

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

5:00 PM + Fr. Thomas Langan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

8:15 AM + Frank Mannarino

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

9:00 AM + John Harrison Cool

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

9:00 AM + Evelyn Stickney

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

9:00 AM + Mary Lou Ruttly

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

MASS AT IC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

9:00 AM + Nazareno Monticelli

5:00 PM + Rita Heckman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

+indicates - deceased

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Isaiah 58:7-10 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

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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, 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, Francis Kuhn and Mary Eagan.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the soul of Orville Dean Butler, father of Carol Noble, and Ted Marines, Sr., father of Ted Marines who died this week.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Let your light shine before others” perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Today's Gospel is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We quickly note that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy. . .the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 4-5

**5:00 PM Mass:** Harrison, Landon & Ella Smith

**8:15 AM Mass:** Anastasia Galysh, Mary & Joseph Murphy

**11:15 AM Mass:** Edie Rumbaugh, Sally Earp, Nich Steinke

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 4-5

**5 PM MASS** – Pat Renaut

**8:15 AM MASS** – Jeanne Maysilles

**11:15 AM MASS** – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Feb. 4-5

**5:00 PM:** Jen Gentile, Bertie Kuhn, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Mary Margaret Thorne

**8:15 AM:** Diane Giampietro, John Maysilles, Elaine & Mitch Walton, Claire Wentz

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Kevin Behr, Carmelita Garcia, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**DONUT SUNDAY** – Boy Scout Troop 127 and Cub Scout Pack 127 would like to thank the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary for their continued support by inviting them downstairs for coffee and donuts following the 8:15 Mass next Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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. 22, 2017 we sold \$2440.00 for a profit of \$122.00.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. From January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. At this time, I would like to acknowledge all of our parish families who have chosen to enroll their children in local Catholic schools, most especially Immaculate Conception School and Delone Catholic High School. While it can be a financial sacrifice to send your child(ren) to Catholic schools, it is an investment that is proven to bear much fruit in terms of quality of education, deepening of faith and morals, and an environment that fosters holistic growth in mind, body, and spirit. If you are considering enrolling your child(ren) in Catholic grade school or high school, I would be happy to talk with you further. Next Sunday (2/5), at the 11:15am Mass, we will have IC School children and families assisting at Mass. **Let us also keep our newly-formed St. Teresa of Calcutta School in our prayers during this important time of transition!**
2. On Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the **World Day for Consecrated Life**. I would like to thank **Sr. Rosanne** for her faithful witness to consecrated religious life, and for her service to our IHM parish family.
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 Food Pantry to collect cans of soup and this year we will also collect bottles of ketchup, mustard, relish, BBQ sauce, salad dressing and mayonnaise. The soup or condiments can be placed on the windowsills of the church when you come to Mass on February 4/5.

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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<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

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> served 98 families which included 275 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> is <https://www.volunteersignup.org/QMQMC>. 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.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – We warmly invite women from around the Diocese to join us as we gather at the Diocesan Center for our sixth Prayer Shawl Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The program, hosted by the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Organization Commission, will include Mass, prayer, knitting/crocheting, fellowship and lunch. You are welcome to attend even if you are a beginner and would like to be part of this time of fellowship and sharing. While the program is free, advance registration is required so that we can arrange a comfortable work area and plan for lunch. Please call Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Deb Black at 717-514-8815. Deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017.

**CUSTODIAN and MAINTENANCE POSITION** – Immaculate Heart of Mary is seeking the right person for this position, which is Part Time, Non- Exempt, 12 months a year, approximately 28 hours a week (Monday through Friday, with additional flexibility during the winter weather). Competitive salary. The person in this position is responsible for cleaning, maintaining, inspecting and reporting on the condition of the church and auxiliary buildings, and assisting the pastor in the implementation of a maintenance program for the parish. This must be a versatile, skilled individual with considerable "handy man" abilities. This individual will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining good order to facilities on parish property. This position requires varying degrees of physical exertion, to include lifting (at least 50 lbs.), stretching, bending, climbing stairs and operating cleaning and gardening equipment. Responsibilities may fall in the areas of electrical work, plumbing, painting, carpentry, roofing, or HVAC9 (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). The position requires trouble-shooting ability and the immediate response to problems and emergency situations. Also required are organizational skills, adaptability, flexibility, dependability, the ability to take instructions, and to work without supervision. Trustworthiness and the willingness to maintain confidentiality are essential. A valid drivers' license is required. To apply for this position, please submit letter of interest to Father Marcoe, pastor, before February 6, 2017.

**IHM ADULT CHOIR** – Consider adding your voice to ours and join the IHM Adult Choir. We will be singing through Lent, Easter and until Pentecost. Rehearsals start on **Sunday, Feb. 12** from 9:40-10:45 AM Sunday mornings in the Church. Kathy Schwar will continue to direct the choir. (*"When you are upstairs singing with the choir, you are just that much closer to heaven"*). Please encourage your friends or family members to participate and help us make a "Joyful Noise to the

Lord". Any questions, please call Roy Wainwright at 792-9408 or email [roywainwright3@gmail.com](mailto:roywainwright3@gmail.com).

