

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

9:00 AM + Ann Wainwright

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

9:00 AM + Fred Krepps

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016

9:00 AM + Regina Crews

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016

5:00 PM + John Potocki

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - In today's gospel Jesus was "praise by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

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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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*Flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Polly Renaut on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**USED PALM** – any old palm can be placed in the box at the entrance of the Church to be used for ashes.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The passage from St. Luke's Gospel today helps us understand the relationship between sacred tradition and sacred Scripture. As Catholics we believe that the Bible is an essential part of divine revelation that goes hand in hand with the teachings that were established by Jesus and passed on by his apostles. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence." (#82)

This fact should help us appreciate the gift of the Bible. Although the Bible is not the only source of revelation, it does help to have what Luke calls "certainty" regarding our faith. Let us not miss the opportunity to hear God's word speaking to us every day.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** What do you find interesting about Luke's prologue?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** How well-received is the study of Scripture in your faith community?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** What do you find compelling in Paul's discussion of "many parts" but "one body?"

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MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 30-31

**5 PM Mass:** Bob O'Brien, Aaron Oravitz, Regina Walton

**8:15 AM Mass:** Jonah & Abbi Robinson, Ava Simone

**11:15 AM Mass:** Harrison & Landon Smith, Erich Steinke

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 30-31

**5 PM MASS** – Patricia Renaut

**8:15 AM MASS** – Nick Stollar

**11:15 AM MASS** – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Jan. 30-31

**5 PM:** Leo Hare, Syndia Helmers, Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn, Dan Landis

**8:15 AM:** Liz Kohler, Holly & Mat Robinson, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes

**11:15 AM:** Bonnie Hensel, Lori Nagy, Leland Steinke, John Schlaline, Jr., Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

**POLLY RENAUT'S BIRTHDAY**

Polly is turning 90 years old and all are invited to join in the celebration on Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, anytime between 1:30 and 3:30 at 70 Pine Court Dr., Abbottstown (Dave & Donna'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.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

1. I want to take this opportunity to thank Steve Signorello, John Schlaline, and the team of Knights of Columbus from IHM and St. Joe's, Bonneauville who planned this year's bus trip to the **March for Life**. Although it had to be cancelled due to the severe winter weather, there was a lot of behind the scene's work done, and I appreciate it all tremendously. Although we had to unfortunately cancel this year, the work done will prove helpful for next year's anticipated trip to Washington, D.C. for this important annual event. Also, thank you to Sr. Rosanne and Bernadine Filliben for organizing our day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children held at IHM on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. **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 Food Pantry to collect cans of soup on February 7 (date of Super Bowl). The soup can be placed on windowsills of the church when you come to Mass on February 6 or 7.
3. In anticipation of the World Day of the Sick (on February 11<sup>th</sup>), I will be offering the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** after weekend Masses on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. This particular sacrament, which the Church provides for those in need on account of old age, in times of serious illness, or in advance of surgery, is a sacrament of healing. As is demonstrated in the Scriptures, God's healing came through Jesus to the people in various ways – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Anointing of the Sick (see James 5:14-15 for scriptural foundations) avails us to this healing power of the Holy Spirit in whichever way God sees best for our eternal good and need. Please sit in the front pews of the church following Mass (sitting every other row) if you would like to receive this powerful sacrament.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804, ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgediocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgediocese.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. We receive 5% profit on all certificates sold. During the week of Jan. 17, 2016 we sold \$2090 for a profit of \$104.50.

**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.

#### **LENTEN BOOK STUDY**

Sister Rosanne will be offering a Book Study featuring the book entitled “The Holy Year of Mercy” on the Tuesdays of Lent from 9:45-11:00 AM. This Book Study will begin on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7 by Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> so the correct number of books can be ordered. The cost of the book will be \$10.00.

**SWEETHEART DINNER/DANCE** – Treat that special someone to an evening of delicious food, great company, and enjoyable music. Come to the Sweetheart Dinner/Dance on Saturday, Feb. 20 (snow date Feb. 27), starting at 6:15 PM with appetizers and followed by a lasagna meal and assorted homemade desserts. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Pat Slonaker at 624-3245 or Diane Schlaline at 259-9360 before Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA** – Fr. Marcoe will lead a week long mission trip/work retreat to serve with the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica on Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2016. This missionary pilgrimage is a response to the invitation of Pope Francis during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to extend God's merciful love to others, especially the needy and the marginalized. Missionary pilgrims will perform Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy with the religious brothers as they minister to the poorest of the poor, the homeless and the abandoned. If interested, email Luz Socrates at [luzvsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:luzvsoc@hotmail.com) or call the parish office.

