

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY - *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

4:30 p.m. Living and deceased members
of Edward H. Kuhn and Family

NEW YEAR'S DAY - *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

8:00 a.m. Kimberly Ann Smith (requested by Bob Smith)
10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY - *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

TUESDAY - *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7:30 a.m. United States of America (requested by Anita Buie)

10:00 a.m. Brethren Home - Grace Robinson (requested by Gloria Miller)

WEDNESDAY - *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

7:30 a.m. Ernest and Margaret Stewart (requested by Lee and Theresa Stewart)

THURSDAY - *Saint John Neumann*

No Mass

FIRST FRIDAY - *Saint Andre' Bessette*

9:00 a.m. Harold W. and Alice Stewart (requested by Lee and Theresa Stewart)

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint Raymond of Penyafort*

8:00 a.m. Grace Robinson (requested by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Frey)

4:30 p.m. Rebecca Kuhn (requested by Bob, Ruth and Bobby Kuhn)

NEXT SUNDAY - *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Cyril Staub Family

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Loose Change Collection - Love of Neighbor

Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Religious Education Class - No class

Monday - Parish Office - Closed

RCIA - No class

Next Sunday - Second Collection - Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa

Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Religious Education Class - No Class

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support **restores the Church and builds the future** in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccce.

The **Christmas Flower** donation list is available in the back of church.

Sacrificial Giving

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

12/25/16

Adult Weekly Collection will be printed asap
Children's Weekly Collection \$
Weekly Collection Total.....\$
Weekly Surplus/**Deficit** \$
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Grocery Certificate Program – Volunteers are always needed. Interested? Call Dawn Smith at 259-0993.

Student Envelopes - Envelopes are in the back of church. Please remember to write your name by the box number that you take for recording purposes. Students in Religious Education and Immaculate Conception School already received their envelopes.

Thrift Shop News - **Do you have an extra three hours a week that you could spare to do some volunteer work?** The Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop is in great need of volunteers. If interested please call Pat Slonaker at 624-3245.

2017 Calendars are available in the back of church. We would like to thank Feiser Funeral Home, Inc. for donating them.

Rosary for America...Every 2nd Saturday we gather on the Square of New Oxford at 12:00 Noon to pray the Rosary for America. Please come and pray with us. **The next date is Saturday, January 14, 2017.**

A special thanks to **Holey Joe's Café** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

We are pleased to announce that in January we will be starting the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology's *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* study. This 12 week course will begin January 22 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at 9:15 a.m. and be held in the school cafeteria. Each session will be approximately one hour in length. If you wish to purchase a workbook the cost is \$20. The workbook is highly recommended. Couples may share a workbook. Register by calling Pete Socks at 624-1212. Visit our website www.icbvmnewoxford.org for more course details.

The **December Turkey Dinner** made a profit of \$990.00. Delores Smith won \$29 on the 50/50 raffle. The next dinner is planned for January 15, 2017.



St. Theresa of Calcutta Catholic School invites your family to our Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Open House will be held at our K-3 campus, located at 55 Basilica Drive, Hanover, PA 17331.

For more information, please call 717-632-8715 or 717-637-3135. You may also email Mrs. Hoffman at principalhoffman@stck8school.org or Mrs. Foltz at principalholtz@stck8school.org. Please visit our webpage www.stck8school.org. We look forward to meeting you at our Open House on January 8th!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

English As A Second Language (ESL) - ESL Classes are offered at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 220 Third Street, Hanover 3 times a week. Classes are Monday/Thursday morning from 9:00 -10:30 a.m. and on Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Our teachers are motivated and ready to help you learn the English language. For further information contact Judith E. Ciancio at juditheciancio@comcast.net or 717-476-0405.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST JANUARY 14 - All boys and girls ages 9 thru 14 are invited to participate in the annual Hanover K of C Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Gym on Grandview Road, Hanover. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for registration and warm-up shooting. Participants need to furnish proof of age and written parental consent on an entry form available from Dave Zinn at dlzinn@comcast.net or call 637-3989 for more info.

