

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

9:00 AM + Monica Czapp

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018

9:00 AM + Fred Krepps

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

9:00 AM + Robin Weaver

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

9:00 AM + Glenn Helmstetter

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

9:00 AM + Michael Brown

5:00 PM + Rita Heckman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

8:15 AM + Mark Neiderer

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

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, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, Bernadine Filliben and Fran Brandl.

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. 21, 2018 we sold \$1090 for a profit of \$54.50.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Jan. 28-Feb. 3

Sunday, Jan. 28th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM

Sunday, Jan. 28th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM

Monday, Jan. 29th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

Monday, Jan. 29th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Monday, Jan. 29th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 31st – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Thursday, Feb. 1st – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM

Saturday, Feb. 3rd – Boy Scout Court of Honor 3-8 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Feb. 3-4
5:00 PM Mass: Madison Small, Harrison Smith, Regina Walton

8:15 AM Mass: Amelia and Adam Gerringier, Anastasia Galysh

11:15 AM Mass: Erich Steinke, Edie and Oliver Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Feb. 3-4

5 PM MASS – Joe Schwar

8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar

11:15 AM MASS – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Feb. 3-4

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Rose Dietz, Jen Gentile, Barb Redding, Mary Margaret Thorne

8:15 AM: Doug Barnhart, Bill Bowker, Kristy Bucholtz, Kevin Heilman, Midge Stokes

11:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, Diane & John Schlaline, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS –“Everyone is searching for You.” If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbgiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. This week is **Catholic Schools week!** This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.," focuses on the important spiritual, academic and societal contributions provided by a Catholic education. Children from our parish attend the following local Catholic schools: St. Rose of Lima, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Francis Xavier, and Delone Catholic. Here is a snapshot of Catholic education in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Excellent Academics

95% of our Elementary students score above the national average in Language skills.

90% of our Elementary students score above the national average in Reading.

85% of our Elementary students score above the national average in Math.

Affordable Tuition

We are committed to making Catholic education an affordable option for families.

Financial Aid and Scholarship programs are available to help with the cost of attending our schools.

High Graduation Rates

Over 98% of our students graduate from High School.

College Scholarships

Annually over \$40 Million in scholarship funds are offered to graduates of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

We Believe:

1. Every Child is a gift from God
 2. Parents are the primary educators of their children
 3. Teachers are a partner with the family in the educational process
 4. Every person must be treated with dignity, respect, and care
 5. The school is rooted in the life of the parish
2. February 3rd 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

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 35,200.00
Income for Dec. 3rd	10,470.95
Dec. 10th	10,357.07
Dec. 17th	9,722.75
Dec. 27th	10,189.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 40,739.77**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	2,030.84
Immaculate Conception	1,721.85
Religious Retirement	2,897.17
Christmas Collection	16,785.68

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – It has been noted that some people, who are dropped off or picked up for Mass, are doing so at the steps right along West Canal Road. Especially at night, and given the adjacent hill, it is deemed this is unsafe given the speed and flow of traffic. For accessible and safe access to the Church at all times, please use the side social hall doors. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION – SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MEMBERSHIP

SUNDAY will be taken next weekend, Feb. 4th. Your participation in SPOF Membership Sunday by prayer and contributions helps to spread the hope-filled, saving message of Jesus to the billions of people who do not know Christ, and supports the priests, religious and lay catechists in mission countries worldwide who offer them that Good News.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Jan. 3rd served 96 families which included 269 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 7th is www.volunteersignup.org/JFP8E. 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.

SOUPE BOWL OF CARING – Next Sunday is Souper Bowl Sunday, so please remember to bring your donations of soup, condiments, and/or laundry detergent with you next Sunday. Or, you may place them anytime on the designated tables in the social hall. We've had a good response so far, and thank you for your generosity. 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. (Last year it was St. John's Lutheran). Additionally, we need some help getting all the donations onto the New Hope Ministries truck for transport to our local food pantry. We also need help carrying donations from the church to the hall (for those placed on the window sills). If you can help about 12:30 PM (after Mass or before) or with carrying donations downstairs to the hall, please contact Pat Renaut (patrenaut@hotmail.com or 717-637-1110).

