

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016

5:00 PM + Mary Bushey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + James & Jimmy Drummer

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

9:00 AM + Regina Crews

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017

9:00 AM + Alfred Diethelm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

9:00 AM + Guy Lawrence

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

MASS AT IC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - The gospel tells us that "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution. Instead of criticizing let's "keep it in our hearts." Criticism isn't productive or well received anyway!

SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers.

Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen & Laverne Lawrence, Keira Slonaker, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Dorothy Schlaline, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Maria Maxwell, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Bob Kline, Alice Williams, Kathleen Krepps, Carl Ramskow, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Louise Peters, Amanda Hucks, Shannon Duff, Joyce Topper and Ken Jacoby.

LOST AND FOUND – Our lost and found bin will be emptied out as of Jan. 31st. If you have lost any articles, please check our lost and found bin located on the window sill in the Sacristy and claim your items. Anything unclaimed will be disposed of.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In the context of today's Solemnity, the readings tell us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby Jesus as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, we see Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation. Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Recall that the name Jesus means "God saves." Think about how Jesus fulfilled the mission that his name suggests. Pray as a family that each family member will fulfill their mission to be faithful followers of Jesus, in whom we find our salvation. Pray for Mary's help by praying together the Hail Mary.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 7-8

5:00 PM Mass: Regina Walton, Keira Slonaker, Luke O'Brien

8:15 AM Mass: Ethan Aiello, Peyton Duty, Ryan Gebhart

11:15 AM Mass: Edie Rumbaugh, Autumn & Madi Kuhn

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 7-8

5 PM MASS – Mary Margaret Thorne

8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar

11:15 AM MASS – Jess Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Jan. 7-8

5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Barb Redding, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Dianne Giampietro, John Maysilles, John Melhorn, Claire Wentz

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Leland Steinke, John Schlaline, Jr., Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Epiphany of the Lord

1. A special word of **gratitude** to all of you for your gifts, cards, and goodies during this beautiful time of year. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
2. In case you're wondering, **Epiphany** means revelation or manifestation. It's on today's feast that we celebrate God revealing or manifesting Himself in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, God is revealed to His people and to the world through the following events: the Magi coming to bring the Christ-child gifts and to worship Him; the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, when the Holy Spirit descends upon Him and He is revealed as the Son of God; and the miracle at the wedding at Cana, when Jesus performs His first miracle in public, revealing to all His divinity. On this feast, historically (especially in years gone by), the priest would come to parishioners' houses to bless them, writing a small blessing above the main door. While today in our setting this is a bit more challenging to accomplish in one day, we are making available to you cards with these "blessings" for you to take with you. Just offer the prayers on the back, and then place the card over the main door in your home.
3. **Weekday Masses and inclement weather.** First, if someone thinks the weather is too inclement, they should make the personal decision not to come to church for weekday Mass, so as to remain safe. Second, if someone is thinking about coming to weekday Mass with the inclement weather, they can get a good indication that if multiple local schools are on a two-hour delay or are cancelled, it may not be a good idea to travel for morning Mass either. However, since the issue is not with me getting to the church (since I live next door!), I will usually still plan on celebrating the scheduled Mass regardless of the number of people who may be able to make it to the church. Additionally, whenever there is a **funeral Mass** scheduled at the church in the morning, weekday Mass will normally be cancelled. Announcements about funerals will be made at prior weekday Masses, when possible. Obituaries in the newspaper also advise people of upcoming funeral Masses too. (Mass intentions will be re-scheduled for another Mass in this case). You can always call the parish office for more information as well.
4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous financial contributions this past calendar year. Whether what you could give was the "widow's mite", or very generous contributions, or somewhere in between – **thank you**. God blesses each of us in different ways. And when you are blessed financially and you share that blessing with the parish, we in turn, are able to bless others.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

COLLECTION TO AID THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA – will be taken next weekend, Jan. 8, 2017. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in these areas. While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "God chose us before the world began to be holy." God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Dec. 7th served 90 families which included 262 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Jan. 4th is <https://www.volunteersignup.org/YFAFQ>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, laundry detergent, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

RUTH'S HARVEST – Anyone interested in helping to pack the backpacks for Ruth's Harvest should meet at the Fire House in Abbottstown on Wed., Jan. 11th at 10 AM.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME – Travel with Father Timothy Marcoe on Proximo Travel's Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio & Shrines of Italy pilgrimage. Where: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Lancia, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina, Monte Cassino. Trip Dates: Sept. 9, 2017 through Sept. 19, 2017. Cost is \$4000.00 airfare and ALL included. To register, please contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE – St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School invites your family to our Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 from 9 AM until 12 PM. The Open House will be held at our K-3 campus, located at 55 Basilica Dr., Hanover PA 17331. For more information, please call 632-8715 or 637-3135. You may also email Mrs. Hoffman at principalhoffman@stck8school.org or Mrs. Foltz at principalfoltz@stck8school.org.

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commode boosters, shower chairs, a cane and a wheelchair. Also, a parishioner has items that are no longer needed and if someone would like to have them, please contact the parish office for more information. They include 16" wheelchair, walker, SpOx fingertip meter, toilet seat side rails, toilet seat lifts, automatic blood pressure meter, shower chairs, bathtub handrail, short bedrail, women's depends L. There are also two items for sell; a bathtub lift and a Go-Go electric scooter.
Call Anita in the parish office at 259-0611, ext. 5.

HIPPA LAWS – Please note that HIPPA (health care privacy laws) prevent hospitals from automatically notifying the parish office when you are in the hospital. Therefore, we ask you to please give consent (permission) for the parish office to be notified. If you would like Fr. Marcoe to know of your hospitalization, please inform the parish office before going into the hospital OR once hospitalized, ask the nurse or hospital chaplain/pastoral care staff person to notify the parish.