

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY - *Saint Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary*
4:30 p.m. Pauline "Peanie" Hertz. (Ann.) (Joe Hertz and Judy Russ)

SUNDAY - *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 a.m. Kimberly Ann Smith (Bob Smith)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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

TUESDAY
7:30 a.m. Rita Bucher (Deatrick and Bladen Families)

WEDNESDAY - *Saint John Bosco*
7:30 a.m. Bob Kuhn (Tom and Anita Hockensmith)

THURSDAY NO MASS

FIRST FRIDAY - *The Presentation of the Lord*
9:00 a.m. Mary Hagan (Fletcher Family)

FIRST SATURDAY - *Saints Blaise and Ansgar; Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:00 a.m. Catherine A. Becker (25th Ann.) (Pat & Ike Felix)
4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY - *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 a.m. Edward and Dolores "Pete" Klunk (Beck Arter)
11:00 a.m. Vivian Renee Mummert (Karen Rebert)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday - Loose Change Collection - Love of Neighbor Choir - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center

Monday - Parish Office - Closed
RCIA - Chapter 20: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Commandments

Wednesday - Adult Education Class - 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room at the parish center *Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* Session 3: Lectio & Meditatio

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

Next Sunday - Second Collection - Society for the Propagation of the Faith Membership Appeal
Coffee and Donut Social - In the parish center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center

Join us on Wednesday, January 31 in the Adult Ed. Room for *Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* Session 3: Lectio & Meditatio. In reading and meditating on Sacred Scripture, we begin to ascend the ladder of Lectio Divina as we open our hearts and minds to hear and understand God's words to us.

On February 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, it is tradition to bless candles. We invite you to join us at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and bring your candles to be blessed.



2017 Tax Contribution Statements have been mailed to families that requested them last year. If you are new to the parish or have not received your copy please call Becky at 717-624-4121.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING



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

1/21/18

Adult Weekly Collection \$6,297.00
Children's Weekly Collection \$17.00
Weekly Collection Total..... \$6,314.00
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit** **\$1,378.00**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit** **\$9,054.74**

Gift Certificate Program – This week a total of \$820 was sold with a profit of \$27.00. Gift Card 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.

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. *Parents this is a great way to teach your children about stewardship.*

"We are Ambassadors for Christ" - Society for the Propagation of the Faith Membership Sunday, February 4 - The SPOF was established in 1822 and is the means through which the Pope supports 1,150 mission dioceses around the world. It assists with faith formation, the selection of native bishops, and the formation of seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists. As mission dioceses struggle to take root, SPOF also provides critical education, health, and funding social services.

Your participation in SPOF Membership Sunday by prayer and contributions helps to spread the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus to the billions of people who do not know Christ, and supports the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that Good News.

Thank you for answering the call to missionary spirit through your support of this holy work of the Church.



BAD WEATHER POLICY

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: When Conewago Valley Schools are closed or on a delayed schedule due to inclement weather, weekday morning Mass will be cancelled. The office will open late on these days to allow the staff to safely travel to work. If weather conditions are such we may need to close the office early. Remember that during the winter our parking areas can be slippery in spite of all we do to keep areas cleared.



Delone Catholic has much to offer high school students, and we are anxious to talk about it. As we begin accepting new student admissions for 2018-19 school year, we would like to remind prospective students and their families that personal tours and shadow days are available. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Hart, Director of Marketing and Admissions to schedule a tour, shadow a day or to get more information on our curriculum, programs and services. She can be reached at jhart@delonecatholic.org or by calling 717-637-5969. Student applications are available at www.delonecatholic.org.

Delone Catholic High School Placement Test (HSPT) - The High School Placement Test is being administered at Delone Catholic High School on Saturday, February 10. The test will not be given at the deanery schools this year. All incoming freshman to Delone Catholic must take a high school placement test. There is no fee to take the test. To register, visit the Delone Catholic website at www.delonecatholic.org and click on Prospective Students/Learn about Delone Catholic or contact Mrs. Jennifer Hart at jhart@delonecatholic.org or by calling 717-637-5969.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School is proud to present ~ "Murder at the Fletcher Point Country Club", our first Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. The dinner will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Annunciation B.V.M. Church Parish Hall, located at 316 North Street in McSherrystown. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. Catering by Shultz's Catering. Dinner will include Garden Salad, Choice of either Roast Turkey or Baked Ham, Green Beans Almondine, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Dessert and Non-Alcoholic Beverage. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Limited reservations available!! For more information, please visit our website: www.stck8school.org. You may be surprised by our cast of "suspects!"

LENTEN RETREAT INVITATION: All women are invited to attend the District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St. Joseph Church, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. Our Presenter will be Father Michael Reid, Pastor at St. Vincent, Hanover.

Location: Social Hall – Use the Msgr. Gribbin Parish Center Entrance, behind the church to the left.

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Sign in at the Msgr. Gribbin Parish Center Entrance Area

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - First Presentation

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. - Refreshment Break

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Second Presentation

3:00 p.m. - Retreat Ends

This event is offered at no charge but a freewill offering is welcome. NO PRE-REGISTRATION is necessary. You are encouraged to sign in between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. Please put this Lenten event on your calendar now and invite your friends to join in. We look forward to seeing you! Please CONTACT Donna Lynch 717-637-3006 or DONNAL315@comcast.net with any questions.

A special thanks to *Catholicmatch Pennsylvania* for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct please to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope a finally embracing you. Amen.

- St. Thomas Aquinas (1226-1274), Patron of Universities, Feast Day January 28

Religious Education Upcoming Events:

FIRST PENANCE

Retreat - Saturday, February 24, 2018; 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. at Immaculate Heart, Abbottstown

*At least one parent must attend

Parent Meeting - Thursday, March 1, 2018; 6:30 P.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford

*At least one parent must attend

First Penance - Saturday, March 10, 2018; 10 A.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

FIRST COMMUNION

Retreat - Saturday, April 7, 2018; 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

*At least one parent must attend.

Parent Meeting - Thursday, March 8, 2018; 6:30 P.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

*At least one parent must attend.

First Communion - Saturday, April 14, 2018; 4:30 P.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

CONFIRMATION

Retreat - Saturday, April 7, 2018; 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. at ICBVM Parish Center

Rehearsal - Thursday, May 3, 2018; 6:30 P.M. at St. Joseph, Hanover.

*Sponsors also need to attend.

Confirmation - Saturday, May 5, 2018 at @ St. Joseph, Hanover. 8:30 A.M. Student Arrival. 10 A.M. Ceremony.

Confirmation Names and Sponsors' names are due Sunday, March 11 at Religious Ed.

Religious Education Weather Cancellations can be found on WGAL.com and/or the WGAL app. WGAL does not publish church related cancellations on the television. **Father has asked that you do NOT call the rectory or parish office.**

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website at www.icbvmnewoxford.org to sign up.