

The flowers **St. Joseph's Altar** have been designated by JoAnn & Jane in loving memory of their father Joseph P. Groft.

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.	Joseph P. Groft
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Bette Florence
	10:00a.m.	The People of the Parish
Mon.	7:00p.m.	Sean Bartley
Tues.	8:00a.m.	Albert & Mary Jane Noel family
Wed.	8:30a.m.	Mary Shaffer
Thurs.	8:00a.m.	Deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson, Sr. family
Fri.	7:00p.m.	Margaret Ann Stromberg
Sat.	5:30p.m.	Living & deceased members of Earl T. & Dorothy Brady family
Sun.	7:30a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10:00a.m.	Paul & Ida Klepper



First Sunday of Lent

Nor did the Lord need our service. He commanded us to follow him, but his was the gift of salvation. To follow the Savior is to share in salvation; to follow the light is to enjoy the light. Those who are in the light do not illuminate the light but are themselves illuminated and enlightened by the light. They add nothing to the light; rather, they are beneficiaries, for they are enlightened by the light.

The same is true of service to God: it adds nothing to God, nor does God need the service of man. Rather, he gives life and immortality and eternal glory to those who follow and serve him. He confers a benefit on his servants in return for their service and on his followers in return for their loyalty, but he receives no benefit from them. He is rich, perfect and in need of nothing.

Lenten Mass Schedule

Monday and Friday Mass is at 7:00p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday Mass is at 8:00a.m.

Wednesday Mass is at 8:30a.m.

Stations of the Cross is Wednesday at 7:00p.m.

A variety of resources for Lent are available on the Diocesan website at www.HbgDiocese.org/Lent

The annual Lenten Appeal will begin next weekend, Mar. 11th and 12th and we will hold in pew collections for 2 additional weekends. Our goal this year is \$64,100.00 and every dollar collected over that goal comes back to the Parish. Please be generous.

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

Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Mar. 9th at 9:00a.m.

The Health Care Ministry will meet Thurs. Mar. 9th at 2:00p.m. at the home of Christine Reynold.

A Lenten Penance Service will be held Sat. Mar. 11th at 10:00a.m. at Annunciation BVM Church, McSherrystown. A full list of area Penance Services will be in next week's Bulletin.

The Sacred Heart Club will meet Mon. Mar. 13th at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be the wearing of the green and "Quarter Mania" will be played. New members are always welcome!

The Hanover Knight of Columbus #871 are sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance (serving corned beef & cabbage) Fri. Mar. 17th from 5:30-9:00p.m. at the Msgr. Gribbin Parish Center, 5125 Grandview Road Hanover. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$35 couples and \$10 children under 12. Tickets are in advance only by calling Will Smith 717-630-9122 or Rick Harmer 717-969-8093 or by stopping at the Parish Office 5055 Grandview Road, Hanover.

Sister Thelma Steiger, HSF. Ph.D., will be giving a Lenten Mini-Retreat on Mar. 18th from 8:30 - 10:30a.m. in the Msgr. Rost Parish Hall. The topic of the Retreat will be "How I Long to Love You; Contemplating the Mysteries of Passiontide". A free will offering will be accepted. Pre-registration forms are available in the Parish Office and vestibule of the Church. For more information call Deb McAulay at 717-632-7708.

"How Do We Know Jesus is Truly the Son of God Who Really Rose from the Dead?" is the topic of a special presentation by Steve Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA), on Sun. Mar. 19th at 7:00p.m. in the School Cafeteria at Immaculate Conception Church, 106 Carlisle St. in New Oxford. A central belief of Christianity is that Jesus Christ is not only fully human, but also the fully divine Son of God. This multimedia presentation explores compelling evidence in support of the divinity of Jesus and the reality of the Resurrection. All are welcome.

Change of date: The Healing Mass sponsored by our Health Care Ministry has been rescheduled to Sat. Mar. 25th at 11:00a.m. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass. All are welcome to attend.

The Diocese of Hbg. 2017 Men' Conference, "Fools for Christ, Warriors for God" will be held Sat. Apr. 1st at Bishop McDevitt High School. Pamphlets and registration forms are in the Church vestibule.

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. The 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.

Registrations for the 2017 - 2018 school year at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School are still being accepted. Please visit the 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

A LuLaRoe Bingo will be held Sun. Mar. 12th at 1:00p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and can be purchased in the School Office. Special Raffles will be held as well as ways to win free leggings. Come wearing your favorite LuLaRoe.

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Black and Indian Poor Missions.

A sub sale is being 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. 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. Order forms are still available in the vestibule and at the Parish Office. Donations marked "Raymie Smith" can be dropped by the Parish Office or into the collection basket the deadline is 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!

From the Pastor: St Irenaeus on our purpose in this world, excerpted from the *Liturgy of the Hours*:
In the beginning God created Adam, not because he needed man, but because he wanted to have someone on whom to bestow his blessings. Not only before Adam but also before all creation, the Word was glorifying the Father in whom he dwelt, and was himself being glorified by the Father. The Word himself said: *Father, glorify me with that glory I had with you before the world was.*