



SATURDAY - *Blessed Virgin Mary*
4:30 p.m. Intention of Francis and Rosemary Krepps
(60th Wedding Ann.) (requested by Francis &
Rosemary Krepps)

SUNDAY - *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 a.m. Harry Fletcher (requested by Jim and Claudette
Hladik)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY - *Saints Cosmos and Damian*
7:30 a.m. Harold W. Stewart, Jr. (requested by Lee &
Theresa Stewart)

TUESDAY - *Saint Vincent de Paul*
7:30 a.m. Henry Pennings

WEDNESDAY - *Saints Wenceslaus, Lawrence and Companions*
NO MASS

THURSDAY - *Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*
NO MASS

FRIDAY - *Saint Jerome*
7:30 a.m. Jackie Lawrence (Ann.) (requested by Steve &
Theresa Carbaugh)

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*
8:00 a.m. Regis and Estella Gebhart (requested by Rose
Herman)
4:30 p.m. Paul H. and Mary V. Sneeringer (Ann.)
(requested by Marie Klunk)

NEXT SUNDAY - *Respect Life Sunday*
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Pietro Iocco (requested by Gina Iocco)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday - Second Collection - 2016 Louisiana Floods
Loose Change Collection - Love of Neighbor
Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
Religious Education Class - 9:15 to 10:40 a.m. in the school.

Monday - RCIA - 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. **Chapter 3:**
Jesus, Lord and Messiah and **Chapter 4:** *Jesus, Teacher & Savior*

Saturday - That Man is You - 8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

Next Sunday - Coffee and Donut Social - After the 8:00 a.m.
Mass in the school cafeteria.
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The **Sanctuary Candle** is burning the next two weeks in memory of **Mary Martin** from her husband, Bill Martin.

Congratulations to Sr. Maria Wrubel! Sr. Maria celebrated 75 years as a Mercy Nun on September 11, 2016. She has touched many lives in the area through her teaching at Delone Catholic for 23 years and her years of service here at Immaculate Conception.

Next week in celebration of **Respect Life Sunday** the Pro-Life Group will be giving away balloons and other pro-life articles. Donations are gratefully received. The Baby Bottle project also starts this weekend.



Sacrificial Giving

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

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Adult Weekly Collection	\$8,064.25
Children's Weekly Collection	\$17.50
Weekly Collection Total.....	\$8,081.75
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$389.75
Y-to-D Surplus/Deficit	\$(6,678.12)

Grocery Certificate Program – The week of September 12 through 18 we sold a total of **\$555**. Volunteers are always needed. Interested? Call Dawn Smith at 259-0993.

A special thanks to **Feiser Funeral Home Inc.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

The New Oxford Community Food Pantry is in need of the following items for the months of September and October: **Canned Fruit**. Thank you for your continued generous support of the food pantry.

Turkey Dinner - If you are interested in cooking a turkey for our monthly dinner, please call Leona  Trimmer at 624-8618.



Next Sunday, October 2, the **Life Chain** will be held on the Gettysburg Square from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please stand up for those who have no voice but ours.

BINGO The past Bingo fundraisers have been highly successful and we have raised over \$5,000 for the parish. We are planning another for Sunday, October 23 at 1:30 in the school hall. Mark your calendar and get your tickets early. Plan for an afternoon of fun with family and friends. Prizes will include *Thirty-One* and Vera Bradley Bags, Alex and Ani, local gift certificates and more. There will be extra games, 13 jars and plenty of food. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Doors open at 12:00.

Donations are needed! We are currently looking for donations and would greatly appreciate your support. Donations can include sponsoring a prize (\$50), business gift cards (any value), items to be used as prizes and food. Contact: Rosemary Lowas for bingo donations and tickets (717) 825-1922 and Chris O'Brien for food donations (717) 479-1277.

