Pastors Column:

During Lent, Mass will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form on Sunday’s at 6:00p.m.

The Diocesan Annual Campaign continues weekend. The theme is “Faith Forward” as our faith is central to who we are. Please be generous, any funds collected over and above our goal of $53,900 will be returned to our Parish.

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Pastors Column: The story of Michelle Milano adapted from John Neumann Wonder Worker of Philadelphia. Continued... Michelle looked at her mother with tears in her eyes and struggled to arrive.

Michelle was rushed to the emergency room of St. Mary’s Hospital. The doctors assessed her injuries; she had sustained a fractured skull, and her left arm was completely severed, except for a small strip of skin. Dr. Blaker, the orthopedic surgeon on call at the time initiated emergency surgery on Michelle’s arm immediately.

When Michelle emerged from six hours of intensive surgery, her arm and shoulder were completely encased in a plaster cast, save the tips of her fingers. Dr. Blaker explained to Marie after the procedure that he expected to amputate her daughter’s arm in three or four days. The bones, nerves, muscles, arteries – everything had been irreparably damaged.

Marie spent those four days in the hospital with her daughter. Every day she blessed Michelle’s arm and head with the first class relic of St. John Neumann her daughter had received three years before from the priests at St. Peter’s on the occasion of John Neumann’s beatification. To be continued...

**Please note:** Mon. Mar. 25th Mass will be at 8:00a.m.**

Delone Catholic High School will present Disney’s Beauty and the Beast on Sat. Mar. 16th at 7p.m. and Sun. Mar. 17th at 2p.m. Admission payable at the door - $10 for adults and $5 for children. Delone student and staff admitted free with ID.

Next weekend, Mar. 23rd and 24th the Girl Scouts will be in the vestibule of the Church and in the School Lobby selling cookies.

The District Council of Catholic Women invite you to a Lenten Retreat, “Glimmers of Grace: Choosing Everyday to Wake Up and Live in Trust.” It will be held Sat. Mar. 23rd at St. Joseph Church Social Hall, 5125 Grandview Rd. Hanover, Registration begins at 12:00p.m. and the Retreat will end around 3:30p.m. It will be presented by Franciscan Sisters’ Eileen Quinn and Mary Therese White. No need for pre-registration.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience at St. Vincent de Paul Church Sun. Mar. 24th at 2:00p.m. Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience. For more information call St. Vincent’s Parish Office at 717-637-4625.

All are welcome to attend a Healing Mass here at the Basilica Sat. Mar. 30th at 11:00a.m. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the Mass with light refreshments.

Delone Catholic Athletic Association and the Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg are hosting BIG BINGO on Sat. March 30th. Tickets are $15 per person and include a roast turkey dinner platter. Dinner is served from 5:6:15p.m. and Bingo begins at 6:30p.m. Bingo games pay $50 per regular game. For tickets, please contact Linda Masenheimer at 717-637-0412.

It’s time to remove all Christmas decorations from the graves in our Cemetery. Deadline to do so is Sun. Mar. 31st.

Immaculate Conception, New Oxford will host a Bingo in the Church hall Sun. Mar. 31st. Doors open at 12:00Noon, Bingo starts at 1:30p.m. Tickets are $17 in advance, $20 at the door. Call 717-479-0122 to reserve your tickets.

Life in the Spirit Seminar. Let the healing power of the Holy Spirit penetrate more deeply into yourself. Seek growth in your union with God. Join us Monday’s starting Apr. 22nd from 6:30 – 8:30 PM 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 information phone or text Janet at 717-259-7798 or email at nocp@yahoo.com

The Diocese has put out a call for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. You must be at least 18 years of age, and a regular practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. We certainly can use new Ministers here! If you are interested please contact Fr. Howard at the Parish Office 717-637-2721. There will be a training for new people as well as those who need to renew their mandates (every 3 years) at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Spenkel Ave. Spring Grove, on Tues. Apr. 23rd beginning at 6:30p.m. Pre-registration is needed at least 2 weeks in advance of the training. Contact our Parish Office at 717-637-2721.

We will be putting together a new Parish Pictorial Directory this June. Keith Rider is coordinating this project. Volunteers are needed to schedule appointments after weekend Masses from Apr. 13th through May 13th and to help with photo sessions June 14th – 26th. A training session will be held for volunteers Mon. Apr. 8th at 4:00p.m. Keith Rider may be contacted for more information at 717-824-8606 or email him at: kridget65@comcast.net

Lenten Penance Services

Immaculate Conception New Oxford, Tues. Mar. 26th at 7:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Hanover, Sun. Mar. 31st 2:00p.m. St. Aloysius Littlestown, Sat. Apr. 6th at 11:00a.m.