showed him kindness, and made him understand that henceforth he was his defender and father. He thus won their good will. The saint's superiors were often influenced by the many criticisms which reached them. Nevertheless, Claver continued his heroic career, accepting all humiliations and adding rigorous penances to his works of charity. Lacking the support of men, the strength of God was given him. He became the prophet and miracle worker of New Granada, the oracle of Cartagena, and all were convinced that often God would not have spared the city save for him. During his life he baptized and instructed in the Faith more than 300,000 negroes.

The Sacred Heart Club will meet on Mon. Sept. 9th in the Parish Hall at 6:00p.m. Secret Pals will be revealed and “Let’s Make a Deal” will be played. New members are always welcome!

The Adams Deaney Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in desperate need of servers for the following hours: Mon. at 12am, 11am, Wed. at 2am. Thurs. at 12am. Fri. at 7pm & 11pm Sat. at 4pm & 9pm. The Hours in Bold are in desperate need “Can you spend just one hour with our Lord.” Contact: Gloria Murren at 717-479-1071

RCIA classes will soon begin, if you are interested in joining the Catholic faith, contact the Parish Office at 717-637-2721.

Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Sept. 12th at 9:00a.m. Please bring a rag and bucket.

The Health Care Ministers will gather Thurs. Sept. 12th at 2:00p.m. at the home of Christine Reynold.

Our 40 Hours celebration begins on Sun. Sept. 15th – Tues. 17th. Please consider attending this holy time where we adore Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Preacher will be Father McNeill! The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 10:00a.m. Mass on Sun. until the evening service which begins at 7:00p.m. Mon. and Tues. the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 8:00a.m. Mass until the 7:00p.m. service each night.

The Children’s Rosary Group will gather Sun. Sept. 15th at 3:00p.m. at the Adoration Chapel 9 N. Third St. McSherrystown. Rosaries and prayer books will be available. Adults too are welcome! For more information call Vicky Buntly at 717-632-3245.

CCD will begin Wed. Sept. 18th at 7:00p.m. in the School.

They are available from Dave Zinn at ddzin@comcast.net or search “K of C Soccer Challenge Entry Form and Score Sheet.”

Junior Choir will begin practice on Sun. Sept. 22nd at 8:45a.m. Requiem Choir rehearsals will begin on Wed. Oct. 2nd at 9:00a.m. New members are welcome in all choirs. Registration forms for Junior Choir are available in the vestibule and on the parish website under Liturgy - Music Ministry. For more information please contact Jody Richter (at 717) 524-8684 or songbird62@embarqmail.com.

Forty Days for Life in York will have an opening Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, State St. Hbg. on Sun. Sept. 22nd at 5:30p.m. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the main Celebrant. The prayer campaign will be from Sept. 25th – Nov. 3rd at 728 S. Beaver St. York. For information and to contact Dan Minek (at 717) 698-0044. There is always someone there praying so you will not be alone. Your prayers do matter!

Sweep for the Sisters 12th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 28th at Flatbush Golf Course in Littlestown. Sponsorships are still available. For more information call 800-428-6510 or check out the website www.sspphil.org The proceeds benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: a training session for new ministers, and for those needing renewed mandates, will be held on Tues. Oct. 1st at St. Joseph Parish, Hanover, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is needed. Please contact our Parish Office at 717-637-2721 no later than Sept. 17th! New Ministers are needed here for all weekend Mass times. Deacon Tom Aumen from St. Joseph’s will be the presenter.

Attention Delone Catholic Alumni Cheerleaders: You are welcome to join in cheering for the 2019 Homecoming Game on Fri. Oct. 4th when the Squires take on Bermudian Springs Eagles. Practices will be on Sat. Sept. 21st and Sat. Sept. 28th at Delone from 9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. For more information call Janice Leonard at 717-637-6171.

SAVE THE DATE: Thurs. Oct. 17th we begin another Bible Study “Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come.” We begin the course at 6:30p.m. in the Parish Hall. The cost of the course is $25.00 for books and materials. The length of the course is 11 weeks, however we will do 5 weeks in the fall and the 6 remaining weeks in the spring. There are informational sign-up sheets in the vestibule of the Church. Please register before Oct. 10th to allow time for the correct amount of materials to be ordered in time for the study. For more information contact Janice Leonard at 717-637-2721 or John Barrett 717-633-1082.

The flowers on the main Altar have been designated by the Neiderer family in memory and in honor of all grandparents. “Happy Grandparents Day.”

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30p.m. Richard J. Smith
Sun. 7:30a.m. The People of the Parish
10:00a.m. George S. Smith
Mon. 8:00a.m. Lien & Duc families
Tues. 8:00a.m. Nick & Louise Little’s Anniversary
Wed. 8:00a.m. A. Lloyd & Anastasia Klunk
Thurs. 8:00a.m. Joe Pisula
Fri. 8:00a.m. Deceased members of Wm. F. Nicholson Sr. family
Sat. 5:30p.m. Keith A. Adams
Sun. 7:30a.m. Dick Lawhon
10:00a.m. People of the Parish

Offerings Procession

Sat. Sept. 14th 5:30p.m. Bill & Sherry Eckenrode
Sun. Sept. 15th 7:30a.m. VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
10:00a.m. The Stinesiffer family

There will be a sign-up session for CCD this weekend after all Masses in the Church vestibule! Registration forms may be found on our Parish website: www.sacredheartbasilica.com or you can fill out the form on when you sign up your child.

The second collection this weekend is Peter’s Pence.

Pastors Column: St. Peter Claver, SJ is represented by one of the statues. Monday, September 9 is his feast day. He was born in Spain and died on in 1654. The following is condensed from the 1907 edition of the Catholic Encyclopedia.

At the age of twenty he entered the Jesuit novitate at Tarragona. While he was studying philosophy at Majorca in 1605, Alphonsus Rodriguez, the saintly door-keeper of the college, learned from God the future mission of his young associate, and thenceforth never ceased exhorting him to set out to evangelize the Spanish possessions in America. Peter obeyed, and in 1610 landed at Cartagena, where for forty-four years he was the Apostle of the negro slaves. Trained in the school of Père Alfonso de Sandoval, a wonderful missionary, Peter declared himself “the slave of the negroes forever”, and thenceforth his life was one that confounded egotism by its superhuman charity. Although timid and lacking in self-confidence, he became a daring and ingenious organizer. Every month when the arrival of the negroes was signalled, Claver went out to meet them on the pilot’s boat, carrying food and delicacies. The negroes, cooped up in the hold, arrived crazed and brutalized by suffering and fear. Claver went to each, cared for him, and

Sun. Sept. 8, 2019