

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

5:00 PM + Margaret Reidinger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Intention of Carmen Miranda on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

9:00 AM + Ruth Carroll

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

9:00 AM + John Potocki

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016

9:00 AM + Brenda Webster Hlopak

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

9:00 AM + Rev. Msgr. John C. Collapy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

5:00 PM + Edward Hoffheins

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Ray Menges, Sr.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

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**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, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Francis Karchnak, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Uriah Vincent Lomenzo, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Judy Leary, Alice Williams, Donna Cassatt, Sam Spiese, Scott Hale and Robert Leary.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the souls of James Drummer and Joan Caprarola of our parish who died last week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

It's easy to imagine that the first Christians had it easier than we do. They got to be with Jesus in person, and to witness the miracles that went along with his years on earth. But we live on the other side of the Resurrection. The first followers of Christ believed in him *before* he rose from the dead. We, on the other hand, have the confidence of knowing this man literally conquered death. We also have two millennia of Christian witness through the saints to pull upon. The first Christians had no idea what this new religion would produce, how many people would embrace it, or how it would change the world for the better.

Today's Gospel informs us that it was only after they were baptized that the people witnessed the opening of heaven. Even Jesus himself was baptized before he heard this earthly confirmation of his heavenly origin. We who have been baptized also have access to the voice of God. In the silence of our hearts, and through God's word in the Bible (another advantage we enjoy), heaven is opened for us as well.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** What do you think John meant by saying Jesus will baptize with "the Holy Spirit and fire."

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** How do you see John the Baptist and Jesus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** What do you think is Paul's main point to Titus in today's reading?

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MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 16-17

**5 PM Mass:** Liam Miriello, Bob O'Brien, Audrey Sell

**8:15 AM Mass:** Anastasia & Sophia Galysh, Alison Heilman

**11:15 AM Mass:** Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Noah Racioppa  
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 16-17

**5 PM MASS** – Pat Brodbeck

**8:15 AM MASS** – Dianne Giampietro

**11:15 AM MASS** – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Jan. 16-17

**5 PM:** Jen Gentile, Sharon Hare, Syndia Helmers, Bertie Kuhn, Amanda Wicker

**8:15 AM:** Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Liz Kohler, Sam Leese, Carol Stroud

**11:15 AM:** Rita Becoski, Lonna Potocki, John & Diane Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

1. On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> the men from Immaculate Conception, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart completed the Fall Semester of **That Man Is You!** They averaged attendance of 20 men per week. All in attendance agree.....this is a much needed and life-changing program. The new Spring Semester begins January 16<sup>th</sup> in the Immaculate Conception school cafeteria from 8am to 9:30am. The semester runs for 13 consecutive weeks (all Saturday mornings). If you missed out on the Fall Semester, now is the perfect time to join us. Please contact Pete Socks at 717-624-1212 or email [pete.socks@gmail.com](mailto:pete.socks@gmail.com).
2. Please remember that IHM parish and St. Joe's, Bonneville, will be joining together along with our respective Knights of Columbus in sponsoring a **bus to the March for Life**. Fr. Peter DiTomasso and myself will be along for this very important event. To reserve your seat for **ONLY \$10** (which also includes a boxed lunch), please contact the parish office ASAP at 259-0611.
3. As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, I'd like to include a little **reflection on the Sacrament of Baptism**.

The Sacrament of Baptism brings a person into the family of God and makes him or her a member of the Catholic Church, thereby enabling that person to enjoy the benefits of God's grace and the Church's Sacraments. After Baptism a person has the supernatural life of God within. This is what we call sanctifying grace. Through Baptism, God becomes more than just our creator (as He is for every person in the world since he knits the soul into every human life at the moment of conception); He now becomes our heavenly Father, as we are adopted through His only-begotten Son as children of God.

It is important that a child be baptized shortly after birth. If possible, the child should receive the sacrament within a month or two after birth. At Immaculate Heart of Mary baptisms are normally held on the second Sunday of the month after the 11:15am Mass (although occasionally we may celebrate them during Mass, as will be done at the 11:15 am today). Parents wanting to baptize a child should contact the parish office. They must attend an information and instruction session usually before the baptism of their first child to review the great blessings of this necessary sacrament. Sr. Rosanne conducts these helpful sessions.

If you know of children who are not baptized encourage their parents to consider baptism. Baptism is an essential sacrament, and establishes the beginning of our spiritual journey.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804, ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgediocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgediocese.org).

### **THANK YOU**

My sincere thanks to all of you, my dear friends at Immaculate Heart of Mary! I truly appreciate your prayers, cards and good wishes. My prayers and smiles still come your way. Know that I pray for all of you daily.  
Blessings,  
Sister Maggie (aka Sister James)

**GROCERY CERTIFICATES** - Please know how VERY GRATEFUL we are to all of you who support our Grocery Certificate Program and ultimately our Religious Education Program. We receive 5% profit on all certificates sold. During the week of Jan. 3, 2016 we sold \$1500 for a profit of \$75.00.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** – We here at IHM have several pieces of medical equipment for parishioners to borrow when needed. They include: crutches, walkers, 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Please mark your calendars now – our IHM Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, July 31, 2016.