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - March 21 - 31, 2017 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided daily, Mass daily at the Holy Sites. Cost per person is \$3,794.00 including airfare from Harrisburg. For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Travel with Father Timothy Marcoe, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Abbottstown on Proximo Travel's Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio & Shrines of Italy pilgrimage. Where: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Lanciano, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina, Monte Cassino. Trip Dates: Sept. 9, 2017 through Sept. 19, 2017. Cost is \$4000.00 Airfare and ALL included. To register, please contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

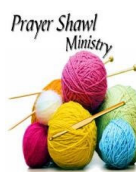
The House of Nazareth Adoration Chapel, 9 N. Third Street, McSherrystown is in need of more adorer's for the following hours: Sunday 1:00 p.m., Thursday 1:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m., 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 6:00 p.m. *"Can you spend just one hour with our Lord."* Contact: Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071. **Attention: The Chapel is closed on Sunday's from 7 a.m. till Noon for cleaning.**

We are pleased to announce that the New Oxford Community Food Pantry (120 N. Peters St., New Oxford) will now be operated by **New Hope Ministries** to continue helping our neighbors in need in New Oxford. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Look for expanded hours in the coming weeks! Do you need a helping hand? Visit the Food Pantry and then visit with New Hope staff on-site to learn about our programs including help with paying a bill, finding a job, budget classes, and signing up for our GED, forklift training and Nurse Aide classes.

SAVE THE DATE! All women of the parish are invited to attend the District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 01, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church at 5125 Grandview Road, Hanover. Our presenter will be Father Ryan Fischer. The Retreat is from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. with a half hour break for refreshments and fellowship. This event is offered at no charge but a freewill offering is welcome. **NO PRE-REGISTRATION** is necessary. Please put this Lenten event on your calendar now and invite your friends to join in. We look forward to seeing you! Bulletin reminders will follow. Please contact Donna Lynch with any questions at 637-3006 or donna1315@comcast.net.

Diocesan Mass for Homeschooling Families - Bishop Gainer will be celebrating Mass for Homeschooling Families in Room 103 of the Diocesan Center the evening of Friday, January 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM. The Sacrament of Penance will be available before Mass from 5:30 - 6:15 PM. After Mass, there will be a light reception with cookies, coffee, and punch in the lobby. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Jim Gontis at the Diocesan Religious Education Office by January 3, at jgontis@hbgdiocese.org, letting us know the number of people from your family planning to attend. The Diocesan Center is located at 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111.

"Being a Young Adult Catholic in Today's World of Non-Believers" is the topic to be presented by Fr. Jonathan Sawicki at Theology on Tap. This will take place on Thursday, January 12 at Annie Bailey's Irish Pub (2nd floor), 28 E. King St., Lancaster, PA. It starts at 7 pm with a Happy Half Hour, 7:30 pm the speaker begins, followed by Q&A. All young adults, (20's and 30's) single, married, Catholic or not, are invited to attend. For more information, visit: www.totlancaster.com.



We warmly invite women from around the Diocese to join us as we gather at the Diocesan Center for our third Prayer Shawl Retreat on Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The program, hosted by the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Organization Commission, will include Mass, prayer, knitting/crocheting, fellowship and lunch. You are welcome to attend even if you are a beginner and would like to be part of this time of fellowship and sharing. While the program is free, advance registration is required so that we can arrange a comfortable work area and plan for lunch. Please call Kathy Kokoski at [717-448-8899](tel:717-448-8899) or Deb Black at [717-514-8815](tel:717-514-8815) or email them at kakoko120@comcast.net or mvd01@verizon.net. Please register early as space is limited. **Deadline is Friday, January 6, 2017.**

The Maryland State Boychoir will perform on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Founded in 1987 with just 14 boys, the mission of The Maryland State Boychoir has remained clear: to foster the boychoir tradition by offering talented boys opportunities to sing and build self-esteem, self-discipline and character. Today, The Maryland State Boychoir is comprised of a diverse group of approximately 150 choristers, ages 7 to 20, who represent a wide range of ethnic, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds. The Maryland State Boychoir hosts the Baltimore Boychoir Festival, now in its 17th year, which brings together boys and young men from across the country to strengthen their choral skills, deepen their sense of community, and celebrate their art.



Daily Mass on days with Inclement Weather

With the onset of the Winter Season, we may be experiencing mornings when driving conditions are hazardous. This can often lead us to question if Daily Mass will be celebrated at the church. To make things easier for everyone, we will follow this guideline: We will follow Conewago Valley School District on the television announcements. If the school has a **Two (2) Hour Delay** or are **Closed DUE TO WEATHER**, we will **NOT** have morning Mass. If there is only a **One (1) Hour Delay** or no announcement, Mass will be as scheduled. Hopefully the winter season will be nice to us!