

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

5:00 PM + Ronald Shrader

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish
11:15 AM + Rose Altobelli

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

9:00 AM + Michael Brown

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

9:00 AM + Julia Oblich

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

9:00 AM + Harold Stewart, Jr.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

6:45 AM + Mae Legore

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

5:00 PM + Edward Hoffheins

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

8:15 AM – Special Intention of Kenny & Haily Sanders in celebration of their marriage
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5,10 / 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

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, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Hector Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski and Becky Tako.

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS – Letters will be sent showing the total amount of 2017 contributions to anyone who has requested them in the past. If you are new to the parish and would like to receive a statement of contributions, please call Anita in the parish office. If you have received them in the past and no longer wish to receive one, please let Anita know as well.

Anyone who memorialized a loved one with Poinsettias for Christmas can pick up a potted plant downstairs in the social hall.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Jan. 14-20

Sunday, Jan. 14th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM

Sunday, Jan. 14th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM

Monday, Jan. 15th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

Monday, Jan. 15th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Monday, Jan. 15th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM

Tuesday, Jan. 16th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM

Tuesday, Jan. 16th – Part III Christ Life Series in Social Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 17th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 17th – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Rel Ed Ctr, 7 PM

Thursday, Jan. 18th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM

Thursday, Jan. 18th – Knights of Columbus in Social hall, 7-10 PM

Friday, Jan. 19th – March for Life bus to DC

Friday, Jan. 19th – Eucharistic Adoration here at IHM from 9 AM - Noon

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 20-21

5:00 PM Mass: Bob & Luke O'Brien, Jonah Robinson

8:15 AM Mass: Andrew Eyster, Mary & Joseph Murphy

11:15 AM Mass: Sally Earp, Edie & Oliver Rumbaugh
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 20-21

5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur

8:15 AM MASS – Barb Bowker

11:15 AM MASS – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Jan. 20-21

5:00 PM: Jen Gentile, Dan Landis, Barbara Reichart, Steve Signorello, Mary Margaret Thorne

8:15 AM: Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes, Carol Stroud, Mitch & Elaine Walton

11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, John & Diane Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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. During the week of Jan. 7, 2018 we sold \$1,240 for a profit of \$62.00.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. From January 18th through 25th, Christian churches across the country mark the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Let us continue praying for unity within the Body of Christ, so that all disciples of Jesus may truly be one body in Christ. In this way, we will give a united witness to the world of the eternal love of Jesus for each and for all.
2. This **Friday, January 19th**, as our parish and thousands of other people participate in the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. to commemorate the unfortunate anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we will have a special time of **Eucharistic Adoration** in the church from 9 am to 12 noon. The U.S. Bishops have established a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. And so, we will set this time aside to pray for the protection of innocent human life in the womb and other aspects related to promoting the Culture of Life. Please see further details in this bulletin.
3. A special **thank you** to all those, who this past week, helped de-decorate the church. Many hands do make light work.
4. **Ordinary Time**. This time of the liturgical year counts through weeks with the ordinal numbers (1,2,3, etc.). It reminds us that God's grace is with us even as we move through each week of our lives. The following, taken from Saint Andrew Bible Missal, gives an understanding of Ordinary Time. "We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which come together, remembering that on this day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever. What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness

of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living."

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Pray for wisdom and knowledge, faith and healing power. Pray to know how God wants you to use your gifts. Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

PRO LIFE RALLY – Please join us at the 218th Pro Life Prayer Rally. It will be held Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 from Noon until 12:30 PM in front of the Adams County Courthouse in Gettysburg. We pray that 2018 will be the year that all innocent American lives will once again be protected.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – The super bowl is only a few weeks away (Feb. 4th) and we are once again joining with other area congregations and New Hope Ministries to collect cans of soup on super bowl Sunday to benefit the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry. You may bring your donations on Feb. 4th or you can bring them in earlier by placing them on the designated table in the social hall. Also, in addition to soup, we are collecting condiments and laundry detergent. Thank you for your generosity in the past, and we look forward to this year's donations. (And to make this event a little more fun, there is a friendly competition among the churches with a trophy going to the congregation with the most donations.)

