



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY - *Blessed Virgin Mary*

4:30 p.m. Blanche Staub (requested by Albert & Rosemary Lowas)

SUNDAY - *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Cyril Staub Family (requested by Toots Lawrence)

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. Joseph Azzara (requested by Grace Azzara)

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Barbara Stewart Bridge (requested by Lee and Theresa Stewart)

WEDNESDAY - *Saint Andrew*

7:30 a.m. H. Walter and Anna Belle Smith (requested by Bob Smith)

THURSDAY NO MASS

FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of J.T. and Alphonzine Hockensmith Family

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saint Francis Xavier*

8:00 a.m. Regis and Estella Gebhart (requested by Rose Herman)

1:00 p.m. Cody Fletcher and Brianna Byers Wedding

4:30 p.m. Living and deceased members of Andrew and Bertha Smith Family (requested by the Smith Family)

NEXT SUNDAY - *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Jane Hoover (Ann.) (requested by Alyssa Hull)

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Loose Change Collection - Love of Neighbor

RCIA - Rite of Acceptance at the 8:00 a.m. Mass

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

Religious Education Class - No Class

Monday - I.C. School - Closed

Parish Office - Closed

RCIA - 6:15 p.m. in the school. **Chapter 8: The Church, One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic**

Thursday - I.C. School Christmas Program - 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

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

Immaculate Conception B.V.M. School Winterfest Holiday Bazaar - 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the New Oxford Social Club Pavilion.

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

Religious Education Class - 9:15 - 10:40 a.m. in the school.

"Faith renders meaningless such words as anxiety, danger, and fear, so that the believer goes through life calmly and peacefully, with profound joy, like a child hand in hand with his mother."

-Blessed Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916 A.D.) Priest, Martyr, Feast Day
December 1

Sacrificial Giving

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

11/20/16

Adult Weekly Collection will be printed asap
Children's Weekly Collection \$
Weekly Collection Total..... \$
Weekly Surplus/Deficit \$
Y-to-D Surplus/Deficit.....\$(11,692.16)

Grocery Certificate Program – Volunteers are always needed. Interested? Call Dawn Smith at 259-0993.

The New Oxford Community Food Pantry is in need of the following items for the month of December: **Canned Vegetables**. Thank you for your generous support of the food pantry.

A special thanks to **T.J. Smith Trucking & Excavating, Inc.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Thrift Shop News - The parish and school would like to thank the volunteers and patrons of the Thrift Shop for the recent donation of \$1,000. **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.

Banns of Marriage - Cody Fletcher and Brianna Byers will be married at Immaculate Conception Parish on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Rosary for America - Every 2nd Saturday we gather on the New Oxford Square at 12 Noon to pray the Rosary for America. The next date is Saturday, December 10. All are invited to participate.

Immaculate Conception School News...

Our **Christmas Program** will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

In anticipation of the annual Winterfest Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, at the New Oxford Social Club Pavilion, Immaculate Conception families are selling chances on raffles after all Masses this weekend, November 26 & 27. Chances are \$1 each or 6/\$5. Winners need not be present to win. All proceeds will benefit the students of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. School.

Immaculate Conception's annual Winterfest Holiday Bazaar is on **Saturday, December 3rd**. The event will take place at the New Oxford Social Club Pavilion, 200 W Golden Lane, New Oxford from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop over 35 vendors, including Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, ThirtyOne, Tupperware and a variety of homemade and hand-crafted wood and home décor items. You'll find the perfect gift for friends and family. Come early to get your Christmas cookies from the famous Cookie Walk. Contact the school for additional information at 624-4121.





Angel Tree

Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Church will be supporting the Community Project Council with our Angel Tree beginning this weekend, November 26 & 27. We are asking for your help to support these families in need. Please remove the angels from the tree, keep the paper angel and place it onto your wrapped gift when you return it to the church. Wrapped gifts are to be placed under the tree.

This year we will also be helping these families with some of their basic household needs as well. Some suggestions: Paper towels, fabric softener, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, all sizes of baggies, paper plates, napkins, cleaning supplies, wash rags, towels, rugs, medical supplies, food storage containers, tin foil, parchment paper, baking utensils, personal care items, soap, air fresheners, candles. Please place these items unwrapped in the box in the back of church and the items will be distributed among the families.

We are asking for all the gifts to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 11.

If you have any questions please contact Sherri Flickinger at 717-451-4344.

As we begin Advent, take time to prepare your heart to welcome the Infant Jesus on Christmas Day. The resources in the display make it easy! Just listen to a CD on the way to work or while doing chores at home....or read a book or booklet a little each night. The resources are free to all...for those able to make a donation, we thank you for your generosity that helps to support the mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to "feed hungry hearts".

Immaculate Conception Home and School has designed a 3" silver custom engraved Christmas ornament commemorating the school's years of operation. These ornaments will be available for purchase at a cost of \$15 each. Please contact Becky in the parish office to place your order. Pickup will be available December 3rd at the WinterFest Bazaar, 200 W. Golden Lane from 8AM-2PM or by other arrangements.

Boy Scout Troop #107 Annual Christmas Tree Sale - Annunciation Parish Boy Scout Troop #107 will be selling fresh Christmas Trees at the Annunciation Parking Lot located off of Main St. in McSherrystown until Saturday, December 24th. **Sale Hours:** Monday thru Friday 5-9pm, Saturday 9am - 9pm and Sunday 11am - 8pm.

K of C Regional Soccer Champions! Representing the Hanover Knights of Columbus, Camryn Miller-age 9; Alexis Torsella-age 10, and Brooke Whiteleather-age 12 recently won their age division at the regional K of C Soccer Challenge, held at Cocalico High School. They will now compete for the Pennsylvania state championship to be held in State College, PA.

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 judithciancio@comcast.net or 717-476-0405.



We have many people to thank who worked tirelessly behind the scenes with their time, talent and donations for our 40 Hours celebration, you know who you are. THANK YOU!

Thanks also to our parishioners who have participated in our times of adoration during the day and in our evening prayer services.

Father Michael C. Letteer

An Advent Celebration in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe *Patroness of the Americas * Patroness of the Unborn*

The Catholic community of the Diocese of Harrisburg comes together in prayer for the opportunity to celebrate the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe* on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Registration fee: \$10 per person or \$30 group of 4.

Agenda for the Evening:

- 5:00 p.m. *Aztec Dance by Folklorico San Jose
- 5:30 p.m. *Holy Mass
- 6:30 p.m. *Community Gathering with snacks and refreshments
- 7:00 p.m. *Crafts for Children & Theatrical Play by Fundacion Huellas "La Morenita"
- 8:00 p.m. *Traditional Advent Hymns in English and Spanish

Seats are limited. Register now! To register visit: www.hbgdiocese.org/hispanicministry or contact Jaclyn Curran at 717-657-4804, ext. 313 or via email jcurran@hbgdiocese.org.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.
Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ, he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation/Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's' promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask through Christ our Lord. **R/** Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!": O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
-From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers