

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY - *Fourth 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. Dan Goulden (Ann.) (Larry and Nancy Aumen)

TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. Lillian Miller (Curvin and Peanie's Family)

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Earl Topper (Linda Harris)

THURSDAY NO MASS

FRIDAY - *Abstinence*

7:30 a.m. Terry Young (Upper Room Prayer Group)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY - *Saint Patrick*

4:30 p.m. Living and deceased members of Clunk and
Rickrode Families (Anita Buie)

NEXT SUNDAY - *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. Edward and Dolores "Pete" Klunk (Beck Arter)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday - Choir - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center
RCIA Vespers Service - Candidates meet Bishop Gainer

Monday - RCIA - Topic: *Social Justice*

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

Saturday - That Man Is You Class - 8:00 a.m. in the parish center
RCIA - Candidates will receive Confirmation

Next Sunday - Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services
Choir Rehearsal - After the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Religious Education - 9:15 a.m. in the parish center
Turkey Dinner - 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the parish center

The **Children's Rosary Group** will meet today, March 11, at 3:00 p.m. at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown. All children are invited. Rosaries and booklets are provided.

A special thanks to **Hanover Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Sanctuary Cleaners are Needed! Can you spare an hour or two every few weeks to help clean the church? Contact Diane Redding at 717-624-1618.

NOTE: *Self Denial folders are in the back of church.*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

3/4/18

Adult Weekly Collection \$8,660.00
Adult Online Giving (month of February)..... \$1,594.81
Children's Weekly Collection \$8.50
Weekly Collection Total..... \$10,263.31
Weekly **Surplus/Deficit** **\$2,571.31**
Y-to-D **Surplus/Deficit** **\$10,300.76**

Gift Certificate Program – This week a total of \$390 was sold with a profit of \$19.50. 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. **VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED** call 717-624-1272 for details.

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 application to the Diocese. Deacon Tom (717-637-5236) would be happy to answer any questions.



Easter Flowers are \$10.00 each. If you would like to be included on the flier please have your donations in to the parish office by Sunday, March 18.

Time and Talent Stewardship: As a follow-up to our fall Treasure Stewardship appeal, next week we will have a Time and Talent Stewardship appeal. In preparation for this appeal, this week's bulletin has an insert that provides a short description of parish programs that need your time and talents. Please give generously.

Thank you to the **Rosary Confraternity** for donating the remaining balance of their account (\$487.39) toward the church refurbishing projects.

From Tender Care Pregnancy Center: "Thank you for your generous donations to Tender Care's Baby Bottle Project. Your church raised \$2,276.50! We greatly appreciate your contribution to this project. Thank you! Tender Care

"The Lord opened the understanding of my unbelieving heart, so that I should recall my sins".

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The **2018 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal** is off to a great start. Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's appeal. To date, we have received gifts/pledges totaling **\$35,360** towards this year's Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Still, we need all of you to contribute. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important Diocesan ministries and services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the Parish to help us.

Life in the Spirit Seminar - *Do you want to deepen your prayer life? Do you want to grow in your relationship to God?* Join us Mondays starting April 9, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Social Hall of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 6084 West Canal Road, Abbottstown. This Life in the Spirit Seminar will last for 6 weeks. For more information contact Janet at (717) 259-7798.

The **Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** is offering a **\$1,000 scholarship** to a Catholic Senior Girl for her freshman year at an accredited college, university, or trade school. Applicants must be sponsored by a Mother or Grandmother/Guardian who is a member of a Parish Council of Catholic Women, is a resident of the Harrisburg Diocese, and must meet all conditions established by the Scholarship committee. Anyone interested in applying should contact your Parish CCW President for an application or Joyce Scott, Scholarship Chair, at 717-737-0927 or email to: joybob10@aol.com. The application deadline is May 1, 2018.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School Up Coming Events:

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.

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

Lenten Penance Services for the Adams Deanery:

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

Were you married in 1968? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office.

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest or in the consecrated life? If God is calling you, talk to Fr. Leteer or Father Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804, frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

The Anniversary of our Diocese Part II by Father Edward Quinlan

Pastoral care for Catholics settling in the original 13 colonies was first entrusted to Jesuit priests from England and later some from Germany. Parishes and missions were under the supervision of the Diocese of London as they were English colonies. With the end of the Revolutionary War and our official separation from England, as memorialized in the Treaty of Paris in 1783, the time was ripe for the formal foundation of the Church in our new country. Pope Pius VI in 1790 will create the Diocese of Baltimore and appointed Father John Carroll as the first bishop. The diocese included all of the United States at the time. The new diocese was estimated by Bishop Carroll to have 25,000 Catholics and he had 25 priests to serve them. The US population was about 4 million at that time.

The new country was open for business and by 1830 began to grow rapidly. Immigration was slow at first then significantly increased in the 1830's. Many Germans were among those arriving in this wave. By 1845 large numbers of Irish were coming to the US to flee starvation in their native land. With succeeding decades the new arrivals were coming from central and southern Europe as well. This was significantly increasing the Catholic population in the country.

By 1808 Pope Pius VII creates Baltimore as an Archdiocese, dividing it to form the dioceses of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown (KY). Philadelphia at this time encompasses the whole state of Pennsylvania. Our central Pennsylvania homeland is part of this early diocese, and we are blessed to be able to account as one of our bishops, Saint John Neumann. By way of note, his relics are encased in our main altar. In time, the state will see other dioceses created from the western counties, Pittsburgh (1843) and Erie (1853).

On March 3, 1868 Pope Pius IX will direct that the dioceses of Scranton and Harrisburg be created from the territory of Philadelphia. A young priest, assigned as the rector of the minor seminary in Philadelphia, will be appointed as the first Bishop of Harrisburg, Father Jeremiah Shanahan.