



Intentions for the Week



SATURDAY - *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*
4:30 p.m. Living and deceased members of Paul Rabine Family (Mary Rabine)

SUNDAY - *Second Sunday of Advent*
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Michael Terry (Gloria J. Snyder)

MONDAY - *Saint Damasus I*
7:30 a.m. John H. Kuhn and Family (Jim Kuhn)

TUESDAY - *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
7:30 a.m. Andy Kuhn (Jeanne and Dave Swope)

WEDNESDAY - *Saint Lucy*
7:30 a.m. William Martin (Steve and Sandy Martin)

THURSDAY - *Saint John of the Cross*
NO MASS

FRIDAY
7:30 a.m. Mary Rizzuto Miller (Lee and Theresa Stewart)

SATURDAY
4:30 p.m. Susan and Erik Norton (Lillian Miller)

NEXT SUNDAY - *Third Sunday of Advent*
8:00 a.m. Victoria Luckenbaugh (Ann.) (Ingrid Luckenbaugh)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

The Week Ahead

Sunday - Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center

Monday - RCIA - 6:00 p.m. - Chapter 13: *Two Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism and Confirmation*

Friday - Parish Office - Closed

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

Next Sunday - Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center; Confessions
Turkey Dinner - 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the parish center

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

ADULT CHOIR

Now is the time to join the Choir!

Immaculate Conception's Adult Choir is seeking new members to sing with us on Christmas Eve. As in past years, we rehearse every Sunday from after the 8:00 Mass to 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in singing with the Choir on Christmas Eve, or would like to learn more, please contact Sister Marie Gavigan at 609-206-4066 or gavsmj@hotmail.com, or stop by the Choir Loft after Mass on Saturday, Sunday or weekdays.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING



Sunday Collection Budget.....	\$400,000.00
Weekly Total Needed.....	\$7,692.00
12/03/17	
Adult Weekly Collection	\$8567.61*
Children's Weekly Collection	\$9.00
Weekly Collection Total.....	\$8,576.61
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$884.61
Y-to-D Surplus/Deficit	\$9,408.25

*Includes Holy Day Collections

Gift Certificate Program – The weekend of 12/2 & 3 we sold a total of **\$4,185** for a profit of **\$220.94**. **REMEMBER** to purchase your Christmas gift cards from Church. The parish receives a percentage back on each gift card purchased from 2% to as much as 16%. Please complete the order form and return it to the gift card seller who is located in the room between the church and rectory with your payment. Orders are placed after all the Masses the 1st & 3rd weeks of the month and can be picked up from the gift card seller after all the Masses on the 2nd & 4th weekends of the month. Remember that gift cards for Weis and Giant can be bought and taken right away after any Mass or during the week in the parish office.

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

There will be an **Ecumenical, Inter-Religious Candlelight Remembrance Service** held for anyone who has experienced the death of a friend, family member, loved one to suicide. It will be held today, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Basilica, Conewago, 30 Basilica Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the service. For more information, please contact Sue Poist at 717-624-2055 or email at smpoist@hotmail.com. All are welcome - does not matter when the suicide occurred. It is just a time for us all to come together to let you know you are not alone.



Annunciation BVM Church Boy Scout Troop #107 Christmas Tree Sale

Sales have begun at the lot next to 237 Main Street in McSherrystown. **Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Parish Penance Services

Saint Vincent de Paul - Sunday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart - Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.
Francis Xavier (at church) - Monday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Heart - Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph (Hanover) - Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

"For His mercy endures forever"

2017 Holydays Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Sunday Obligation

Saturday, December 23

4:30PM Mass

Sunday, December 24

8:00AM Mass

11:00AM Mass

Christmas Evening

Sunday, December 24

4:30PM Mass

7:00PM Mass

Christmas Midnight

Monday, December 25

12:00midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

10:00AM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family/Sunday Obligation

Saturday, December 30

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, Dec. 31

8:00AM Mass

11:00AM Mass

Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, December 31

4:30PM Mass

Monday, Jan. 1

9:00AM Mass



Winterfest Christmas Bazaar Donors

We gratefully thank the many people that helped with the Winterfest Christmas Bazaar. The event was a combined effort of our devoted volunteers, along with the help of many parish members who baked, and the numerous people who donated gifts and funds to help the cause. In particular, we would like to thank the following individuals and businesses:

Joe Sheaffer	Altland House
Riley Welding & Fabricating	Anne Vallotton
Cross Keys Diner	Rob & Robin Sheaffer
N.O. Social & Athletic Club	JDCS Enterprises
Alda Mae Noel	Murphy's Funeral Home
Redbud House	Nancy Arnold
McSherrystown Home Association	Scott Jewelers
ICC Thrift Shop	Knights of Columbus
North 5th St. Diner	Amy Klunk
Maryanne Biddison	Sandy Fletcher
Kennie's Market, Gettysburg	Myers Meat Market, Hanover



When returning your wrapped gift **PLEASE** attach the tag to the outside of the package with the **red number face side up**. All gifts **MUST** be returned to the church or rectory no later than Sunday, December 17.

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? If God is calling you, talk to Fr. Letteer or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations at (717) 657-4804, frwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com

ATTN. REL. ED. FAMILIES: Materials for Sacraments of First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation can be picked up at the Rel. Ed. office during 9-11 on Sundays. Also, keep track of the weekly bulletin for scheduled parent meetings and other dates/events concerning sacramental requirements.

Hershey Bears Hockey – Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the Hershey Bears Hockey team vs. Charlotte Checkers at the Giant Center in Hershey, for the Annual Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 7 p.m. Tickets are discounted to \$15.00 each for all ages from the regular admission price of \$23. For tickets contact Janet Dise at jdise@HersheyPA.com. Deadline for orders is January 29, 2018.

Catholic Charities Ireland Trip Announced - Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg and visit the grave of St. Patrick, the Diocese's Patron Saint, on a 12-day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Bishop Ronald Gainer. The trip will take place August 28 - September 8, 2018. The group will depart from Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to Washington is available. For more information, contact Mark Totaro, Catholic Charities Executive Director/CEO, at 717-657-4804 (ext. 276) or visit www.cchbg.org online.



Christmas Flower Memorials - The cost of the Christmas Flowers will be \$10 each. Envelopes were included in your monthly mailing this year, however, if you did not receive one there are some in the back of church. The deadline to be included in the bulletin insert will be Sunday, December 17.

LAST CALL FOR BABY BOTTLES - If you still did not turn in your baby bottle you have until **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**.

The Children's Rosary Group will meet on today, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown. All children are invited. Rosaries and booklets are provided.

Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.

-John the Cross (1542-1591), Priest, Patron of Contemplatives, Feast Day, December 14



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 there is a **Delay** or a **Closing DUE TO WEATHER**, we will **NOT** have morning Mass. Hopefully the winter season will be nice to us!