EVENT NOTICE – I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for more than 40 years and employed in the newspaper business for more than 20 years. We have many wonderful events happening here at our parish and we'd like to get the word out to the public. Please feel free to send me any events that would be of interest to our local community – from Lenten dinners to youth events to Bible studies and everything in between! You can send information to: 6fletch@embarqmail.com. Don't forget to tell me the following: WHAT is the event? WHO is invited? WHEN is the event? WHERE is the event? WHY should people attend? HOW can they get more information? If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me at 717-357-8051. Thank you!

Holly Fletcher

WINTER/SPRING ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES – The Diocesan Institute schedule of Winter/Spring adult education offerings is now available. Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/institute to access the schedule and registration information. Courses and sessions are available via live webinar, allowing you to participate remotely, and recordings of sessions enable you to access formation at your convenience. Contact Ryan Bolster at rbolster@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext. 225 for information.

PCCW NEWS – The Sweetheart Dinner/Fun Night will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 with a snow date of Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 18-26, 2018

The U.S. Bishops invite us to pray for the protection of all human life. A special novena called 9 Days for Life will take place from January 18th through the 26th and is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. You can sign up to receive daily intentions on your phone or online at 9daysforlife.com. 9 Days for Life is an opportunity to:

- ... **PRAY** for the respect and protection of each person’s life;
- ... **GATHER** together in prayer, action, and fellowship with others;
- ... **SHARE** your stories online!

#9DaysforLife#OurPrayersMatter

PRAY FOR THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT – PRAYER FOR BABIES IN THEIR MOTHERS’ WOMBS

O God of all creation,
Nurture and protect tiny children and keep them safe in the sanctuary of their mothers’ wombs.
As You so wondrously form their hearts and minds, and lungs and souls, so strengthen our wills to lovingly nurture and protect them.
Give us the eyes to see them as our brothers and sisters, the minds to welcome them as our own, and the faith to defend them as Your children.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the mother of all the little ones, through Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TURKEY DINNER –

Immaculate Conception Church in New Oxford will hold their monthly “All-You-Can-Eat” Turkey Dinner on January 21st in the parish hall, located behind the church, from 11 AM until 2 PM. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and under age 6, free. Any questions, call the parish office at 717-624-4121.

DELONE CATHOLIC SPAGHETTI DINNER –

Delone Catholic Music Association is holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner & Movie Night fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 from 4-6 PM in the Delone cafeteria. Tickets are \$8/adults and \$6/ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. Dinner includes spaghetti with your choice of marinara or meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. At 6:30 PM a free family movie will be shown in the old gym. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be available for purchase. Please bring blankets to sit on during the movie. For ticket info or purchase or to RSVP for the movie, contact Carol Stiles at 717-968-4659 or stiles518@embarqmail.com.

DELONE PLACEMENT TESTS – the High School Placement Test is being administered at Delone Catholic High School on Saturday, Feb. 10th. The test will not be given at the deanery schools this year. All

incoming freshman to Delone Catholic must take a high school placement test. There is no fee to take the test. To register, visit the Delone website at www.delonecatholic.org and click on Prospective Students/Learn about Delone Catholic or contact Mrs. Jennifer Hart at jhart@delonecatholic.org or by calling 717-637-5969.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA is proud to present “Murder at the Fletcher Point Country Club”, our first Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. The dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 at the Annunciation BVM Church Parish Hall, located at 316 North Street in McSherrystown. Doors open at 5 PM. Catering by Shultz’s Catering. Dinner will include garden salad, choice of either roast turkey or baked ham, green beans almondine, roasted red skin potatoes, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage. Cost is \$25 per person. Limited reservations available! For more information, please visit the website www.stck8school.org. You may be surprised by our cast of “suspects”!

The offering is a highlight of the church service for our young children, who delight in placing the little offering envelope into the collection plate. We have made it a practice to tithe each Sunday morning and give a small offering during the evening service, so that our two children each get to put something into the collection plate.

