

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. George X. Staub (Elizabeth Kepler)

SUNDAY - *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Erik and Susan Norton (Ann.) (Miller Family)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. Lillian Miller (Albert and Rosemary Lowas)

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Intention of Gertie Boran (Fletcher Family)

WEDNESDAY - NO MASS

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FIRST FRIDAY - *World Day of Prayer, Abstinence*

9:00 a.m. Sarah Little (Joe and Linda Kuhn)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint Katharine Drexel*

8:00 a.m. Ethel Stambaugh (Merle and Bev Smith)
4:30 p.m. Rita Bucher (Carl, Lana and Joan)

NEXT SUNDAY - *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Gerald Topper, Sr. (Joyce Topper)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday - Loose Change Collection - Love of Neighbor

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

Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center; Lenten Penance Service

Monday - RCIA - Chapter 19: *Christian Call to Holiness*

Friday - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - That Man Is You Class - 8:00 a.m. in the parish center

Next Sunday - Second Collection - Lenten Appeal

Coffee and Donut Social - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the parish center

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

Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center

Attention Lectors: New schedules are available for pick up in the back of church after all Masses this weekend.

A special thanks to *myParishApp* for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

BAD WEATHER POLICY

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: When Conewago Valley Schools are closed or on a delayed schedule due to inclement weather, weekday morning Mass will be cancelled. The office will open late on these days to allow the staff to safely travel to work. If weather conditions are such we may need to close the office early. Remember that during the winter our parking areas can be slippery in spite of all we do to keep areas cleared.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

2/18/18

Adult Weekly Collection \$6,066.67
Children's Weekly Collection \$8.50
Weekly Collection Total..... \$6,075.17
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit** **\$1,616.83**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit** **\$12,250.57**

Gift Certificate Program – This week a total of \$1,510 was sold with a profit of \$53.56. Beginning in March we will be placing Scrip Gift Card orders only once a month. Orders will be placed on the 3rd Monday of the month. Orders will need to be in by March 18. Remember that gift cards for Weis and Giant are cash and carry after any Mass or during the week in the parish office. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Smith at 717-965-2559.



The Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop, 5 Carlisle St., New Oxford is having a great clothing sale, buy two and get one free. The third item must equal in value. Questions call 717-624-1272.

Banns of Marriage I for Steve Miller of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish and Katie Guillemín.

The **February Turkey Dinner** made a profit of \$1,528. Alan Trees won \$39 on the 50/50 drawing. Many thanks to all of the volunteers and patrons of our dinner. Mark your calendar for the next dinner on March 18.

BINGO

April 8, 2018

Immaculate Conception Church Fundraiser

Our past Bingo Fundraisers have been very successful. We're continuing this popular event with more **Thirty-One** bags, **Vera Bradley** bags, **Alex and Ani** jewelry, **gift cards, raffles, door prizes** and more! Bring your friends and family and plan for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Doors open at 12:00. Games begin at 1:30. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. Location: Immaculate Conception School Hall, 106 Carlisle St, New Oxford

Donations are needed!

We are currently looking for donations and would appreciate your support. Merchandise, gift cards and monetary donations are much appreciated.

Contact: Rosemary Lowas, 717-825-1922.

Food donations contact: Chris O'Brien 717-479-1277.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children who belong to Immaculate Conception Parish and have their parents' permission are invited to sing with our Children's Choir at First Penance on March 10 at 10:00 AM and at First Communion at the Parish 4:30 Mass on April 14. All Children's Choir members who are not in the First Penance and First Communion class should come to the Choir Loft ten minutes before the liturgy. New members are welcome. At least one adult, one with Child Protection Clearance, will be needed to be present with Sister Marie in the Choir Loft. Parents and children who are interested in the Children's Choir are encouraged to see Sister Marie, or to call 609-206-4066 or email gavsmj@hotmail.com.

The Adventure Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Abbottstown is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit the tomb of Christ. Please plan to travel with us to share the experience. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is \$76 which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus. **Deadline is March 26, 2018.**

"This is my beloved Son, hear him." Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say? If you think God is calling you, talk to Father Michael Letteer or Father Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804, frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School is hosting a Designer Bag and Alex & Ani Jewelry Bingo on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Irishtown Fire Company 934 Irishtown Road, New Oxford PA. Doors will open at 11:30 AM and games will begin promptly at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$20.00 per person in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Only 300 tickets will be sold and each person in attendance must have a paid ticket to be admitted. If you have any questions, or would like to purchase tickets in advance, please call 717.632.8715. All money raised will directly benefit the students of our school, either through the purchase of educational materials or via our tuition assistance fund.

For the Lord Incarnate was condemned, in order to bestow mercy on us; bound, in order to loose us; seized, in order to free us; He suffered, to heal our sufferings; He died, to restore life to us; He was buried, to raise us up again. One, in truth, was condemned, thousands were set free; One was buried, thousands rose again.

-St. Alexander of Alexandria (250-326), Pope, Defender of the Faith, Feast Day February 26

The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in desperate need of adorers for the following hours: Monday 6 p.m., Tuesday **3 a.m., 5 a.m.** & 1 p.m., Wednesday **1 a.m.** & 9 a.m., Thursday **12 a.m.** & 10 a.m., Friday 7 p.m. and Saturday 1, 6, 7 & 9 p.m. **Hours that are in bold are in desperate need of coverage.**

"Can you spend just one hour with our Lord."

Contact: Gloria Murren at 717- 479-1071

Inclement Weather Policy - When there is an upcoming storm, please call the Chapel Announcement line at 717-632-2154 concerning any closings.



Religious Education Upcoming Events:

FIRST PENANCE

First Penance - Saturday, March 10, 2018; 10 A.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

FIRST COMMUNION

Retreat - Saturday, April 7, 2018; 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford. *At least one parent must attend.

Parent Meeting - Thursday, March 8, 2018; 6:30 P.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

*At least one parent must attend.

First Communion - Saturday, April 14, 2018; 4:30 P.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

CONFIRMATION

Retreat - Saturday, April 7, 2018; 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. at ICBVM Parish Center

Rehearsal - Thursday, May 3, 2018; 6:30 P.M. at *St. Joseph, Hanover*. *Sponsors also need to attend.

Confirmation - Saturday, May 5, 2018 at @ *St. Joseph, Hanover*. 8:30 A.M. Student Arrival. 10 A.M. Ceremony.

Confirmation Names and Sponsors' names are due Sunday, March 11 at Religious Ed.

Religious Education Weather Cancellations can be found on WGAL.com and/or the WGAL app. WGAL does not publish church related cancellations on the television. **Father has asked that you do NOT call the rectory or parish office.**



Catholics are obligated to fulfill their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost), therefore the Sacrament of Penance for any mortal sins is required prior to this, and is strongly recommended as a Lenten penitential practice for any venial sins prior to the Easter feast. For your convenience listed below you will find a list of Lenten Penance Services for the Adams Deanery:

Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m. - ICBVM, New Oxford

Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. - Saint Aloysius, Littlestown

Sunday, March 11, 11:30 a.m. - Saint Vincent de Paul, Hanover

Monday, March 12, 7 p.m. - Saint Joseph, Bonneauville

Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m. - Annunciation BVM, McSherrystown

Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m. - Saint Francis Xavier, Gettysburg

Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. - Sacred Heart Basilica, Conewago

Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m. - IHM, Abbottstown

Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m. - Saint Joseph, Hanover