THE PROMISE – Aimed at married couples, this mini-series encourages married Catholics to fully live out their vocations as husband and wife in the world.

February 12-13 & 15-16 @ 6:30 PM; February 14 @ 5:30 PM (30 mins) on EWTN.

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

Gracious Father,
Your Word, spoken in love, created the human family and, in the fullness of time, Your Son, conceived in love, restored it to Your friendship.
Hear the prayers of Parents awaiting the birth of a child, calm their fears when they are anxious.
Watch over and support these parents and bring their child into this world safely and in good health, so that as members of Your family they may praise You and glorify You through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

FUSION NEWS - Did You Know? The “Devil’s Advocate”, or *Advocatus Diaboli*, was a real position within the Catholic Church. Used primarily during canonization, this Church official’s job was meant to question a candidate’s saintliness – such as miracles natural explanations for alleged miracles. As of 1983, however, Pope St. John Paul II changed the canonization process and removed the devil’s advocate as an official position.

Saturday, January 27th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night with Adoration

Sundays, January 28th – March 18th, 2:30 – 4PM – Living Stations of the Cross Practice

WE’RE IN NEED OF ACTORS!!! All teens and pre-teens are invited to join us. Practices run on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4. The play will be performed on the night of Friday, March 23rd.

Saturday, February 3rd, 6 – 7PM – Meeting for attendees of Mount 2000

Friday, February 9th – Sunday, February 11th – Mount 2000

Saturday, February 10th, 6 – 9PM – Movie Night

CHARISMATIC MASS with prayers for Healing will be celebrated Wednesday, February 6th at St. Rose of Lima, York. Father Daniel Richards will be the celebrant. Praise and Worship Music begins at 6:30 PM with Mass at 7 PM. The Mass is sponsored by the local Charismatic Prayer Groups – Spirit of Love and Mercy, the Magnificat and Come and See! For more information, call Joyce at 717-308-7245.

COACH, CASH & MORE BINGO will be held at St. Aloysius Church, 29 S. Queen St., Littlestown, on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 in the parish hall. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Bingo starts at 1:30 PM. Tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. We’ve packed a lunch for you (included with your paid admission). For tickets or information call the church office at 717-359-4513.

BUS TRIP – St. Aloysius Friendly Group is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight & Sound to see “Jesus”. The date is April 25 and the price is \$95.00 per person. This includes the bus, show, dinner at Shady Maple and driver’s tip. The bus will leave St. Aloysius at 8:30 AM sharp and return around 6:45 PM. We have a firm date to cancel of April 11. First come first serve. No refunds. If you can’t make it, please find someone to replace you. Call Rosalie Gamm at 717-359-9558 or email rmgamm@comcast.net.

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO – MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY – listing of upcoming events:

- Our Lady of Lourdes – Feb. 11, 2018 – includes rosary Adoration, Reconciliation, Procession and Mass
- Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass
- Annunciation of the Lord – March 25, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass
- Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass
- Good Friday – March 30, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Homily of the Last Seven Words and Liturgy of Good Friday
- Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018 – includes Sunrise Ecumenical Service, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass

DIABETES EXPO – York County Area Agency on Aging would like to let you know about the 1st Annual Diabetes Expo being held by the new Diabetes Coalition of York County and funded by York Community Foundations’ Embracing Aging. The event will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 9AM-3PM at Penn State York, 1031 Edgecomb Ave., York. The target population is older adults at-risk for or diagnosed with diabetes and their families. The event is free and will include food, door prizes, a keynote speaker and free testing (A1C, glucose, cholesterol, BMI and balance). For more information, contact Amber at 717-456-0565 or email jkdiabetescoalition@gmail.com.

WHITE ROSE POLKA DANCERS announce a new location – Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 1031 Sprengle Rd., Spring Grove. Come for the fun. Enjoy the dancing and music. Snacks and drinks included with admission. This is a non-smoking facility. Cost is \$12 per person. Doors open at 6:30 PM, dancing 7-11 PM. Any questions call Dave & Anne Loeffler 717-229-2033. Tickets call Andy Emswiler 717-244-3436.

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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.

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

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – March 10, 2018

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg may now register online at www.hbgdiocese.org/men, for the 7th **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.

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.

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

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

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.**

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. 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.

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