

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Ethel Stambaugh (Merle and Bev Smith)
4:30 p.m. Rita Bucher (Carl, Lana and Joan)

SUNDAY - *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Gerald Topper, Sr. (Joyce Topper)

MONDAY

7:30 a.m. Rita Bucher (Kim & Jeff Lawrence)

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Roland Clouser (Bernie and Darla Kuhn)
10:00 a.m. Brethren Home - Lillian Miller (Connie Pizzoli)
7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

WEDNESDAY - *Saints Perpetua and Felicity*

NO MASS

THURSDAY - *Saint John of God*

NO MASS

FRIDAY - *Saint Frances of Rome, Abstinence*

7:30 a.m. Earl Topper (Linda Harris)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. First Penance
4:30 p.m. Deceased members of Edward H. Kuhn Family
(Bernie and Darla Kuhn)

NEXT SUNDAY - *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Gerald Topper, Sr. (Joyce Topper)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday - Second Collection - Lenten Appeal
Coffee and Donut Social - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the parish center

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

Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center

Monday - RCIA - *Catholic Practices and Devotions*

Tuesday - Lenten Penance Service - 7:00 p.m.; Religious Education Students are asked to attend.

Friday - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - That Man Is You Class - 8:00 a.m. in the parish center
First Penance - Saturday, March 10, 2018; 10 A.M. at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford.

Rosary for America - 12 Noon on the New Oxford Square. All are encouraged to participate.

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

Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center

RCIA - Vespers Service - Candidates meet Bishop Gainer

The **Children's Rosary Group** will meet on Sunday, March 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Chapel in McSherrystown. Booklets and rosaries are provided. All are encouraged to participate.

A special thanks to **B & K Appliance Parts** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

 **SUNDAY, MARCH 11 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS. TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

2/25/18

Adult Weekly Collection \$6,582.00
Adult Online Giving (month of January)..... \$480.00
Children's Weekly Collection \$8.50
Weekly Collection Total..... \$7,070.50
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit** **\$621.50**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit** **\$12,872.07**

Gift Certificate Program – This week a total of \$575 was sold with a profit of \$28.75. Beginning in March we will be placing **Scrip Gift Card orders only once a month.** Orders will be placed on the 3rd Monday of the month. Orders will need to be in by March 18. Remember that gift cards for Weis and Giant are cash and carry after any Mass or during the week in the parish office. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Smith at 717-965-2559.



The Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop, 5 Carlisle St., New Oxford *is having a great clothing sale, buy two and get one free.* The third item must equal in value. Questions call 717-624-1272.

Banns of Marriage I for **Jake Robinson** of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish and Olivia Kauffman.

Banns of Marriage II for **Steve Miller** of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish and **Katie Guillemín.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: a training session for NEW ministers for Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday, March 27 (Holy Week), 2018. The training will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 5125 Grandview Road, Hanover, PA. The two-hour session begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be presented by Deacon Tom Aumen. Manuals will be provided. This training fulfills the requirements for a mandate. Applications are available on-line (hbgdiocese.org...type in Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion). Cost is \$12. Applications should be presented to your parish office to receive your pastor's signature, and an interview arranged with your pastor before submitting the applications to the Diocese. Deacon Tom (717-637-5236) would be happy to answer any questions.

Homespun Project: The Homespun Project delivered blankets to veterans through "For the Love of a Veteran", and many families throughout the Hanover area. I would like to share a thank you that we received. "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! The blankets and quilts you donated are beautiful! One of the children was very excited to show her 'warm snuggly sweet dreams blanket'." To date we have donated 1238 blankets. Please continue to create and donate your beautiful projects. Contact Lori Ann Ziolkowski at 717-633-5135 for details.

Now Enrolling! Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School is now enrolling students in Kindergarten – 8th Grade for the 2018-2019 academic year. For more information on our enrollment process, please visit our website www.stck8school.org or call our business office at 717-637-3135. Multi-child Discounts and Tuition Assistance available.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children who belong to Immaculate Conception Parish and have their parents' permission are invited to sing with our Children's Choir at First Penance on March 10 at 10:00 AM and at First Communion at the Parish 4:30 Mass on April 14. All Children's Choir members who are not in the First Penance and First Communion class should come to the Choir Loft ten minutes before the liturgy. New members are welcome. At least one adult, one with Child Protection Clearance, will be needed to be present with Sister Marie in the Choir Loft. Parents and children who are interested in the Children's Choir are encouraged to see Sister Marie, or to call 609-206-4066 or email gavsmj@hotmail.com.

