

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

9:00 AM + Harry Fletcher

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

9:00 AM – Special Intention of John & Jan Melhorn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

9:00 AM + Edna Helmstetter

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

9:00 AM + Lou Breighner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018

5:00 PM + Arthur Martin, Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Ray Menges

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

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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, 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 Twardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski and Becky Tako.

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**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.

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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. 21-27

**Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**

**Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM**

**Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Tuesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Part III Christ Life Series in Social Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Fusion Youth Night in the Den, 6-8:30 PM**

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 27-28

**5:00 PM Mass:** Abbi Robinson, Ben & Sadie Wicker

**8:15 AM Mass:** Tyler Raubenstine, Ryan Gebhart, Sophia Galysh

**11:15 AM Mass:** Margaret, Clare & Nora Mailey  
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 27-28

**5 PM MASS** – Barbara Reichart

**8:15 AM MASS** – Kevin DePaulis

**11:15 AM MASS** – Susan Altobelli  
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Jan. 27-28

**5:00 PM:** Steve Hoffman, Dan Landis, Randy & Pat Slonaker, Janet Todt

**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.

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**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. 14, 2018 we sold \$1120 for a profit of \$56.00.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Parker who died last week.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. From January 18<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing our parish bus to the **March for Life** this year. And thank you to all of you who joined us in D.C. or in prayer to defend and promote the Culture of Life.
3. **A SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** is a national effort, using the energy of the Super Bowl, to mobilize involvement to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need. The Souper Bowl of Caring started in South Carolina in 1990, and it is now held from coast to coast and has been endorsed by NFL owners and former U.S. presidents. Our participation here at IHM will involve joining with other congregations of the Abbottstown-East Berlin Food Pantry to collect cans of soup and condiments to benefit our local food pantry. More information coming!
4. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the feast of **Saint Blaise**. Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the **Blessing of the Throats** that took place on this day. In fact, we'll have this blessing after Masses the weekend of Feb. 3 and 4. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a pious legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century. Regardless of the veracity, invoking the saints in Christ to pray for our in our need is always a good idea!

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** –“Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you.” Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/[frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org) or check out [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com).

**PRO LIFE RALLY** – Please join us at the 218<sup>th</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup>) 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dan Pivrotto who will be receiving his Eagle Scout Award on January 27<sup>th</sup>! Dan's Eagle Scout Project included cleaning and repairing gravestones in our cemetery.

**PRAYER SHAWL RETREAT** – All women of the Diocese are welcome to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Prayer Shawl Retreat hosted by the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 at **St. Catherine Laboure Parish**, 4000 Derry St., Harrisburg. Beginning with Mass in the Shrine Church at 9 AM, followed by knitting/crocheting, praying the Rosary, fellowship and lunch in Leo Hall. The Retreat concludes at 2 PM. Beginners are welcome to this day of fellowship in this special ministry. **While the program is free, advance registration is required.** Please call or text Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Deb Black at 717-514-8815, or email them at [kakoko120@comcast.net](mailto:kakoko120@comcast.net) or [mvd01@verizon.net](mailto:mvd01@verizon.net) to register. **Deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**RETIREMENT READINESS WORKSHOP** will be held on Sat., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-12:30 (followed by lunch) in the Cardinal Keeler Center (room 103), 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. There is no charge for the workshop and spouses are welcome. All we ask is that you register your attendance to ensure we have enough handouts and lunch. Register at [https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/retirement\\_workshop\\_registration](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/retirement_workshop_registration) or call Heidi Kline 717-657-4804 x260.

### **PRAY FOR THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT – PRAYER FOR BABIES ABOUT TO BE BORN**

Heavenly Father,

From the moment these children were conceived, You knew their names.

In the silent first hours of their lives, as cells divided and their living flesh quickened, Your love breathed deep within and they began to grow in Your image and likeness.

May our prayers be accompanied by choirs of angels as we await their births.

We ask this through Your Child who was formed in the Virgin's womb and who lived and died for us, Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

**LENTE RETREAT INVITATION** – All women are invited to attend the District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. Our Presenter will be Father Michael Reid. Location: Social Hall – Use the Msgr. Gribbin Parish Center Entrance, behind the church to the left.

