. Familiarity with budget management, establishment of purchasing contracts, and preventive maintenance required. Architectural, engineering, or construction management background (especially registration in any of these fields) is a definite plus and a degree in engineering or architecture is highly desirable. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Please send cover letter, résumé, and references no later than November 30 to: [employment@hbgiocese.org](mailto:employment@hbgiocese.org) or mail to: Human Resources Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg 4800 Union Deposit Road Harrisburg, PA 17111.

### Blessing of an Advent Wreath

*The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.*

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:  
**Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

Response (R/.) **Who made heaven and earth.**  
Then the Scripture, [Isaiah 9:](#) (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or [Isaiah 63](#) (lines 16-17 & 19) or [Isaiah 64](#) (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**  
R/. **Thanks be to God.**

With hands joined, the leader says:

**Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Savior of every nation.  
Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.**

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

**O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid ev'ry sad division cease  
and be thyself our Prince of peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

—From [Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers](#)