



FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint Gregory the Great*
8:00 a.m. NO MASS
 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish
SUNDAY - *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 a.m. Gregory J. Smith (requested by Robert Smith)
10:15 a.m. Harry Fletcher (requested by Scott and Lorraine Rife)
MONDAY - *Blessed Theresa of Calcutta; Labor Day*
9:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Bernard and Bertha Aumen Family (requested by Sr. Paula Mary Aumen)
TUESDAY NO MASS
 Brethren Home - NO MASS
WEDNESDAY NO MASS
THURSDAY - *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 NO MASS
FRIDAY - *Saint Peter Claver*
 NO MASS
SATURDAY - *Blessed Virgin Mary*
 4:30 p.m. George X. Staub (Ann.) (requested by Elizabeth Kepler)
NEXT SUNDAY - *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Azzara (requested by Grace Azzara)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish


THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday - Rosary for America - 12 Noon on the New Oxford Square.

Next Sunday - Second Collection - Peter's Pence
Religious Education Class - 9:15 to 10:40 a.m. in the school.

VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED for Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop. Please call 624-1272 if you are interested in helping.

Rest in Peace - Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Michael E. Dolan, Sr.** (father of James Dolan). May he and all the faithful rest in peace.

 **Immaculate Conception would like to give a special thanks in recognition for an anonymous donation of \$12,000 to be used for church expenses.**

School Calendars - If anyone is still interested in a school calendar, you can put the \$30 in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or call me at 624-8745. I will make sure you receive the calendar. Thank you for your support. *Tom Becker*

Mercy is love shown not only to those in need or love shown not only to those who are in want, but mercy is love shown to those who are not lovable.

- Servant of God Fr. John Hardon (1914-2000)

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 11 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Sacrificial Giving

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

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Adult Weekly Collection \$6,989.00*
 Children's Weekly Collection \$22.25
 Weekly Collection Total.....\$7,011.25
 Weekly Surplus/**Deficit**\$(680.75)
 Y-to-D Surplus/**Deficit**.....\$(8,806.77)
 *Includes Assumption & Ascension Collections

Grocery Certificate Program – The week of August 22-28 we sold a total of \$975. Volunteers are always needed. Interested? Call Dawn Smith at 259-0993.

A special thanks to **Miller Hanover Insurance** 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.**

ADULT CHOIR



Immaculate Conception Parish Choir extends a warm welcome to new members of all voice parts. Now would be a good time to join our Parish Choir, as we are starting to practice new music for October and November. We will start Choir rehearsals on Sunday, September 11. As in past years, we rehearse every Sunday from after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining the Choir, or would like to learn more, please contact Sister Marie Gavigan at 609-206-4066, gavsmj@hotmail.com, or stop by the Choir Loft after Mass.

Next week, our (arch) diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.



Please visit our newly redesigned website at www.icbvmnewoxford.org. It is more user friendly and loaded with features we could not easily add with our former service provider. You will find video updates from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire, timely Catholic news from Catholic Link, ICBVM parish news, an up-to-date parish calendar of events and all bulletins. In the future we plan on adding photo albums and more user friendly functionality.

Immaculate Conception School News

Immaculate Conception School will host a "Knight's Night" on Tuesday, September 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our students invite their parents, family and friends as they showcase their classrooms and work.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. The next date is September 10.

TMIY Year 2 Update: That Man Is You returns on Saturday, September 17th. We will meet in the school cafeteria starting at 8:00 a.m. until approximately 9:30 a.m. There is no need to have attended Year 1 to take part in Year 2: The Spirit of Nazareth. Contact Pete Socks for more details at 717-634-4961 or via email at pete.socks@gmail.com.

The Children's Rosary Group will meet on Sunday, September 11th at 3:00 p.m. at Annunciation Church in McSherrystown. All children are invited. Rosaries and booklets are provided. If you have any questions please contact Vickie Bunty at 717-632-3245.