12-12:30 PM – Sign in at Msgr. Gribbin Parish Entrance area

12:30-1:30 PM – First Presentation in the Church

1:30-2:00 PM – Refreshment Break in the Narthex

2:00-3:00 PM – Second Presentation in the Church

3:00 PM – Retreat ends

This event is offered at no charge but a freewill offering is welcome. NO PRE-REGISTRATION is necessary. You are encouraged to sign in between 12-12:30 PM. Please put this Lenten event on your calendar now and invite your friends to join in. We look forward to seeing you! Please contact Donna Lynch with any questions at 717-637-3006 or [DONNAL315@COMCAST.NET](mailto:DONNAL315@COMCAST.NET).

**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.

**IN APPRECIATION** – Thank you, thank you, thank you from Sister Maria Wrubel. I have been overwhelmed by the birthday greetings. Since I can't thank you adequately, I will have a thank you Mass for all of you at the Mercy Center! God bless all of you.

**DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – March 10, 2018**

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg may now register online at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men), for the 7<sup>th</sup> **Annual Men's Conference**, Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Bishop McDevitt High. Theme: *Men of Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Keynote Speaker: Father Chris Alar, MIC, noted speaker and expert on Divine Mercy. The title of his keynote address is *Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Besides the keynote, the conference includes 34 workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction, many Priests available for Confession, beautiful music, good food, Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to a thousand men from around the diocese. Last year we had 1,100 men attend. We expect another large crowd this year. We'd love to see you there! Please register now.

**UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE**

Unbound is a ministry of healing and deliverance that helps you find freedom in areas of your life where you feel bound. The conference covers the Five Keys that help you discover the freedom that Jesus Christ has in store for you and teaches you how to help others find that freedom. The eight-week DVD series will be presented at St. Joseph Parish, Hanover, on Mondays

from February 12 to April 2 from 6:30-8:30 PM and will include discussion and prayer. For more information and to register, contact Carolyn Blaszczyk at 717-889-2683 or [cbis4@comcast.net](mailto:cbis4@comcast.net).

**TOMB OF CHRIST** – Be virtually transported to Jerusalem and discover the fascinating history of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in an immersive 3-D experience. Adams Apple Bus Tours will visit the exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in DC on Tuesday, March 20. Cost: \$60, includes transportation and admission. For reservations, contact Linda Bolin at 717-633-6426.

**SAVE THE DATE** – Your local Catholic Radio Station, WHYF AM720, will be holding its annual Holy Family Radio Benefit Dinner on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey. Host of EWTN RADIO "Light of the East Radio", Father Thomas Loya, STB, MA is the guest speaker. Bishop Ronald Gainer will offer prayers and remarks. Doors open at 6 PM with a silent auction. Dinner is at 7 PM. Mark your calendars now and save the date for this fun event.

**ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY PRESCHOOL** sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, McSherrystown, will hold an Open House on **Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. The Preschool is located at 90 Main St., McSherrystown (717-630-9990). Limited spaces are available for three and four year olds for the upcoming academic year.

**HOLY MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Fr. John A. Szada, Jr. will celebrate a Holy Mass with Prayers for Healing at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 220 Third St., Hanover on Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

**THANKS TO**

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**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME** **\$ 36,526.91**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,702.68</b>
<b>All Saints Collection</b>	<b>1,578.00</b>
<b>Matthew 25 Collection</b>	<b>2,481.00</b>

**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 18<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**

**WINTER/SPRING ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**OPPORTUNITIES** – The Diocesan Institute schedule of Winter/Spring adult education offerings is now available. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/institute](http://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](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) or 717-657-4804, ext. 225 for information.

**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](mailto: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

**NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 35,200.00</b>
<b>Income for Nov. 5th</b>	<b>9,686.75</b>
<b>Nov. 12th</b>	<b>9,752.00</b>
<b>Nov. 19th</b>	<b>8,808.75</b>
<b>Nov. 26th</b>	<b>8,279.41</b>

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>. May God guide you in your contemplation. **OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL EMHC’S.**



**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](http://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](http://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. If you’d like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact [kwenger@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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. **Please call Anita in the parish office** to make arrangements.