

Mass Intentions

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint John Neumann*

8:00 a.m. Harold W. and Alice Stewart (Lee and Theresa Stewart)
4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

SUNDAY - *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. Edward and Dolores "Pete" Klunk (Beck Arter)
11:00 a.m. Rita Bucher (Sue Snyder)

MONDAY - *Saint Raymond of Penafort*

7:30 a.m. Clyde P. and Wanita Orner (Estate)

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Lillian Miller (Daniel and Theresa Miller)

WEDNESDAY - NO MASS

THURSDAY - NO MASS

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Robert F. and Barbara A. Miller (Wedding Anniversary) (Miller Family)

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. Mary V. Sneeringer (Mary Ann Staub)

NEXT SUNDAY - *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. Kimberly Ann Smith and Donna J. Yake (Bob Smith)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Coffee and Donut Social - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center

Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. in the Parish Center

Monday - RCIA - *Chapter 16*: Sacrament of Holy Orders

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

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

Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. in the Parish Center

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who sent the wonderful Christmas cards and for those who gave me gifts. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Michael C. Letteer

Daily Mass on days with Inclement Weather

With the onset of the Winter Season, we may experience mornings when driving conditions are hazardous. This can often lead us to question if Daily Mass will be celebrated. To make things easier for everyone, we will follow this guideline: We will follow Conewago Valley School District on the television announcements. If there is a **Delay** or a **Closing DUE TO WEATHER**, we will **NOT** have morning Mass.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

12/23/18

Adult Weekly Collection.....\$7,493.50
Adult Online Giving (12/17 to 12/21)..... \$400.00
Children's Weekly Collection \$7.50
Weekly Collection Total\$7,901.00
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit**..... **\$209.00**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit**.....**\$14,714.56**

12/30/18

Adult Weekly Collection.....\$5,187.40
Adult Online Giving (12/24 to 12/28)..... \$650.00
Children's Weekly Collection \$4.50
Weekly Collection Total\$5,841.90
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit**.....**\$1,850.10**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit**.....**\$16,564.66**

Gift Certificate Program – Last week a total of \$670 was sold for a profit of \$33.50. The next order for Scrip is due the weekend of January 19/20. The completed order will be ready for pick up after all Masses the following weekend.

K of C Free Throw Contest Scheduled for Friday, January 18

The Hanover Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 on Friday evening, January 18, 2019 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Gym on Grandview Road in Hanover. Doors will open for registration and warm-ups at 5:30 p.m. and shooting will begin at 6:00 p.m. All participants will need to complete an entry form with parental consent and provide proof of age (copy of birth certificate). Entry forms are available the evening of the event or online at www.kofc871.weebly.com or contact Dave Zinn at dlzinn@comcast.net. Snow date will be Friday, January 25, 2019.

Student Envelopes - All parish students (Religious Education, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Homeschoolers, and High Schoolers) kindergarten and up are asked to pick up a box of envelopes in the back of church. Please remember to write your name by the box number that you take for recording purposes. Thank you.



We Pledge...

Bishop Gainer to host Listening Sessions...

Bishop Ronald Gainer will host listening sessions throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg in January and February of 2019. He encourages anyone with questions regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Diocese's response to abuse, our path forward, or any other questions or concerns to attend one of these sessions. Each session will include opening remarks from Bishop Gainer and retired Pennsylvania State Police Capt. Janet McNeal, recently hired to oversee the youth protection efforts of the Diocese. Following their brief remarks, the floor will be opened for questions. The session for Adams Deanery will be on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Parish, 5055 Grandview Road, Hanover. In order to make the sessions welcoming and to encourage discussion, video and audio recording will not be permitted. If you are unable to attend this session but would still like to ask Bishop Gainer a question, please email your question to AskBishopGainer@hbgdiocese.org.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa**. For many in these areas, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usscb.org.

