The flowers on the main Altar have been designated on the occasion of Claude and Jeannie Murren’s 75th wedding anniversary.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30p.m. William Sneeringer
Sun. 7:30a.m. The People of the Parish
10:00a.m. Donald J. Neiderer
Mon. 8:00a.m. Marie Bowersox
Tues. 8:00a.m. Deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson, Sr. family
Wed. 8:00a.m. Albert & Mary Jane Noel family
Thurs. 8:00a.m. Joseph P. Neiderer
First Friday 8:30a.m. Mark & Dwayne Lawrence
7:00p.m. Tom McKim
Sat. 5:30p.m. Stan and Rose Lawrence
Sun. 7:30a.m. Cecelia Topper
Sat. 7:30a.m. The People of the Parish

Confirmation Precession

Sat. Feb. 4th 5:30p.m. John and Ann Rifle family
Sun. Feb. 5th 7:30a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glessner
10:00a.m. Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmerman

From the Pastor: On Tuesday, January 31, the Church will celebrate the feast day of St John Bosco also known as Don Bosco. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1841 and founded a religious order known as the Salesians in 1859 in order to serve the young, especially the poor, through the exercise of spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Practicing what he spoke, he dedicated his life to rescuing and educating abandoned children and youthful offenders through the operation of schools for boys. He was canonized in 1934 and is the patron of schoolchildren, youth and juvenile delinquents.

Don Bosco was fond of inspiring his students by leading them in the growth of the virtue of charity which is the love of God—doing things because you love God and it is what He wants you to do. He taught them to avoid sin by impressing upon them the hideousness of sin and teaching them how to recognize the tactics of the devil so that they might know when they were under attack. Many of the conferences that he gave to based on dreams that he had. These dreams gave him examples which made it easier for the boys to understand his talks. Many miraculous healings were attributed to his prayers. This included restoring a dead boy to life so that he could confess the sins that he had concealed in his previous confession and avoid hell.

One of his dreams which has received a great deal of notoriety is “The Two Columns in the Sea”. It involves the Pope leading a fleet of ships that is attacked by an enemy fleet. The Pope is killed and a new one is elected and continues to lead the fleet toward two columns in the distance. One column has a monstrous containing the Holy Eucharist on the top; the other column has a statue of the Blessed Mother. The Pope moors his ship to both columns and the enemy ships disperse. This dream reminds us that the two hallmarks of Catholicism are devotion to the Holy Eucharist and to the Blessed Mother. Don Bosco would not speculate on the persecution he saw. He did state that during times of trial, the two means that save the Church are devotion to the Blessed Mother and frequent worthy receipt of Holy Communion. He reminded all of their obligation to promote these so that they were practiced everywhere and by everybody.

Thank you everyone for our Christmas collection. The total was $18,584.00. God bless you for your generosity.

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

This the last weekend to participate in the “Pennies for Life” program. You are asked to donate one penny for each year of your life, or more. We have collected $245.27 so far, let’s keep it going! All proceeds benefit Tender Care Pregnancy center which is pro-life.

The Second Collection next weekend, Feb. 4th & 5th is the Society for the Propagation of Faith Membership Appeal.

The Children’s Rosary Group will gather at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown Sun. Feb. 5th at 3:00p.m. Rosaries and prayer books will be provided. For more information contact Vicky Bunty at 632-3245.

The course “An Introduction to Prayer” will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Bonneauville, Monday’s Feb. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and Mar. 6th from 6:30 – 8:30p.m. Topics to be addressed in this course include: the nature of prayer, prayer in Scripture and in the life of Christ, various forms of Christian prayer, and more. For more information call their Parish Office at 717-334-2510.

The Immaculate Conception Knights will host the Harlem Wizards on Tues. Feb. 7th at the New Oxford High School Gymnasium. Doors will open at 6:00 and the game will begin at 7:00p.m. Advance tickets are available now for $10/adult and $8/child. All tickets will be $12 at the door. Reserve your tickets via www.harlemwizards.com or by calling the school at 717-624-2061.

“Hanover Cares: House the Homeless” Marathon Live broadcast of WHVR 1280 AM Feb. 9th and 10th. The goal is to raise $6,000.00 for the Hanover Area Council of Churches Homeless Shelter operated by Hanover Area Council of Churches, and programs for the homeless provided by Turning Point. Any donation is accepted and can make a real difference in our area’s homeless.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Women of the Sacred Heart will sponsor a Baby Shower/Tea Social for the Gabriel Project Sun. Feb. 12th after the 10:00a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Donations of infant and toddler clothes, all diaper sizes, blankets, formula, gift cards, and larger items such as pack & play’s, baby gates, strollers… will be appreciated. Be sure to bring a detailed list of items contact our Gabriel Project representative Rich King at 717-688-5414.

A Holy Mass, with prayers for healing, will be celebrated by Father John Szada at St Vincent de Paul Church on Tues. Feb. 14th at 7pm. All are welcome.

Mount St. Mary’s Seminary will be giving a presentation on end-of-life issues on Thurs. Feb. 16th at 6:30p.m. in the St. Aloysius Parish Hall. How should we decide about starting or continuing life-saving treatments? Capuchin Fr. Dan Mindling, who works with the Pro-Life Secretariat of the Bishops Conference, will be there for an evening presentation and discussion on living wills, do not resuscitate orders, and health care powers of attorney in the light of our Catholic Faith. If you have questions, please contact Julie at 717-334-1821.

The Delone Catholic Faculty, Family and Friends Relay for Life Team is sponsoring a Cash Bingo on Sun. Feb. 26th. Doors open at 12p.m. and Bingo begins at 1:30p.m. in the Delone Catholic cafeteria. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. For tickets contact 717-637-5969 or baneeringer@delonecatholic.org

S soared Heart School News

Saddened Heart Day at Hoss’s will be Tues. Jan. 31st. Cards are at the doors of the Church this weekend.

Join Sacred Heart School for a snow tubing fundraiser event at Ski Liberty’s Boulder Ridge on Thurs. Feb. 2nd. Fundraising vouchers, available at the School office, allow you to purchase tickets at Ski Liberty for $25 for any 2-hour block between 4-10p.m., and 20% gets returned back to the School.

Sacred Heart Athletic Association currently has openings for volleyball coaching staff for the 2017 season. We have had great interest this year and are in need of at least two coaches for the JV team. Please submit your letter of interest to Travis Kopp, Athletic Association President, at athleticpresident@shespa.org. If we do not secure coaching staff, we will be unable to have a JV team.

Home & School Associ. is holding a Friday Night Cash Bingo Feb. 17th in the Parish Hall. (Show date Feb. 24th) Doors open at 6:00p.m. Early Birds Bingo begins at $10p.m. Tickets are $10.00 for 6 cards. Call the School Office for tickets or more information, 632-8715.