

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

9:00 AM + Regina Crews

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Joyce Menges

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

9:00 AM + Sam Magaro

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

6:00 AM + Bernadette Miriello

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Fr. Lou Ogden

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

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.

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Mrs. Carmen Miranda on her 90th birthday.

We welcome Uriah Vincent Lomenzo, son of Mark and Melynda Lomenzo, into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF !

British Member of Parliament William Wilberforce toiled for many decades to end the scourge of slavery in Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries.

At first, he was one of just a few voices to speak out. But after years of dedication, he helped pass a ban on the slave trade.

We can take a lesson from Wilberforce. He knew the institutions that supported slavery were strong – in Parliament, in the commercial sectors, among investors. He knew that many people made huge profits from slavery, just as many do today with abortion. But he also knew that implacable determination and hard work would educate ordinary people and this movement would grow as a voice for the voiceless ... and eventually win.

Our struggle in the United States to end another injustice has also gone on for more than four decades. And we are growing in strength. Polls show many more Americans consider themselves pro-life, with pro-life opinion especially strong among the young. We are being increasingly effective in highlighting the evil of abortion and sensitizing a nation to the suffering abortion causes unborn babies and their mothers. We're moving the culture in our direction.

Just as Wilberforce could not possibly give up after his first major victories, we cannot possibly give up now. We must persevere like Wilberforce did ... to change a culture.

As Wilberforce showed us, one person can make an enormous difference! We can also do the same.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 23-24

5 PM Mass: Audrey Sell, Jakob & Ben Wicker

8:15 AM Mass: Amelia Gerringer, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

11:15 AM Mass: Brielle Baughman, Tyler Raubenstine, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 23-24

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

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. 23-24

5 PM: Joanne Lauchman, Pat & Randy Slonaker, Steve Hoffman, Janet Todt

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Kim Leese, Margie Leese, John Maysilles, John Melhorn

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Carmelita Garcia, Joyce Menges, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. This Friday, **January 22nd**, is the 53rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The Catholic Church has also established this as the **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. For those not joining us on the bus to Washington, D.C. this year for the March for Life, there will be a special program at the church this day to pray for the protection of innocent human life in the womb and other aspects related to promoting the Culture of Life. On January 22nd, there will be Mass at 6am (before we leave for the march) – anyone is invited to attend this Mass, though. Then, starting at 9am there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which will last until 12noon. Interspersed during this time will be periods of silence as well as public devotions, such as the Rosary for Life, the Litany for Life, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Also, in the evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm, the Blessed Sacrament will again be exposed in the church. After a period of silent adoration, the Rosary for Life will be prayed. You are encouraged to make a visit to the church at some point during these four hours to pray. Please see further information in today's bulletin.
2. From January 18th through 24th, 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.
3. On Saturday evening, **Jan. 23rd**, from 6:15 to 9pm our next **youth ministry gathering** will take place in the social hall. This will be a movie night, and will be a great time for us to gather again after bowling (yeah, never enough snow for snow tubing).
4. According to a 2010 Marriage Report conducted by the University of Virginia, there is between a 27 to 36% chance of **divorce for first-time marriages**. Here are factors they discovered that decrease the risk of divorce: 30% reduction if over \$50,000 is earned annually by a couple; 25% reduction if they graduated from college; 24% reduction if they married over 25 years of age; 14% reduction if their parents are still married; and 14% reduction if they have a religious affiliation. Bottom line – keep coming to Mass!

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804, ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgediocese.org.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –	
Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Dec. 6 th	12,143.25
Dec. 13 th	8,533.00
Dec. 20 th	11,888.90
Dec. 27 th	9,356.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 41,921.15

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Expense Collection	1,496.00
Dec. 8 th Collection	1,423.00
Religious Retirement Collection	4,246.00
Christmas Collection	17,011.00

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION –will be held next weekend, Jan. 23-24, to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for food, water, shelter and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church.