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

#### **MASS FOR CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

– All are invited to join Bishop Gainer and the religious order priests, brothers and sisters and their lay associates and members of secular institutes for a Special Mass for the Closing of the Year of Consecrated Life. The Mass will be held on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 PM at Good Shepherd Church, 3435 Trindle Rd., Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant. All religious order priests, brothers and sisters, lay associates and members of secular institutes are especially invited to attend, and will be seated in the center/reserved pews. This Mass is open to all the faithful to celebrate consecrated men and women. A light reception will follow.



**DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE** – Registration for the March 12, 2016 Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg is now available. To register, click [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men). The site includes on-line registration and downloadable registration brochure, as well as workshop descriptions plus other essential conference information. Last year over 800 men attended. We hope for 1,000 this year. Theme is: **Jesus I Trust In You: Men Called to the Ocean of God's Mercy**. Keynote speaker is **Tom Peterson**, founder and president of *Catholics Come Home*. **Bishop Ronald W. Gainer** is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass. We have a blue-ribbon group of workshop presenters on outstanding topics .. 30 choices over three sessions. Presenters include nationally renowned author, speaker and frequent EWTN guest, **Father Michael Gaitly, MIC**. Join us for the Annual Men's Conference. Please bring a friend, or three .. for uplifting workshops, Mass, Holy Hour, Confession, Vendors, Fellowship, and more. For "Early Bird" discount, register by February 23 at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men). The Men's Conference is geared to help men become the best husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, friends, co-workers .. the best Catholic-Christian men we can be! Don't miss the grace!

**LENTE RETREAT DAY** for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, sponsored by the diocesan Office of Ministry with People with Disabilities, will be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center. The retreat will be led by Deacon Bill Fleming of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and is free of charge. Lunch is included. Reservations can be made by calling Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, X317 or [kneri@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:kneri@hbgdiocese.org).

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** – the Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, April 29th-May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Beginning Experience weekend is an approved Roman Catholic Program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Search Beginning Experience on the Diocesan website, [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) or check [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org). Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-512-2718 or [harrisburgbe@gmail.com](mailto:harrisburgbe@gmail.com).

**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, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg.

**ADORATION CHAPEL** – The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 9 N. Third St., McSherrystown, is in **desperate need** of new adorers. We have the following hours available for adoration: Sunday 4 AM, Monday 6 AM, Tuesday 1 AM & 1 PM, Wednesday 10 AM & 2 PM, Thursday 8 AM, 10 AM & 11 AM, Friday 8 PM and 9 PM, Saturday 6 PM. Please, can you spend just one hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Please contact Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071. NOTE: The Chapel is closed on Sunday's from 7 AM till noon for cleaning.

**THRIFT SHOP** – Come and check out the Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop, 5 Carlisle St., New Oxford, and the great clothing sale! Buy two and get the third one free. (does not include school clothes). Hours are Monday to Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Any questions, call 624-1272.

**HARLEM WIZARDS** – Back by popular demand .. the Immaculate Conception Knights will host the Harlem Wizards on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the New Oxford High School Gymnasium. Bring your kids out for a fun night of tricks, hoops and alley oops. Doors will open at 6:00 and the game will begin at 7:00. Advance tickets are available now for \$10/adults and \$8/child. All tickets will be \$12 at the door. Reserve your tickets via [www.harlemwizards.thundertix.com](http://www.harlemwizards.thundertix.com) or by calling the school at 624-2016.

**SCHOLARSHIP** – The Catholic Woman's Club of York is seeking applicants for its annual scholarships. Applicants should be Catholic girls graduating in 2016 from a York County high school within the York Deanery. A strong commitment to the Catholic faith, a good academic record, financial need and the pursuit of a baccalaureate degree are the qualifications being sought. Application forms are available at your high school Guidance Office or by emailing CWC Scholarship Chairperson Theresa LaCesa at [tlacesa@aol.com](mailto:tlacesa@aol.com) or calling at 717-891-4599. The deadline for completed applications is Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP RONALD W.**

**GAINER** – If anyone in this parish has been or is being hurt by the sexual misconduct of any priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, seminarian, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, The Diocese of Harrisburg would like to know about such abuse, so we can help the victim in his or her healing process and, if necessary, remove the offender from all public ministry. To make such a report, the person should call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-932-0313. To contact the Diocese, the person should also call the diocesan toll-free hotline at 1-800-626-1608 or email [ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org). Cards with reporting info are available.

**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.

## DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	12,143.25
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8,533.00
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	11,888.90
Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9,356.00
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 41,921.15</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

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

**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 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 Shibler 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@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:LentAppeal@hbgdiocese.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](mailto:communications@hbgdiocese.org).

**PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT [WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG](http://WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG).**

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**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-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061  
[www.icsbvm.org](http://www.icsbvm.org).  
**Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)**

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

[www.delonecatholic.org](http://www.delonecatholic.org)