

## † † † Masses For The Week

### SATURDAY - *Blessed Virgin Mary*

4:30 p.m. Jonathon Sekinger (Ann.) (requested by John and Sara Sneeringer)

### SUNDAY - *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. Carl Stough (requested by Veronica Stough)

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of Cyril Staub Family (requested by Toots Lawrence)

### WEDNESDAY - *Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Abstinence)*

9:00 a.m. Mary Worley (requested Bill and Judy Bollinger)

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### THURSDAY

No Mass

### FIRST FRIDAY - *Saint Katharine Drexel (Day of Abstinence)*

9:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of Paul Rabine Family (requested by Mary Rabine)

### FIRST SATURDAY - *Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

### NEXT SUNDAY - *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Clunk and Rickrode Families (requested by Anita Buie)  
11:00 a.m. Butch Letteer (requested by The Fletcher Family)

## The Week Ahead

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

**Monday** - RCIA - 6:15 p.m. in the school. **Chapter 21: 8th, 9th and 10th Commandments**

**Thursday** - Confirmation Parent Meeting - 6:30 p.m. in the Church. One parent must attend.

**Saturday** - That Man is You - 8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria.  
First Reconciliation - 10:00 a.m. in the church. Children should wear church clothes.

**Next Sunday** - Second Collection - Black and Indian/Poor Missions  
Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Religious Education Class - 9:15 - 10:40 a.m. in the school.  
RCIA - Rite of Election at St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg

**Rosary for America** - Every 2nd Saturday we gather on the New Oxford Square at 12 Noon to pray the Rosary for America. Please come and pray with us on March 11.

## Sacrificial Giving

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

2/19/17

Adult Weekly Collection .....\$6,276.75  
Children's Weekly Collection .....\$46.00  
Weekly Collection Total.....\$6,322.75  
Weekly Surplus/**Deficit**.....\$(1,369.25)  
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A special thanks to **George H. Bixler, Inc.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**Gift Certificate Program** - During the week of February 13 through 19 a total of **\$2,710** was sold. This gives us a weekly profit of **\$147.06**. Volunteers are always needed to sell certificates before and after all weekend Masses. Interested? Call Dawn Smith at 259-0993. **REMINDER:** Orders dropped off the weekend of Feb 18/19 can be picked up after Masses the weekend of Feb 25/26.

**The House of Nazareth Adoration Chapel**, 9 N. Third St., McSherrystown, is in need of more adorers for the following hours: Sunday 1 p.m., Thursday 9 p.m., Friday 7 and 8 p.m., Saturday 6 and 7 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 637-8635 or 479-1071. \*When there is an upcoming storm, please call the Chapel Announcement line at 632-2154 concerning any closings.



**Come check out the great clothing sale at the Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop**, 5 Carlisle Street, New Oxford. Buy two and get one free. Third item must be equal to or less in value (does not include school uniforms). Shop hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**CDCCW Lenten Retreat Reminder!** All women of the parish are invited to attend the District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church on 5125 Grandview Rd., 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. **CONTACT:** Donna Lynch with any questions (717) 309-2909 or DONNAL315@comcast.net.



"How Do We Know Jesus is Truly the Son of God Who Really Rose from the Dead?" is the topic of a special presentation by **Steve Hemler**, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA), on **Sunday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria**. A central belief of Christianity is that Jesus Christ is not only fully human, but also the fully divine Son of God. But, how do we know Jesus himself made that claim and how can we know if it's true? This multimedia presentation explores compelling evidence in support of the divinity of Jesus and the reality of the Resurrection. All are welcome.