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. 10, 2016 we sold \$1000 for a profit of \$50.00.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – will be held here at IHM on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 from 9 AM – 12 Noon and 6:00 – 7:00 PM. The schedule is:

9:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 AM – Rosary for Life
10:00 AM – Private Prayer
10:30 AM – Litany for Life
11:00 AM – Personal Prayer
11:30 AM – Chaplet of Divine Mercy
12 Noon – Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 PM – Rosary for Life
7:00 PM – Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Everyone is invited to join us in prayer and the Celebration of Life.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE – will be held this year at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Sunday, Jan. 31st at 7 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

2015 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS will automatically be mailed out to all families who received them in the past. If you are new to the parish and wish to receive a statement of your contributions for tax purposes, please call Anita in the Parish Office.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Jesus transformed water into the very best wine served at the wedding feast in Cana. And he can do the same with our lives. Sometimes, we come to Jesus with empty jars. We feel we have nothing to offer, that our efforts have failed. But we don't need to work the miracle. We just need to do "whatever he tells" us.

Often that may mean doing something that doesn't make sense on the surface. The servers were probably skeptical about filling the jugs with water. But they did it anyway. In our moments of emptiness, we too need to do what Jesus asks of us. We need to pray (even when we don't hear an answer). We need to participate in the sacraments (even when they don't seem to help). We need to follow the commandments (even when they strike us as difficult or irrelevant). We need to love our neighbors (even when they don't love us back). We simply need to do what Jesus asks of us and then allow him to do the rest. Only when we are willing to follow his directions can he transform our emptiness into joy.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: Why do you think Jesus was reluctant to perform his first sign?

1st Reading Question: How is it that names can hold power?

2nd Reading Question: What gift of the Holy Spirit do you think you possess?

BIRTHDAY WISHES – Polly Renaut is turning 90 and all are invited to join in the celebration on Sunday, Jan. 24th, anytime between 1:30 and 3:30 PM at 70 Pine Court Drive, Abbottstown (Dave & Donna Renaut's home). Please, no presents as your presence is a "present". Birthday cards are welcome or can be mailed to Polly Renaut, 2288 Grandview Rd., Hanover, PA 17331. If attending, please RSVP to Pat Renaut at 637-1110 or email patrenaut@hotmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY – The next IHM Youth Ministry function will be held Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 6:15 to 9 PM. We will have a movie night and discussion with Father Marcoe after Mass downstairs in the social hall. Pizza and ice cream will be served. For more information, call or text Jeff Seifert at 870-8160.

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.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Dec. 2nd served 98 families which included 282 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Jan. 6th 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 IHM, whom she loves dearly. Perhaps you can take a minute to send her a Christmas card and let her know you are praying for her. Sister Maggie's address is Saint Joseph Villa, 110 W. Wissahickon Ave., Flourtown, PA 19031-1898.

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioner to IHM Parish: Cecilia Shibley of Spring Grove

LENTEN APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS – The Diocesan Office of Development has mailed the 2015 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal Final Reminders this week. Also, Federal Tax Statements for the 2015 Lenten Appeal will be mailed from the Diocesan Office on or before Jan. 13, 2016. Statements are automatically generated and mailed to those who donated \$250 or more. If you donated less than \$250 and would like a tax statement, email LentAppeal@hbgsdiocese.org.

YEAR OF MERCY AND THE CATHOLIC WITNESS
As the Church prepares to begin the Year of Mercy, *The Catholic Witness* and the Office of Communications are seeking stories of people who are undertaking efforts to

support their brothers and sisters who need assistance. These volunteers could be people who prepare meals for a family with a terminal diagnosis, who hold fundraisers to support someone with ongoing healthcare needs, or who coordinate transportation to appointments, among various other acts of mercy. If you have such a story to share, please send background information to communications@hbgdiocese.org.

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

SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – On Saturday, March 19, 2016 plan to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and Catholic Charities USA's President, Sister Donna Markham, along with other presenters as they explore the principles of Catholic social teaching as they apply to social, political and cultural conditions in this country and around the world. From 9 AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg.

MEDICATION COLLECTION LOCATIONS – Looking for a way of disposing old or unused medications? There are flyers on the ledge behind the last pew from York-Adams Pharmaceuticals Stewardship Alliance (YAPSA) listing drop off locations for medications.

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.

AED EQUIPMENT – Please note that we now have a centralized first aid station in our church. The AED (defibrillator), first aid kit, and other items are located in the space by the pillar on your way back to the elevator alcove. The reason for this move was to locate all these medical items in a central and visible location in the church, should an emergency arise. There are also first aid kits located in the social hall kitchen and the religious education building (in the main office)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION – Are you considering a Catholic School education for your child/children? If so, please consider checking out the following:

Immaculate Conception School (preK-8th grade)

101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061

www.icsbvm.org.

Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)

140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969

www.delonecatholic.org.