Immaculate Conception School News



ICS will host the first 5K and Kids Run in the York/Adams Catholic Run series on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The race will begin at Conewago Valley Intermediate School at 9:00 a.m. with the fun run to follow. Entry fee is \$20/adult and \$10/child with shirt if registered by September 15, 2016; a discounted registration rate of \$60 is available if you register for all four runs in the series. Registration forms are available for download on the school webpage at www.icsbvm.org, via Immaculate Conception BVM Facebook page or by calling the school at 624-2061.



Rest in Peace - Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Nancy Grim**. May she and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

“Fight the good fight of the faith.” Is your faith in Christ leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717) 657-4804, ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

Thoughts to Ponder while Preparing to Vote...Poverty and Protecting the Most Vulnerable: While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve preferential concern. Our concern for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized in our nation and beyond: unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression, and immigrants. We are called to help children, families and individuals overcome poverty through efforts such as the opportunity for good and dignified work at fair living wages, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world. Does the candidate support policies that protect those who are most in need both in our nation and around the world? For more information, visit www.Hbgdiocese.org/vote.

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in **desperate need** of adorers for the following hours: **Sunday 4 a.m. & 7 p.m.**, Monday 2 p.m., **Wednesday 2 a.m.**, **Thursday 11 p.m.**, Friday 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Saturday 6 p.m. **Hours that are in bold print are in desperate need of coverage.** *“Can you spend just one hour with our Lord.”* Contact Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071 if you can help. **Attention: The Chapel is closed on Sunday’s from 7 a.m. until noon for cleaning. Please make your visit after Noon.**

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.



Blessing of the Animals, October 2 - In celebration of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Holy Name Society of Annunciation Parish and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will be hosting a Blessing of the Animals on **Sunday, October 2nd at 2 p.m. at the Basilica Picnic Grove on Centennial Road.** Please bring your pets out for the blessing that will be conducted by Deacon Joe Lawrence.

Come to the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD, on Sunday, October 2, for the Pilgrimage for the Sea Services. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is the Patroness of Sea Services, which includes the US Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Public Health Service. All are welcome to attend this Mass for the men and women who serve our country at sea. Includes musical accompaniment by the US Naval Academy Catholic Choir and participation by the Joint Ceremonial Color Guard and Knights of Columbus Honor Guard. Complimentary dinner will be provided afterward. To attend, please contact Ray Alcaraz by calling 301-447-6049 or through email at Ray.Alcaraz@setonshrine.org.

Red Mass - The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Harrisburg, will be the principal celebrant at the Annual Red Mass to take place on October 3, at 5:30 p.m. The Mass will be held in the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, Harrisburg. Rev. David Link, J.D., L.L.D., D.Litt., D.Sc., a former dean of the Notre Dame Law School and who is the longest tenured among American law school deans, will be the homilist. At the Red Mass, lawyers, judges, lawmakers, and public officials gather together to pray for God’s wisdom and guidance in their pursuit of justice. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Clear your Calendar! On October 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a **talk on human trafficking** at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Littlestown, PA (29 South Queen Street) in the parish hall. Let your family, friends, and neighbors know! Our speaker, Dee Martin, will give an overview of human trafficking and will conduct a very powerful “walk in her shoes” exercise. You will learn the indicators of human trafficking and actions to take if suspicious. Free, but a good will offering for the speaker will be accepted. **Please register** by calling or texting Julie Abell at 717-321-4664.

September 25, 2016
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Year of Mercy Scripture for Meditation from
Pope Francis: Mt 5:48.

This weekend we recognize the jubilee for catechists who teach the Catholic faith. In reality, all of us are catechists; we all teach faith and Gospel values through our actions and our words. Draw attention to the spiritual work of mercy to instruct the uninformed. Are we willing to ask others how God is present in their life, talk about our faith, and teach them? In 1 Pet. 3:15, Pete writes, “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” In this Year of Mercy let us cultivate a new habit to be generous not only in charity of deeds but also in charity instructing others about faith, hope and the love of God when opportunities arise.