**LENTEN GUIDELINES**

**Fasting and Abstinence:** Catholics ages 14 and older abstain from meat Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Friday's in Lent. In addition, 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 have been designated by Lee and Jean Noel in memory of their mothers’ birthdays Rita Little and Joyce Noel.

From the Pastor:

Parish family through

The Lenten Season. The meals focused on these so that supplies would be consumed rather than go to waste.

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. For 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.

**The Lenten weekday Mass schedule:**

- Mon. and Thurs. mornings at 8:00 a.m.
- Tues. and Thurs. evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. and Sat. mornings at 8:00 a.m.
- Sun. and Mon. evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be held Wed. evenings at 7:00 p.m.

If you need a donation statement for tax purposes please call the Parish Office at 717-637-2721.

The Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop, 5 Carlisle St. Union Deposit Rd. Hbg.

Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Catholic Church of New Oxford will hold their monthly “All-You-Can-Eat” Turkey Dinner on Sun. Feb. 18th in the Parish Hall, located behind the Church, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are: $9.00 for adults $4.00 for children (6-12) Under age 6 – free.

The 2018 Diocese of Hbg. Men’s Conference entitled “Men of Mary, Mercy and the Eucharist” will be held Sat. Mar. 10th at Bishop McDevitt High School. Pamphlets with registration forms are in the vestibule of the Church in the pamphlet racks.

Emmanuel UCC presents “Pianos in Paradise” on Sun. Mar. 11th at 3:00 p.m. 124 Broadway Hanover. Music of Claude Bolling and Ferrante and Teicher will be played by Don Horneff and David Craig Obert. All are welcome.

Check out the website: [www.directionforourtimes.org](http://www.directionforourtimes.org)

St. Teresa of Calcutta School News

Registrations for the 2018-19 school year are now being accepted for grades K – 3 at the Conewago Campus 717-632-8715 and grades 4 – 8 at the McSherrystown Campus 717-637-3135.

**A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Grant to your faithful, Lord, a spirit generous enough to begin...