



*The Mass*

**SATURDAY - Saints Pontian and Hippolytus**

4:30 p.m. Charles I. Groft, Jr. (requested by Marie Groft)

**SUNDAY - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reaver and Family (requested by Bob, Ruth and Bobby Kuhn)

**10:15 a.m.** People of the Parish

**MONDAY - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

9:00 a.m. Our Wounded Warriors (requested by Anita Buie)

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**TUESDAY - Saint Stephen of Hungary**

7:30 a.m. Vivian Rene Mummert and Family (requested by Karen Rebert)

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30 a.m. Edward Bridge (requested by Lee and Theresa Stewart)

**THURSDAY No Mass**

**FRIDAY - Saint John Eudes**

7:30 a.m. John and Sara Sneeringer (61st Wed. Ann.) (requested by Sara Sneeringer)

**SATURDAY - Saint Bernard**

4:30 p.m. Joseph Azzara (requested by Grace Azzara)

**NEXT SUNDAY - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**10:15 a.m.** Living and deceased members of J.T. and Alphonzine Hockensmith Family

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday - Parish Office - Closed**

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**Wednesday - Parish Office - Closed**

**Senior Friends** - Monthly dinner at Red Lobster at 3:00 p.m.

**Next Sunday** - The Rosary will be recited before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are encouraged to participate.

The **New Oxford Food Pantry** is in need of **canned vegetables**. Please place items in the back of church where marked. Thank you for your generous support of the local food pantry.

The **Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop** is having a great clothing sale, buy two and get one free. Third item equal to or less in value (excludes school uniforms). Shop hours are Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Questions? Call 624-1272.

**Rest in Peace** - Please remember in your prayers the souls of **Peggy Murphy** and **Rodney J. Staub**. May they and all the faithful rest in eternal peace.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, August 15, Tuesday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 17.**



### Sacrificial Giving

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

08/07/16

Adult Weekly Collection ..... \$6,568.96  
Children's Weekly Collection ..... \$18.00  
Weekly Collection Total.....\$6,586.96  
Weekly Surplus/**Deficit** .....\$(1,105.04)  
Y-to-D Surplus/**Deficit**.....\$(7,506.23)

**Grocery Certificate Program** – We sold a total of **\$690** the week of 8/01 through 8/07. **Thank you to all of the volunteers to help run this program. Your time is greatly appreciated.** Interested in volunteering? Call Dawn Smith at 259-0993.

A special thanks to **George H. Bixler, Inc.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**How Does Someone Begin RCIA?** We're glad you asked! Seekers can contact our RCIA Coordinator, Gloria Miller at 624-8255 or the parish office at 624-4121. **Immaculate Conception RCIA classes begin on September 12.**

**School Calendar Numbers** will be sold after all Masses in August. Cost is \$30 each.

**Marriage Annulments** - The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation at St. Joseph Parish on Grandview Road in Hanover at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 22 concerning marriage, divorce and annulments according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family and friends. No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext. 304 or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

*"Run the race which lies ahead."* Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

**Attention Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls** - You have an opportunity to earn the *2016 Jubilee Year of Mercy Patch*. All Girl Scouts and American Heritage girls are invited on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Basilica of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville, PA to attend a workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. as we are called to be "Merciful like the Father". Cost is \$7 and you will need to pack a lunch. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) to register by September 1.



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Well known author and radio host Patrick Madrid is coming to New Oxford, PA on Saturday, August 27th. Cost is \$20 per person and includes choice of American Cold Cut, Italian or Turkey sub for lunch. Please contact Pete Socks at [pete.socks@gmail.com](mailto:pete.socks@gmail.com) or call 717-634-4961 (leave a message). This event will be

held in the New Oxford High School Auditorium with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. **Last day to sign up to receive lunch is August 17.**

### Summer Reading Program - New Oxford Library

**Thursdays, August 18 and 25 - 10:30 a.m. Books and Blocks Storytime** - Lets read a story and play with blocks. A great time to meet other kids and parents.

Have you ever heard of **Natural Family Planning** before? NFP is a way of following God's plan for achieving and/or avoiding pregnancy. It's a system that uses a woman's signs of fertility to determine the fertile and infertile times of her cycle. Approved by the Catholic Church, NFP enables couples to avoid pregnancy by practicing chaste abstinence during the fertile time of the woman's cycle. As a married couple, why should you consider NFP in your marriage as opposed to artificial contraception? **Come to a very special presentation at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on August 19th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the parish social hall.** Dr. Luis Garcia, MD of York will present on basic Church teaching regarding sexuality and NFP, and then will teach on various forms of NFP and the science behind them. From this first session, couples will then have the opportunity to learn a specific model of NFP that is best suited for their family's needs. Advanced registration is not required, but for further information please call the parish office at (717) 259-0611.

The **Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown** is in desperate need of adorers for the following hours: 1 a.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. Thursday, 10 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday. Can you spend just one hour with our Lord? Contact Gloria Murren at 637-8635 **The Chapel is closed on Sunday from 7 a.m. until Noon for cleaning.**

**St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Bonneauville is planning on having a softball game** on Saturday, August 27 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Catholic War Vets field in Bonneauville. All area youth are invited to participate. Please call the parish office at 624-4121 as soon as possible if you would like to participate.

*Be merciful to all who are suffering violence, keeping always in your heart the example of the Lord who said, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'*

Saint Stephen of Hungary (969-1038), Feast Day August 16

This week's featured titles are available on the book and CD racks in the back, center of the church free of charge. **Donations accepted to help us restock material.**

**CD of the week, *Relativism*:** Relativism is not the answer to world peace or even personal peace of mind. It is a disease that is destroying our culture and our lives.

**Book of the week, *Render Unto Caesar*:** Few topics in recent years have ignited as much public debate as the balance between religion and politics. Does religious thought have any place in political discourse? Do religious believers have the right to turn their values into political action? What does it truly mean to have a separation of church and state? The very heart of these important questions is here addressed by one of the leading voices on the topic, Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia. American Catholics and other persons of goodwill are part of a struggle for our nation's future, says Charles J. Chaput. Our choices, including our political choices, matter. Catholics need to take an active, vocal, and morally consistent role in public debate. We can't claim to personally believe in the sanctity of the human person, and then act in our public policies as if we don't. We can't separate our private convictions from our public actions without diminishing both. In the words of the author, "How we act works backward on our convictions, making them stronger or smothering them under a snowfall of alibis." Vivid, provocative, clear, and compelling, *Render unto Caesar* is a call to American Catholics to serve the highest ideals of their nation by first living their Catholic faith deeply, authentically.



**Neighbors Helping Neighbors...Hospice Volunteering can make such a difference not only in the lives of those needing support, but also in your life!** SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice is looking for caring individuals interested in serving our local community by becoming hospice volunteers. Our volunteers are part of the SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice team and provide emotional support to clients and their families, relief to caregivers, and friendship at a time when companionship is needed most. This opportunity is extremely flexible and scheduled according to your availability. Volunteer training is FREE and the next session is scheduled for September 16, 23 and 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our office located at 260 W. High St., Gettysburg, PA. Please consider becoming part of this very important and life changing ministry by calling our Volunteer Coordinator Melissa Gladfelter at 717-337-4469 or emailing to [mgladfelter@spiristrustlutheran.org](mailto:mgladfelter@spiristrustlutheran.org).

