



Intentions for the Week



SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY - *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Victoria Luckenbaugh (Ann.) (Ingrid Luckenbaugh)

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. H. Walter and Anna Belle Smith (Bobt Smith)

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Clair S. and Theresa G. Overbaugh (Ann.) (Randy Overbaugh)

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

THURSDAY - *Saint Peter Canisius*

NO MASS

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Susan and Erik Norton (Lillian Miller)

SATURDAY - *Saint John of Kanty*

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

NEXT SUNDAY - *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Kenneth Deatrick, Sr. (Dorothy Deatrick)

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions

7:00 p.m. Special Intentions

12:00 Mid. People of the Parish

The Week Ahead

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

Monday - RCIA - 6:00 p.m. - Chapter 14: *The Eucharist and The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

Wednesday - I.C. Senior Friends - 2:30 p.m. Christmas dinner at Bay City

ANIMA - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Adult Education Room

Friday - Parish Office - Closing at Noon

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

Christmas Eve - Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center

He who loves Our Lord Jesus Christ must desire to be with Him...the more we conform ourselves to His example the more perfect will be our lives.

Blessed Anthony Grassi (1592-1671), Priest, Feast Day December 18

Join us for an Advent Experience for Our Parish Family - The Blessed Mother received the fire of God's love into her life, and the Word was made flesh. Jesus became a human person through her. He is the light of the world; and that light is given to us through the Church. We carry this light forward because of the light within us. Join us in the Parish Center Adult Education Room on Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. for Week 3 the final week of ANIMA.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING



Sunday Collection Budget.....\$400,000.00

Weekly Total Needed..... \$7,692.00

12/10/17

Adult Weekly Collection \$8,211.00*

Children's Weekly Collection \$10.00

Weekly Collection Total.....\$8,221.00

Weekly **Surplus/Deficit** **\$529.00**

Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit** **\$8,879.25**

*Includes Holy Day Collection

Gift Certificate Program – The weekend of 12/9 & 10 we sold a total of **\$1,950** for a profit of **\$97.50**. **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 *Mason's Propane Service* for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

ADULT 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.

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Financial Statement: This week's bulletin includes our parish Annual Financial Statement. The statement includes the Actual Income and Expenses for FY2016/2017 and the Budgeted Income and Expenses for FY2017-2018. We are publishing it later than previous years due to issues with the new diocesan accounting system; finalizing accounts for IC School; and establishing St. Teresa's School.

Parish Penance Services

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

Last day to return Angel Tree Gifts. **PLEASE** attach the tag to the outside of the package with the **red** number face side up.

"The One who calls you is faithful." Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Letteer or Father Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804, frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

Winterfest Christmas Bazaar Raffle Prize Winners

1. Toy chest – Holly Kordis
2. P. Buckley Moss – Pat Livelsberger
3. \$30 Scott Jewelers gift certificate – Linda Groft
4. Christmas wreath – Mary Huff
5. Glass luminary – Jennifer Miller
6. Wooden Christmas sign – Janet Redding
7. Necklace – Rob Sheaffer
8. Tupperware bowl set – Judy Miller
9. Scentsy Basket – Jennifer Miller
10. Wooden cutting board – Harvey Stimer
11. Scented candle & Olive Garden gift card – Loretta Rider
12. Cross Keys diner buffet for 2 - Linda Kuhn
13. Basket of toys - Frank Overbaugh
14. McDonalds dinner for 4 – Fay Wilmoyh
15. Three \$5 Sam's Club gift cards – Donna Stoner
16. \$15 Redbud House gift certificate – Mike Hearn
17. Altland House brunch for two – Sam Smith
18. \$25 Pier One Imports gift card – Donna Stoner
19. \$25 Overstock.com gift card – Sandy Bladen
20. Angel Decorator basket – Elizabeth Kepler
21. Basket of homemade jams – April Brady
22. \$20 North St. Diner gift certificate – Stephanie Rudzinski
23. Two \$10 gift cards: North St. Diner & Sweet Frog – Pat Livelsberger
24. Free Massage – Elizabeth Lawrence
25. \$50 Cash – Katie Socks
26. \$50 Cash – Lorraine Rife
27. \$100 Cash – Barb Dick
28. \$50 Cash – Linda Kuhn
29. Christmas basket – Sharon Shreve
30. Five Piece Glass Serving Set – Ashley Smith
31. Christmas Basket – Judy Miller
32. \$20 Sears gift card – Pat Anshvets
33. Soup pot with books and mixes – Connie Pizzoli
34. Christmas dishes – Paige Edmiston
35. Basket of toys – Katie Becker



Sister Maria Wrubel who taught at Delone Catholic High School for approximately 23 years has recently celebrated 75 years as a Sister of Mercy. Sister Maria will be 95 years old on January 2, 2018. Anyone who would like to send her a birthday card can send them to: Sister Maria at Mercy Center, Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

'NEW' Extraordinary Minsters: Have you ever prayerfully considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, either to serve at Mass or to visit the sick and homebound (or both)? A training program for 'new' EMHC's, sponsored by the Diocese, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Grandview Road, Hanover. The date is Tuesday, January 2, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Deacon Tom Aumen will present the 2-hour program. The EMHC mandate that one receives lasts for 3 years. If you would like to join this beautiful ministry of service, please contact the parish office to arrange for an interview with Fr. Letteer, and to fill out the necessary application. All applications must be sent to the Diocese by December 19. May God guide you in your contemplation.

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 weekend is January 12-14, 2018. For more information and to register, please visit retrouvaille.org or email retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com.

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!