One Sunday evening, as it came time for the offering, I looked to my husband, who always seems to have change in his pocket, and found he had none. There was our young son, hand outstretched, waiting for those familiar coins to put into the envelope. I desperately searched my purse, but it too was empty. We had to tell our boy that we just didn’t have anything to give. Our son looked heartbroken.

Suddenly, there was a smile on his face, and we watched as he blew a kiss into the offering envelope, proudly sealed it, and placed it into the collection plate just as it passed by. That’s what God really wants, isn’t it? Each of us to offer Him the best we have.

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DCHS CLASS OF '66 – is planning a 70th Birthday Celebration. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Inn 94 in New Oxford. Social hour from 11:30-12:30 PM. Meal and fellowship from 12:30-3:30 PM. Contact Pat (Breiner) Web via email to paw9348@hotmail.com or Julie (Houser) Hawbaker via phone 717-632-0620.

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NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –	
Monthly Budget	\$ 35,200.00
Income for Nov. 5th	9,686.75
Nov. 12th	9,752.00
Nov. 19th	8,808.75
Nov. 26th	8,279.41
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$ 36,526.91

SECOND COLLECTIONS:	
Capital Improvements	1,702.68
All Saints Collection	1,578.00
Matthew 25 Collection	2,481.00

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Accepting Medical Assistance insurance (Medicaid) and County Mental Health funding (York and Dauphin Counties, for low income uninsured people who are determined to be eligible).

Other clients can pay fee on a sliding scale. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Not accepting private/commercial insurances. Local offices are York Counseling, 253 E. Market St., York (717-845-2696) and Paradise Counseling, 6156 W. Canal Rd, Abbottstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary). Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

Fusion News

Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary's youth ministry; open to all teens in grades 8 to 12. For information, please call or email Paul Oakes at: (717) 259-0611 ext. 8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Dec. 6 served 108 families which included 411 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Dec. 6th is www.volunteersignup.org/THYFW. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, as well LAUNDRY DETERGENT, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING – Have you ever prayerfully considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, either to serve at Mass or to visit the sick and homebound (or both)? A training program for “NEW” EMHC's, sponsored by the Diocese, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Grandview Road, Hanover. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 beginning at 6:30 PM. Deacon Tom Aumen will present the 2 hour program. The EMHC mandate that one receives lasts for 3 years. If you would like to join this beautiful ministry of service, please contact the parish office to arrange for an interview with Father Marcoe, and to fill out the necessary application. All applications must be sent to the Diocese by December 19th. May God guide you in your contemplation. **OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL EMHC'S.**

PARISH CARING COMMITTEE – Assists parishioners on an as needed basis, in times of need or stress and provides visitation, care giver relief, meals, errands, light household chores and local transportation. To request assistance or to become a Caring Committee Volunteer, contact Jen Gentile at 717-225-5059.

HEARING IMPAIRED – Anyone who is hearing impaired may find it helpful to sit in Pew #9 on the Sacristy side. You will notice “hearing impaired” stickers on the side of the pew to indicate the best place to sit if you are hearing impaired.

PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG.

HANDICAP PARKING – Please note that handicap parking spaces are available for parking near the social hall entrance to the Church. If you are attending the 11:15 AM Mass, in order to avoid the traffic associated with religious education letting out, the following two options are recommended: EITHER come in the EXIT lane BEFORE 11 AM, OR come in the usual entrance way AFTER approximately 11:07 AM.

HOMESPUN PROJECT – The Homespun Project has donated blankets to families in need as well as items for our Troops through “for the love of a Veteran”. The time you put into a crocheted, knitted or quilted blanket have shown the receivers the love you share. We are asking for donations of Homespun blankets (50x60, afghan or twin size). The organization, “For the love of a Veteran” will be doing a fundraiser in November and collecting cookies, candy and many other items listed on the site to send to our troops for a Merry Christmas. Check their website www.fortheloveofaveteran.com. 100% of all donations go to our veterans and their families. Contact Lori Ann Ziolkowski at 717-633-5135 for details and to make arrangements for your donation to drop off. A&B Religious Shop and Nature’s Illusions

MASS INTENTIONS – Mass intentions are a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, remember those who have died or are sick and in need of our prayers. Please consider this as a “gift” for someone. Call Anita in the Parish Office to arrange your Mass intentions.