The 3rd Annual Cry Out America! Prayer Event will take place on Sunday, September 11th. This year, the event will be held at Oakside Community Park, 2880 Table Rock Road, Biglerville, PA at 6:30 p.m. Oakside Park is the same place where the National Day of Prayer is held each year. This year there will be a remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy. Our Keynote Speaker will be Congressman Scott Perry and the music will be provided by the Christian Band "33".

Neighbors Helping Neighbors...Hospice Volunteering can make such a difference not only in the lives of those needing support, but also in your life! SpiritTrust 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 SpiritTrust 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 Gladfelder at 717-337-4469 or emailing to mgladfelder@spirittrustlutheran.org.

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@hbgiocese.org.

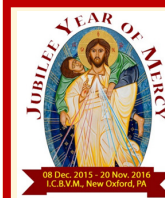


The St. Aloysius Friendly Group is taking a trip to **New York to visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial on October 6, 2016.** We will leave St. Aloysius Parking lot (29 S. Queen Street, Littlestown) at 7:15 a.m. and return at 10:45 p.m. The cost will be \$70.00 per person, no refunds. We will make a 1/2 hour food stop en route, 12:30 to 5:30 Museum and Memorial. Lunch on own (arrive 12:15). There will be a 1/2 hour food stop en route home. If interested please contact Rosalie Gamm either at (717) 359-9558 or email rimgamm@comcast.net. Cancellations must be made by September 22, no later. This is also a firm cut-off date.

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, *Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality*: Mike Sweeney was a five-time Major League Baseball all-star and played for the Kansas City Royals, Seattle Mariners, Oakland Athletics, and Philadelphia Phillies. In a this talk given at the *Catholic Athletes For Christ* retreat for professional athletes, Mike gives a Marian perspective on sports and the Christian life by using what he has identified as the Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality.

Book of the week, *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*: From the author of the bestselling book *33 Days to Morning Glory* comes a gripping account of the prophetic witness of St. John Paul II, and the profound connection between Marian Consecration and Divine Mercy. *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told* is more than a historical re-telling of the Great Mercy Pope. This book serves as an inspiration for all who desire to bear witness to the mercy of God, focused on Christ and formed by Mary. It calls us to respond to the urgent need for mercy in our time of unprecedented evil. Now is the time of mercy. Now is the time to make St. John Paul II's story your own.



September 4, 2016 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Year of Mercy Scripture for Meditation from
Pope Francis: Is 58:6-11.*

With the Memorial of Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta on Monday, the Year of Mercy recognizes the jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy this weekend. Make a daily habit of beginning your day with a pledge to be merciful to others: avoid judging or harming others through envy or harsh words and deeds. Be positive and recognize the good that is present in everyone you meet. Forgive others and be generous. Spend time with the sick and dying and listen attentively to their caregivers. Volunteer to adopt an elderly person in a nursing home as your family's adopted grandpa or grandma. Visit the person weekly and affirm and pray for the people who work in the nursing home. Take your adopted grandpa or grandma to school concerts or plays, to a shopping area for a slow walk, or to a park. Volunteer to hold and rock babies in acute care. Saturday, September 8th and Sunday the 9th are the Marian jubilee recognizing the Blessed Virgin Mary in this Year of Mercy. In her willingness to say "yes" to God's invitation to be the Mother of Jesus, Mary participated in God's will to send his Son in the flesh to live among us. In her merciful concern for the salvation of the world, Mary agreed to be pregnant and face assumed judgements of the state of her virginity and fidelity to her espoused husband, Joseph. As she faced the discomfort of pregnancy and the work of birth, she opened her heart and body to be a vessel of the presence of Christ. Let us open our hearts and bodies, too, and be a vessel of the presence of Christ. Consider visiting recent widows and offer to help with children, money, time and talent. Let us commit to a renewed relationship with the Mother of God and ask for her prayers for world peace, for a loving family life, and for the safety and dignity of girls and women throughout the world. Let us make a pledge to pray the rosary once each week as a family and consider an image of the Blessed Mother and the Holy Family in our homes.