March for Life Baby Shower - Do you want to support local mothers in need? Are you unable to attend the March for Life, or do you want to support local pro-life efforts? Then consider contributing to the March for Life Baby Shower! On **Sunday, January 20, 2019** between **2 - 4 pm** at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Harrisburg, the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) and the diocesan Respect Life Office will sponsor a baby shower collection to support local pregnancy resource centers. The day will include traditional baby shower games, refreshments, and fun, as well as short presentations from the pregnancy resource centers. All material gifts will go to Morning Star Pregnancy Centers and Birthright of Sunbury, while all financial gifts will go to "Pennies for Life." **Please RSVP by Sunday, January 6, 2019** to Kathy Kokoski at kathy.kokoski@gmail.com / 717-448-8899 or Debbie Black at Mvdb01@verizon.net / 717-514-8815. Needed materials include: Diapers & wipes, Baby clothes (new and gently used), Formula (Similac, 12 oz, Advanced or Sensitive), Baby food, Car seats (by law – **new only**), Strollers, Pac-N-Plays and Baby Wash/Soap.

Thousands of U.S. Catholics Prepare for Launch of "9 Days for Life" Campaign on January 14th - On January 14, 2019, thousands of Catholics across the country will join in prayer for **"9 Days for Life."** The prayer campaign, sponsored by the Committee on Pro Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, leads up to the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The novena and day of prayer are a time of recollection and reparation in observation of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade—the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States.

The overarching intention of the novena is that all human life will be respected. Each day of the **"9 Days for Life"** novena highlights a related topic and provides a reflection, educational information, and suggested daily actions.

Participants can subscribe to receive daily prayers at www.9daysforlife.com.

WHO: Since 2013 over 100,000 Catholics have joined together to pray this annual novena for the respect for human life sponsored by the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through prayer and sacrifice, we can help build a culture of life.

WHEN: **9 Days for Life** will run Thursday, January 14 through Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

WHAT: 9daysforlife.com is the dedicated website for joining the novena and for accessing resources. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. (a printable version is also available online.) Those who join the campaign are invited to pray a multi-faceted novena that includes a new intention, brief reflection, related information, and suggested actions for each day.

WHERE: For additional information and updates on ways to get involved, please visit 9daysforlife.com.

"When you say to God, Our Father, he has his ear right next to your lips."

-St. Andre Bessette (1845-1937), Patron Saint of Hurting Hearts, Feast Day January 6

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?...**Retrouvaille** provides marriage help! The next **Retrouvaille** weekend is scheduled for January 11-13, 2019. For more information and to register, please visit retrouvaille.org or call 717-356-2185.

Respect Life Mass – The annual diocesan Respect Life Mass will take place on **Sunday, January 20, 2019** at **9:30 am** at [Good Shepherd Church](#) in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building up of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Reverend Stephen Kelley, chaplain to our diocese's Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion ministry, will be the celebrant and homilist. Both he and Tom O'Neill will greet Respect Life leaders and volunteers from around the diocese in the narthex after the Mass. All are welcome!

St. John the Baptist Parish, New Freedom, PA, is pleased to announce another session of *Surviving Divorce*, a ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. This program includes 12 video presentations featuring a psychologist, priests, and personal testimonies from Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their family. Topics covered include shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. ***Surviving Divorce is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those who are still struggling many years later.*** It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity after divorce. For more information about the *Surviving Divorce* program, visit <http://www.catholicsdivorce.com> and the parish website www.sjbnf.org.

The 12-week *Surviving Divorce* program begins on February 6, 2019, at 6:45 pm. A \$25 fee includes the *Surviving Divorce* Personal Guide and all program materials. Please email facilitators, Deb Cousin at deb.cousin@verizon.net or Pat Smith at dontel972@aol.com or call the parish office at 717-235-2156 for more information.

Deeply Rooted Workshop - *Wanted*: Parents seeking to deepen their family's spiritual life and lead their children to holiness. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Mechanicsburg (310 Hertzler Road) is hosting a family workshop for parents, grandparents, and children on January 12, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Workshop sessions, children's programming and lunch will be provided for a \$30 registration fee. Visit www.steas.net/family to register OR pick up a registration form in the back of church.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar - After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."