SUGGESTION CARDS are available on the back ledges and at the entrances of the church. If you have any suggestions on how to make our parish better, please fill one out and return it in the collection basket.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Please keep collecting and sending in those BoxTops for Education for St. Teresa School. The first submission is due on November 1st. If you’d like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact kwenger@hotmail.com. All help is appreciated!

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.

LOST AND FOUND – Please check our Lost and Found bin in the sacristy for any items you may have left in Church. Any unclaimed items will be discarded.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – For everyone’s information, especially for those who may be new to our parish, there is a so-called **Children’s Chapel** or **Cry Room** here in the Church. It’s located in the front left corner of the church, where a restroom is also located. As a parish family, we want children and families to be welcome here at Mass, and so it’s important to have an appropriate place in the church for babies and young children when they get fussy and need extra attention. We really want to encourage parents to use this space to tend to their children as needed. Please, feel free to just get up when need be from the body of the church, and utilize this space. Then you can better tend to your children without feeling like you’re being watched. And this will also allow the other parishioners to be able to more fully focus on worshipping.

AERO ENERGY PLAN – For each parishioner who is or becomes an Aero customer, IHM receives up to 3 cents per gallon of oil or propane. This is an excellent way to help your parish! If you are not already registered with Aero Energy for this program, please call Aero Energy at 888-480-1271 and sign up for the House of Worship Program. Any questions, please call Anita in the parish office.

RUTH’S HARVEST – the next Ruth’s Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30th at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. It only requires an hour (or less) of your time, so feel free to join us. Also, please remember to place donations in the Ruth’s Harvest boxes. We are collecting individual sizes of rice with chicken and vegetables (Chef Boyardee), beef stew (Dinty Moore), soup and fruit cups.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM – We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propane needs. Immaculate Heart of Mary receives 3 cents per gallon on all propane and oil throughout the heating season. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give to your Church as well as savings for yourself. **NEW this year** is Aero Energy is offering \$50 credit for any member of our Church who becomes a NEW customer to Aero Energy. They are also giving IHM \$50 as well for any new customer. There are brochures on the pamphlet rack or you may call Anita in the parish office with any questions.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL UPDATE –

The current enrollment at St. Teresa of Calcutta School is 438 students with the possibility of adding 5 more. Sacred Heart Campus has 168 enrolled in grades K through 3 and McSherrystown Campus has 271 enrolled in grades 4 through 8. The school colors will be dark blue, light blue and orange and will be known as "The Crusaders". Grades 2, 4, and 8 will have 3 sections and all other grades will have 2 sections. Let us continue to keep the students, teachers, staff and families of St. Teresa School in our prayers in this ongoing time of transition.

Please call Anita in the parish office to make arrangements.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE – In October 2015, Father Marcoe blessed a Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Statue will be brought to any person who would like a visit from the Pilgrim Virgin by members of the Legion of Mary. Prayers from a "Pilgrim Virgin" booklet are prayed and the Rosary. The Statue is usually left at the home for two weeks. When the Legion of Mary picks up the Statue, there are closing prayers to conclude the visit. The purpose of taking the Pilgrim Virgin to the parishioners is to promote the message of Fatima, which is penance, daily rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you would like a visit from the Pilgrim Virgin, contact Janet Todt at 528-4755.

PRAYER SHAWLS – Are you in need of a prayer shawl? Do you know someone who is? Please call Jan Melhorn at 308-2532. The next prayer shawl meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the RE Building. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, we can teach you. Skeins of new yarn are always welcome and there are bins at the church entrances for these donations.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED - Our Parish is in need of several more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, **especially for the 8:15 AM Mass**. This ministry plays an important role assisting Father in distributing Holy Communion to our parishioners at Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation. Please call Father if you feel God is calling you for this ministry. You must 18 years of age or older, a practicing Catholic and a member of our parish.

FLOWERS – Looking for a way to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? A beautiful way would be to order flowers on the altar. Most weekends are available from now through the end of the year.