



LENTEN GUIDELINES

Fasting and Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Friday's in Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18 ~ 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and 2 smaller meals each day.

Prayer: Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The flowers on the main Altar last weekend were designated by Don & June Aumen for James Lawrence & Bernard Lawrence. The flowers on the main Altar this weekend were designated by Lee and Jean Noel "in memory of my sister Barb Noel's birthday".

Please note: there will be no flowers allowed on the main Altar during Lent. However we can put them on both side Altars.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Diane L. Groft
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Dr. Vincent Pisula
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	8:00a.m.	William & Theresa Gebhart family
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Roy & Madeleine Staub family
Ash Wednesday 8:30a.m. In honor of Our Blessed Mother		
	7:00p.m.	Francis & Mary Lawrence family
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Mark & Dwayne Lawrence
First Friday 8:30a.m.		
	7:00p.m.	Burnell Lawrence
		Living & deceased members of James & Pat Rosner family
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Joseph P. Groft
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bette Florence
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish



Sun. Mar. 12th. Questions on the sub sale can be directed to Christine Yealy at 717-521-7852 or cyealy@comcast.net. Please keep Raymie, Deb, and Derek in your prayers!

The Little Black Books for Lent are available at the doors of the Church, feel free to take one and follow the daily prayers and Scripture Readings.

From the Pastor: From a letter of St. Clement, Pope regarding repentance excerpted from the *Liturgy of the Hours* for Ash Wednesday
Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.
If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has *offered the opportunity of repentance* to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people.
...As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance. He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as a holy people.*

We received a heartfelt thank you from Tender Care Pregnancy Center for our participation in the "Pennies for Life Program" and the check for \$425.00 we sent them. "Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners, your commitment to this ministry is both a blessing and a joy. As we reach out to women and families in our community, it is an encouragement to know you are working with us as a partner every step of the way. Thank you for helping us show the love of Jesus Christ to our clients. Sincerely Susan Hoffman, Executive Director."

If you need a donation statement for tax purposes please contact the Parish Office at 637-2721.

The men of Immaculate Conception, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart currently participating in the "That Man Is You" program, wish to invite our fellow parish men ages 18

years and older to join us each Sat. at 8a.m. in The Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria. Feel free to walk-in any Saturday and see what the program is all about. You may also contact Pete Socks at pete.socks@gmail.com or 717-624-1212 for more details.

World Day of Prayer, 2017 is Fri. Mar. 3rd. A Service will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church at 7:00p.m. All are welcome.

The Children's Rosary Group will gather on Sun. Mar. 5th at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown. Prayer books and rosaries will be supplied. For more information contact Vicky Bunty at 632-3245.

St. Joseph Academy Preschool, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, is seeking applications for a Director/Teacher for their pre-school program for 3 & 4 year olds. Candidates should meet the following criteria: 1) Be an active Catholic; 2) Be committed to the mission/vision of the Sisters of St. Joseph; 3) Possess a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education or Educational Administration; 4) Have at least eight years of classroom experience and preferably some managerial experience. Applicants should send a letter of intent and their resume to Sister Deborah Hughes, SSJ Sponsorship Coordinator, at dhughes@ssjphila.org **by Mar. 3rd.**

All women of the Parish are invited to attend the District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Lenten Retreat on Sat. Apr. 1st at St. Joseph's Church on 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. Our Presenter will be Father Ryan Fischer. The Retreat is from 12:00 Noon to 3:00p.m. with a half hour break for refreshments and fellowship. This event is offered at no charge but a freewill offering is welcome. No pre-registration is necessary.

We appreciate the response from our families in joining us for an exciting future as St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. We are still accepting registrations for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Please visit our website at www.stck8school.org or call 632-8715 (Conewago Campus Grades K - 3) or 637-3135 (McSherrystown Campus Grades 4 - 8) for additional information or to schedule a tour.

Sacred Heart School News

Sacred Heart Day at Hoss's Restaurant is Tues. Feb. 28th. Cards are at the doors of the Church. Thank you for your support.

Please pray for our Parishioner Mary "Mim" Gebhart who went home to the Lord this week. Pray for her family too as they deal with their loss.

A sub sale will be held for our Parishioner Raymie Smith who woke up on Christmas Eve 2016 unable to move. He was diagnosed with *Guillain-Barre Syndrome*. Raymie has been hospitalized since Christmas Eve and has strongly battled every obstacle that has come his way through these last few weeks. His fight is not over and he has many weeks and months ahead with physical therapy and rehabilitation. **Please join us in helping Raymie and his family. A sub order form is attached to the Bulletin.** Order forms and donations marked "Raymie Smith" can be dropped by the Parish Office or into the collection basket between now and