**Mass Intentions:** In accordance with the Church's canon law, offerings for Mass over 1 year old that are not able to be offered in the parish are to be sent away. Fortunately, several of our local retired priests were happy to help us out. A total of 75 Mass Intentions were sent to Rev. Sylvan Capitani, Rev. Lawrence McNeil, Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Bonneauville and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

*"Little children follow and obey their father. They love their mother. They know nothing of covetousness, ill-will, bad temper, arrogance or lying. This state of mind opens the road to heaven. To imitate our Lord's own humility, we must return to the simplicity of God's little ones."*

**-Pope St. Hilary (315-368), Feast Day February 28**

**Third Annual Bull Road and Shrimp Feed** - The Delone Catholic High School Boys Lacrosse Team announces its Third Annual Bull Road and Shrimp Feed on Saturday, March 18 at the Gotwalt Hall and St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Hanover from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. Cost is a \$30 donation and includes pit beef, steamed shrimp, sides, salads, desserts, and beverages catered by Crooked Creek Grillers. The evening will also include music, door prizes, raffles, jars (SGCL #895). No one under 21 will be admitted. For tickets or more information please email [dchslaxinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dchslaxinfo@gmail.com).

The Daughters of Charity are offering a **"Come and See"** vocation retreat weekend March 3-5, 2017. Single Catholic women ages 18-40 interested in a vocation as a Sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. If interested please contact: Sr. Mary Frances Barnes, D.C. at 410-646-2074 or [dcvoc@doc.org](mailto:dcvoc@doc.org).

**Don't Give Up *chocolate* For Lent**

**Join Catholic Dynamic for Best Lent Ever, a FREE email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent.**

**You'll get...**

- ◆ *Short Inspirational Videos*
- ◆ *Practical Tips*
- ◆ *A Study Guide*

Based on Matthew Kelly's latest book, *Resisting Happiness*, this year's program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. **ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR BEST LENT EVER?** Sign up at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com).

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, is quickly approaching. How are you planning to nourish your soul this Lent? Consider participating in the following adult faith formation offering: **Introduction to the Sacraments** on Thursdays March 2, 9, 16, 23 and April 6, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish in Hanover from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Rev. Ryan Fischer will be conducting the class.

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This year, instead of giving up sweets or some other treat, give a little time each day to listen or read something from our Resource Display. There's a wide variety of topics - something for everyone! Just 10 minutes a day while driving to work or before bed will yield tremendous blessings. For those unable to make a donation, these resources are provided without cost; for those able to donate, your small donations are used 100% to provide these resources to more parishes. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Vincent de Paul Church has medical equipment to loan to anyone in need.** Items include: steel handicap ramp, commode chairs, shower chairs, wheel chair, crutches, walkers, bath bars side rails, etc. If you are in need of any of these items please contact Dawn at 637-1890.

**Notre Dame Vision: Calling All High School Students** - Each summer, the University of Notre Dame invites high school students from across the country to spend a week on Notre Dame's campus. Participants spend Monday through Friday exploring how God calls us in our lives and how we might respond. During your week at Notre Dame, you will share in dynamic large group experiences, interactive small group time, profound liturgies, and excellent music. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross students lead this program, and participants get to experience student life by eating in the dining halls, staying in the dorms, and enjoying the beautiful campus. Contact Katie Franz at [kfranz01@saintmarys.edu](mailto:kfranz01@saintmarys.edu) for more info.

**Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg – Please save the date of April 1, 2017 for the Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg.** Theme is: **Fools for Christ: Men Called to Glorify God through His Catholic Church.** Keynote Speaker is world-renowned Catholic author and speaker, **Dr. Peter Kreeft** from Boston. His keynote is *Seven Reasons Why Everyone Should be Catholic*. **Bishop Ronald W. Gainer** is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass and will also be presenting two workshops on St. Thomas More as a Model for Conscience Formation. There are thirty+ workshop choices over three sessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, more than 20 Priests available for Confession, plus good music, food, and fellowship. Last year we had 925 men who attended this event. This year we are hoping for 1,000 men. **Registration materials are coming soon to your parish.** Please join us, and invite a friend or three to come with you! Thank you!

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour - SAVE THE DATE!** On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 p.m.; Annunciation BVM Church in McSherrystown will hold the 2nd Annual **Divine Mercy Holy Hour.** We will begin with Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, veneration of the image of Divine Mercy, and end with Benediction during the Hour of Great Mercy. Confessions will be offered from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. For more info call 632-8049.

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION 2017** - Support our mission to the missions! **The Black and Indian Mission Collection** exists to help communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities: Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis, Helping Educators Reach Kids, Encouraging Vocations and Empowering Evangelizers.

