

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

5:00 PM + Edward Hoffheins

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Living Members of Wantz Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

9:00 AM + George T. Francisco

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017

9:00 AM + Mary Lou Rutty

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

9:00 AM + Regina Crews

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

9:00 AM + Ray Menges

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017

5:00 PM + Fr. Paul Aumen

SUNDAY JANUARY 22, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Ray Menges

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not talking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

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, Ken Jacoby, Judy Goley, Emily Smith, and Francis Kuhn.

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Walter, Grandmother of Bryan Walter, who died last week and Donald Sell, the father of Scott Sell, who died recently.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who was coming after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity. John's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 21-22

5:00 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Jonah & Abbi Robinson

8:15 AM Mass: Amelia Gerring, Ava Simone, Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Tyler Raubenstine

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 21-22

5 PM MASS – Margaret Krepps

8:15 AM MASS – Barb Bowker

11:15 AM MASS – Susan Altobelli

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Jan. 21-22

5:00 PM: Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn, Mat & Holly

Robinson, Sam Spiese

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Margie & Sam Leese, John

Maysilles, John Melhorn

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Bonnie Hensel,

Joyce Menges, John Schlaline, Jr.

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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. Please continue to keep the students, faculty, and staff of the new **St. Teresa of Calcutta School** in your prayers during this important time of transition. We ask the Lord to bless all those involved that our new school may bear much fruit!
3. Next Monday, **January 23rd**, we mark the 54th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The Catholic Church has also established this anniversary as the **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. That day there will be a special program here at IHM in the church to pray for the protection of innocent human life in the womb and other aspects related to promoting the Culture of Life. More information coming.
4. Are you married, but for one reason or another, did not receive the **sacrament of marriage**? Perhaps you were married civilly by a justice of the peace. Or perhaps you were married in another church or setting without the permission of the Catholic Church. Maybe a previous marriage ended in divorce, and rather than obtaining an annulment first you married again elsewhere. If any of these are true for your situation, your marriage is not recognized as sacramentally valid by the Catholic Church. The reason for this is that all sacraments must be performed according to the teaching and directives of the Catholic Church. Couples in this situation are normally not permitted to receive the sacraments of the Church, such as Holy Communion, until their irregular marriage situation is remedied. This happens through a simple process called a 'convalidation', which is also referred to as having your marriage "blessed" by the Church. I would like to invite those couples who may be in such situations as those I mentioned above to seriously consider convalidating their marriage in order to receive the grace of the sacrament of marriage. This process of convalidation is meant to help you in your marriage, not make you feel guilty or inferior in any way. I have already helped quite a number of couples from our parish to have their marriages blessed in the church. If you would like to talk further, simply call or email me. Here is also a good article explaining this whole convalidation thing further:
www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/feb2004/feature2.asp

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

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. 8, 2017 we sold \$1520 for a profit of \$76.00.

INCOME TAX LETTERS – Anyone who has received a letter in the past showing your contributions to IHM during this past year will automatically receive one again. If you no longer require one, please contact Anita in the parish office. If you are new to the parish this year and would like to receive a statement of contributions for 2016, please contact Anita in the parish office.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is returning to the Diocese of Harrisburg on Valentine’s Day weekend, Feb. 10-13, 2017. Thousands of couples from across the country can attest that a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will enrich both you and your spouse, giving you a happier, more fulfilling marriage. The weekend gives you both the time and tools to revitalize your romance, deepen your communication, and nourish the spirituality of your marriage. **Time: Friday evening, Feb. 10th to Sunday, Feb. 12th. Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg PA 17055.** Early registration is advisable as space is limited. There is a \$100 application fee to reserve your spot. Go to www.yourmarriageisworthit.org or call 412-635-7775.

WINTER/SPRING ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES – The Diocesan Institute schedule of adult education offerings is now available. Visit www.hbgdiocese.org/institute to access the schedule and registration information. Numerous courses and sessions are also available via webinar, allowing you to participate from home. Contact Ryan Bolster at rbolster@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext. 225.

ST. ALOYSIUS COACH, CASH & MORE BINGO – featuring Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and more – will be held Sunday, Feb. 19th at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, 29 S. Queen St., Littlestown. Doors open at 11:30 am, bingo starts at 1:30 pm. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets call 717-359-4513.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE! All women of the parish are invited to attend the District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church on 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. The presenter will be Father Ryan Fischer. The retreat is from 12 Noon to 3 PM with a half hour break for refreshments and fellowship. This event is offered at no charge but a freewill offering is welcome. **NO PRE-REGISTRATION** is necessary. Please put this Lenten event on your calendar now and invite your friends to join in. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

NEW OXFORD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS – The New Hope New Oxford Center is up and running. However, we are in need of volunteers to help guests shop who need assistance, help stock shelves and service guests in the refrigerator and freezer units. Also, help take groceries out when guest is unable to do it on their own. Volunteers are needed 9 am to 1 pm on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday**. On Tuesday nights from 5:30pm – 8:30 pm. Warehouse help is also needed to move inventory as needed, unload truck, organize and sort food that is donated. Volunteers needed **Monday 10 AM-12 PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 9 am to 1 pm, **Tuesday nights** from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, and **Friday** from 10 am-12 pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Amy Flores at aflores@nhm-pa.net or 624-4700 ext. 701. The location is 120 N. Peter St., New Oxford (lower level of the Municipal Building).

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. **Please call Anita in the parish office** to make arrangements.

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.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Nov. 6	12,145.45
Nov. 13	7,861.15
Nov. 20	9,483.43
Nov. 27	8,724.50

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 38,214.53**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

All Saints Collection	1,786.00
Disaster Relief	986.50
Capital Improvements	1,134.00
Matthew 25 Collection	1,687.75
Military Collection	2,144.00

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME – Travel with Father Timothy Marcoe on Proximo Travel's Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio & Shrines of Italy pilgrimage. Where: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Lanciano, 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.

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.

GET THE APP – Holy Family Radio now has its very own app! For iPhone or Android users, simply go to your app store in your phone, search “Holy Family Radio AM 720” then click download! Holy Family Radio operates the only Catholic Radio Station in our Diocese. They broadcast on AM 720 from dawn to dusk. They are live 24/7 on line at www.720whyf.com or on their App!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:
Michael & Keegan Woods, Abbottstown
Jessica & Marcelo Sanchez & family, Spring Grove

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.

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.

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.