**FUSION NEWS** – Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth group; 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).

On Saturday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, Fusion will celebrate its first Youth Night of 2017. We’ll be hosting Pro-Life Night and will watch the movie Bella. We’ll meet in the Religious Ed building from 6-8:30 PM. All teens are welcome.

On Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, rehearsals for the Living Stations of the Cross are at St. Joseph Church on Grandview Rd. Fusion has partnered with their youth group to help bring a unique blend of acting and spiritual music to life. Teens are invited to participate as actors, musicians, and “techies”. Rehearsals will be every Sunday, from 2:30 to 4 PM. If you can’t make every rehearsal, that’s okay. But there will be a Final Dress Rehearsal which you’ll HAVE TO ATTEND on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 PM. The Living Stations will be performed on the evening of Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Youth Nights will be on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**Did you know?** The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. For Catholics, Jesus’ sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram “IHM” (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

**COURAGE MOVEMENT** – Spiritual care for Catholics experiencing same-sex attraction is available through the Catholic Church-approved international **Courage Movement**, which assists its participants in their relationship with Jesus Christ according to biblical truths and Church teaching. Parents, friends and family members of people who have **homosexual attractions** are invited to join the adjunct Encourage group. Both groups meet regularly under the leadership of Father William M. Weary. Contact him at 717-242-2781 or email at [frweary@sacredheartlewisstown.com](mailto:frweary@sacredheartlewisstown.com). More information is available at [www.CourageRC.org](http://www.CourageRC.org).

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** – A Beginning Experience weekend provides a safe place to work through the loss of one’s spouse because of death, divorce or separation. Trained persons who have been through the death of a spouse or a divorce facilitate the weekend. They share their experiences and provide compassion as only those who have been “through it” can. In addition, participants spend time reflecting on guided questions, journaling to get in touch with their own experience, and talking with others in small group discussions. Weekends are held at beautiful Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA, typically twice a year in the

spring and fall. In order to register, go to [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org). **The next Beginning Experience in our area is May 5-7, 2017.**

**ATTENTION PARENTS & FRIENDS OF DELONE CATHOLIC** – On the first Tuesday of every month, we will meet at 9:30 AM in the Delone Catholic chapel to say a rosary for our students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni. On Feb. 7, our special intention for February will be for the grace to imitate the sacrificial love of Jesus. Everyone is welcome. If you have a special intention we can pray for, but you cannot attend, feel free to send a note into the office. We will be keeping everyone in our Delone Catholic community in our prayers. Take a brief moment out of your week to join in asking Our Lady to intercede on our behalf. If you have any questions, please call Annie Kilkelly at 637-0993.

**COACHING OPPORTUNITIES** – Delone Catholic is seeking candidates for head coaching positions for Varsity Golf and Varsity Boys’ Soccer for the Fall of 2017. Please contact Dave Lawrence at [dlawrence@delonecatholic.org](mailto:dlawrence@delonecatholic.org) or 637-5969, ext. 222.

**THIRD ANNUAL BULL ROAST AND SHRIMP FEED** – The Delone Catholic High School Boys Lacrosse Team announces its Third Annual Bull Roast & Shrimp Feed on Saturday, March 18 at the Gotwalt Hall at St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Hanover from 5:30-10 PM. Cost is a \$30 donation and includes pit beef, steamed shrimp, sides, salads, desserts, and beverages catered by Crooked Creek Grillers. The evening will also include music, door prizes, raffles & jars. (SGCL #895). No one under 21 will be admitted. For tickets or more information, please email [dchslaxinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dchslaxinfo@gmail.com).

***It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.***

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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. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.** **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) or 717-657-4804, ext. 225.

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

**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](http://www.proximotravel.com).

**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.

**SWEETHEART DINNER FUN NIGHT** – Take that special someone to an evening of delicious food, good company, fun games and even great music from all the eras. The Parish Council of Catholic Women will be sponsoring a Sweetheart Dinner Fun Night on Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:15 PM in the church social hall until 10 PM. Menu will be appetizers, salad, homemade lasagna, rolls, and homemade desserts. Cost is just \$10 per person. If interested in attending, please call Pat Slonaker at 624-3245 or sign up on the sheets on the window sills by Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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

**NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

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

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

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

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| <b>All Saints Collection</b> | <b>1,786.00</b> |
| <b>Disaster Relief</b>       | <b>986.50</b>   |
| <b>Capital Improvements</b>  | <b>1,134.00</b> |
| <b>Matthew 25 Collection</b> | <b>1,687.75</b> |
| <b>Military Collection</b>   | <b>2,144.00</b> |

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:  
 Michael & Kathleen Fleming, East Berlin  
 William & Stephanie Willis & family – Dover  
 Terry & Elizabeth Gingrow – Hanover  
 Dean & Deb Leppo – Abbottstown  
 Steven & Angie Leonard & family - Abbottstown

**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!

**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.

**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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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.