The Harrisburg Guild of the Catholic Medical Association along with the Saint Thomas More Society of Central PA will co-host a Lenten Reflection on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at 9 AM-Noon. The day includes Mass, light refreshments and Reflection by Bishop Ronald Gainer. Cardinal Keeler Center-Harrisburg Diocesan Office, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. For further information please contact [cathmedhbg@aol.com](mailto:cathmedhbg@aol.com).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Men's Conference is only a few months away. Please join many hundreds of men as they gather on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Bishop McDevitt High School for uplifting workshops. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Vendors, and more. 2016 has been designated as the *Year of Mercy* and our Kenote Speaker, Tom Peterson, President and Founder of *Catholics Come Home*, promises to deliver a message that will reinforce this theme. Bishop Gainer will once again be the Principal Mass Celebrant. This conference will deepen your Catholic faith in fellowship with over 800 men, and prove to be our best one ever! Registration information will be available soon.

**TRI County Young Adults/Theology on Tap (Adams, Franklin & lower Cumberland Counties)**

will host a young adult Lenten Retreat, "The Mercy of the Cross" at Saint Francis Xavier School in Gettysburg, PA on Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 9 PM. Scott Anthony will direct the retreat which will end with candlelight stations of the Cross at 8 PM. Participants may pack their own dinner or, are welcome to join the parish fish fry served at 5 PM. Deadline to RSVP is Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> by email to [tricitytot@gmail.com](mailto:tricitytot@gmail.com) or phone 717-817-4390. A monetary donation of \$5 is requested.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2016 WINTER/SPRING SESSION**

Various courses are being offered by the Diocese of Harrisburg to afford Catholics the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. All courses and workshops are open to any interested adult, including those who are pursuing catechetical certification in the diocese. There are also numerous faith formation offerings available via webinar, allowing you to participate in "real time" from home or to request recordings to view at your convenience. For more information about the Diocesan Institute or obtaining catechetical certification in the Diocese of Harrisburg, contact Ryan Bolster at 717-657-4804, ext. 225 or [rbolster@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org).

**Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)**

**Christmas Artwork Contest** – To enter, please complete the entire form and attach it (with tape) to the back of each student's entry. Do not glue or staple the form to artwork. Entry forms can be found on the Diocesan website, [www.hbgdiocese.org/mca](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/mca), scroll down to "2015-16 Christmas Artwork Contest" or call 717-657-4804, ext. 240. Twenty-four winners will be selected and winning artwork will appear as e-greetings on the national MCA website [www.mcakids.org](http://www.mcakids.org) and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC during Advent and Christmas 2016. Contest winners will be notified in April 2016.

**DELONE CATHOLIC** – All students in grade 8 are invited to join the Delone Catholic 9<sup>th</sup> graders for a casual dance on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 7-9 PM in the gym lobby. Cost is \$5 and students must stay for the duration of 7-9 PM.

Zumbathon at Delone – The Music Association is holding a Zumbathon on Sunday, Jan. 31 from 1-3 PM in the Lawrence B. (Sonny) Shepherd, Jr. Memorial Gymnasium. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with ID. No advance sales. Door prizes, basket raffles, and free gift!

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – RELAY FOR LIFE**

A few months ago, we published a list of businesses who fund/support Planned Parenthood. The American Cancer Society was among those listed. We have received the following clarification on their funding of Planned Parenthood:

"The American Cancer Society has historically funded a very limited number of Cancer Control grants to local Planned Parenthood affiliates to implement smoking cessation programs that trained clinic staff to provide smoking cessation assistance to patients and pregnant women. The grants were used exclusively for the implementation of cancer control programs to help patients seeking care and to improve the health of the unborn fetus and the child once born. Rigorous internal tracking and financial reporting requirements prevented the use of these grants for anything but their intended use; the American Cancer Society does not fund – nor has it ever funded – abortion or contraceptive counseling. The program under which the grants were funded has now expired, and there are no plans to award any more such grants at this time. During the grant period, the program in question became a top source of health provider telephone calls to tobacco cessation Quitlines in the area of the country where the program was in effect.

Providing reliable cancer information to people from all walks of life is a critical aspect of the Society's lifesaving mission. As an inclusive organization, we reach out to a variety of diverse communities and organizations to help assure all Americans have access to the latest cancer information.

The American Cancer Society respects personal beliefs and continues to serve as the nation's most unbiased and trusted cancer organization. Planned Parenthood and many other community-based organizations have broad constituencies and solid community networks that help us reach many Americans with potentially lifesaving cancer information. Science has given us the knowledge to significantly reduce cancer suffering and death. Part of our mission is to share that information and save lives with those at risk, whenever we can, wherever that may be."

Jenna Klunk  
Relay for Life Community Mgr.  
American Cancer Society

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**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> served 98 families which included 282 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/34296>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING** – Sister Maggie Moore (aka “Sister James”), who was at Paradise School for 37 years is now at the Villa for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Maggie is quite sick and I know she would appreciate hearing from you, the good parishioners at



