

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2016

5:00 PM + Regina Crews

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Ruth Carroll

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

9:00 AM + Ann Wainwright

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

9:00 AM + Justina & Sotera Villareal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016

9:00 AM + Jane Behr

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016

9:00 AM + Elwood Carpenter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

5:00 PM + Margaret Reidinger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Intention of Carmen Miranda on her
90th birthday

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know."

One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

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, James & 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, Laura Nace, Alice Williams and Donna Cassatt.

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 Dec. 27, 2015 we sold \$1520 for a profit of \$76.00.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Although Jesus apparently understood from a tender age how he related to God ("Did you not know that I must be about my Father's house?"), he also knew that he owed appropriate respect to his parents. This is why he stayed in their home in Nazareth and was obedient to them. Their direction, their teachings, their example, and their rules would all have shaped Jesus in his humanity. It was thanks, in no small part to the matriarch and patriarch of the Holy Family that Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

We should be advancing in these ways too! The Holy Family serves as a beautiful model for us in this regard. They help us learn how to submit our lives to the loving leadership of our heavenly Father. But more than this, Mary and Joseph also serve as intercessors who, like any faithful family member or friend, want to pray with us and for us. Let us turn, then, to the intercession of the Holy Family asking that our families may be holy too.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: What do you imagine the twelve-year-old Jesus did for three days in Jerusalem?

1st Reading Question: How do you express your gratitude to God for your family?

2nd Reading Question: John defines "children of God" as those who believe in Jesus as the Son of God and who love one another. What would you add to this definition?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 9-10

5 PM Mass: Mary & Joseph Murphy, Regina Walton

8:15 AM Mass: Peyton Duty, Ryan Gebhart, Jade Kent

11:15 AM Mass: Jacob Fleming, Margaret & Clare Mailey

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 9-10

5 PM MASS – Bertie Kuhn

8:15 AM MASS – Midge Stokes

11:15 AM MASS – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Jan. 9-10

5 PM: Leo Hare, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Steve Hoffman, Steve Signorello

8:15 AM: Linda Billig, Kim Leese, John Melhorn, Holly and Mat Robinson

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Stella Thomas, Bonnie Hensel, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Epiphany of the Lord

1. I pray that all of you had a very happy, healthy, and holy Christmas with your loved ones as we celebrated the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Similarly, on behalf of the entire parish staff, I also wish to all of you a joyous and peace-filled **new year**.
2. A special word of **gratitude** to all of you for your gifts, cards, and goodies during this beautiful time of year. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
3. In case you're wondering, **Epiphany** means revelation or manifestation. It's on today's feast that we celebrate God revealing or manifesting Himself in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, God is revealed to His people and to the world through the following events: the Magi coming to bring the Christ-child gifts and to worship Him; the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, when the Holy Spirit descends upon Him and He is revealed as the Son of God; and the miracle at the wedding at Cana, when Jesus performs His first miracle in public, revealing to all His divinity. On this feast, historically (especially in years gone by), the priest would come to parishioners' houses to bless them, writing a small blessing above the main door. While today in our setting this is a bit more challenging to accomplish in one day, we are making available to you cards with these "blessings" for you to take with you. Just offer the prayers on the back, and then place the card over the main door in your home.
4. Please remember that IHM parish and St. Joe's, Bonneauville, will be joining together along with our respective Knights of Columbus in sponsoring a **bus to the March for Life**. Fr. Peter DiTomasso and myself will be along for this very important event. To reserve your seat for **ONLY \$10** (which also includes a boxed lunch), please contact the parish office ASAP at 259-0611.
5. **Weekday Masses and inclement weather.** First, if someone thinks the weather is too inclement, they should make the personal decision not to come to church for weekday Mass, so as to remain safe. Second, if someone is thinking about coming to weekday Mass with the inclement weather, they can get a good indication that if multiple local schools are on a two-hour delay or are cancelled, it may not be a good idea to travel for morning Mass either. However, since the issue is not with me getting to the church (since I live next door!), I will still plan on celebrating the scheduled Mass regardless of the number of people who may be able to make it to the church. Additionally, whenever there is a **funeral Mass** scheduled, weekday Mass will normally be cancelled. Announcements about funerals will be made at

prior weekday Masses, when possible. Obituaries in the newspaper also advise people of upcoming funeral Masses too. (Mass intentions will be re-scheduled for another Mass in this case). You can always call the parish office for more information as well.

Please note I will be away for a few days (from January 4 through 7) for a little break after the busy holydays.

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804, ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgediocese.org.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Dec. 2nd served 98 families which included 282 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Jan. 6th is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/34296>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5th at 7 PM in the Religious Ed Building.

PCCW – the Parish Council of Catholic Women will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 13th at 7 PM in the social hall to plan for the upcoming Sweetheart Dinner/Dance to be held on Saturday, Feb. 20th. The snow date is Feb. 27th.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. During this time, all are invited to participate by taking part in local events and by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the 9 days. Sign up now and participate Jan. 16-24. Visit 9daysforlife.com to download a free app for your Android or iPhone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages. Printable versions of each day's content are also available on the website.

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IHM YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT – Snow Tubing at Ski Round Top, Friday, January 8th from 7 PM until ? The cost per person is \$15. There is an enclosed lounge area for spectators. Note – St. Joseph, Bonneauville will be partnering for this function. For more information contact Jeff Seifert at 870-8160 or email jeff.seifert2@gmail.com. Eighth graders included!

PRAYER SHAWL RETREAT – We warmly invite women from around the Diocese to join us as we gather at the Diocesan Center for our third Prayer Shawl Retreat on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 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. Register early as space is limited. Deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016.

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU – On Dec. 19th the men from Immaculate Conception, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart completed the Fall Semester of That Man Is You. We averaged attendance of 20 men per week. All in attendance agree .. this is a much needed and life-changing program. Our Spring Semester begins January 16th in the Immaculate Conception School cafeteria from 8 AM – 9:30 AM. The semester runs for 13 consecutive weeks. If you missed out on the Fall Semester, now is the perfect time to join us. Contact Pete Socks at 624-1212 or email pete.sock@gmail.com

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.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 42,000.00
Income for Nov. 1st	9,410.70
Nov. 8th	10,705.45
Nov. 15th	8,905.02
Nov. 22nd	9,322.20
Nov. 29th	6,487.75

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 44,831.12**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Expense Collection	1,451.25
Matthew 25 Collection	2,696.43
All Saints Collection	1,172.00

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioner to IHM Parish: Cecilia Shabler 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@hbqdiocese.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@hbqdiocese.org.

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

SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

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

MILESTONE HIGHLIGHTS K OF C'S FINANCIAL PROTECTION OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES

- The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force recently, marking an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families. "The \$100 billion milestone is not simply a number", said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "It highlights the fact that each year we are protecting the future of more Catholic families, continuing the mission of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney". The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the US and Canada – all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus. The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++

Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year and was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute. The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide. It is also one of the most active charitable organizations in the US. The Knights set a new record for charitable giving in 2014 with donations of more than \$173.5 million and 71.5 million hours of service to charitable causes.

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

FLOWERS – Looking for a way to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? A beautiful way would be to order flowers on the altar. Most weekends are available from now through the end of the year. **Please call Anita in the parish office** to make arrangements.

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

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

Immaculate Conception School (preK-8th grade)

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

www.icsbvm.org.

Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)

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

www.delonecatholic.org.