The Adventure Club of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Abbottstown is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit the tomb of Christ. Please plan to travel with us to share the experience. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is \$76 which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus. **Deadline is March 26, 2018.**

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School Up Coming Events:

March 17 - *Broadway Gala and Art Show*, McSherrystown Campus. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; Performance at 6:00 p.m.

March 18 - *Designer Bag and Alex & Ani Jewelry Bingo* at Irishtown Fire Company 934 Irishtown Road, New Oxford PA. Doors will open at 11:30 AM and games will begin promptly at 1:00 PM. Admission is \$20.00 per person in advance or \$25.00 at the door. Only 300 tickets will be sold and each person in attendance must have a paid ticket to be admitted. If you have any questions, or would like to purchase tickets in advance, please call 717.632.8715. All money raised will directly benefit the students of our school, either through the purchase of educational materials or via our tuition assistance fund.

March 28 - Early Dismissal

March 29 and 30 - No School; Easter Break

April 2 - School in Session/Snow Make-up date

April 6 - Father/Daughter Dance at SAVES (6:30 to 9:00 p.m.)

April 20 - Race for Education (rain or shine)

April 27 - Grandparents and Grandfriends Day (9 a.m. to 12 noon); 12:15 Early Dismissal



Catholics are obligated to fulfill their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost), therefore the Sacrament of Penance for any mortal sins is required prior to this, and is strongly recommended as a Lenten penitential practice for any venial sins prior to the Easter feast.

For your convenience listed below you will find a list of Lenten Penance Services for the Adams Deanery:

Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m. - ICBVM, New Oxford

Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. - Saint Aloysius, Littlestown

Sunday, March 11, 11:30 a.m. - Saint Vincent de Paul, Hanover

Monday, March 12, 7 p.m. - Saint Joseph, Bonneauville

Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m. - Annunciation BVM, McSherrystown

Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m. - Saint Francis Xavier, Gettysburg

Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. - Sacred Heart Basilica, Conewago

Tuesday, March 27, 7 p.m. - IHM, Abbottstown

Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m. - Saint Joseph, Hanover

The Anniversary of our Diocese Part I by Father Edward Quinlan

This year we will observe the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg. It is a good time to ask how we got here. In one sense the story always begins with Jesus' call of the Apostles and the founding of the Church. But what about the Church in our country?

The first parish in what will later become the United States is founded in the city of St. Augustine in Florida. With the arrival of Spanish settlers and accompanying priests, Mass is offered and a church built. Both the city and the church are named for the saint on whose feast day the voyagers first sighted land a little further down the Florida coast. The first Mass will be celebrated with land fall there on September 8, 1565, the birthday of Mary.

In the original 13 colonies the story is different. Many early settlements were created by different Protestant groups fleeing persecution in England and Europe. The most familiar were the Pilgrims who settled in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, while seeking religious freedom for themselves they were not often prepared to extend it to others. Catholics were decidedly not welcome in these settlements, and the presence of the Catholic Church was formally forbidden by English law. The exceptions to this were in Maryland, the colony founded by the Calvert family, who were devout Catholics and another place Catholics were welcome was in our own state of Pennsylvania. William Penn and the Quakers who established our state were very respectful and tolerated other faiths.

In 1720 a Jesuit priest was sent to Maryland for Catholics in the central colonies. Eventually he will move to Philadelphia in order to establish missions for Catholic families in Pennsylvania and beyond. He will build what is affectionately called "Old St. Josephs" near Independence Hall in 1733. This is the first public Catholic church in the colonies and remains in operation today. A few years later he will request the assistance of German speaking Jesuits to help with the significant German Catholic population in the state. St. Mary's Church in Lancaster and Sacred Heart Church in Conewago, both started as mission chapels, also date to the mid 1700's and will serve as bases for the wide ranging missions extending throughout central and western Pennsylvania.