

MASS INTENTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Joyce Menges & Barb Wantz

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Ann Walter

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

9:00 AM + Dale Renaut

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016

NO MASS – MASS AT IC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

9:00 AM + James Drummer

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

8:15 AM + James & Elizabeth Wotherspoon

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village “all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words.” But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are not our path to being a Holy Family.

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**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on Jan. 6th served 109 families which included 305 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/34297>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

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**POLLY RENAUT'S BIRTHDAY**

Polly is turning 90 years old and all are invited to join in the celebration on Sunday, Feb. 21st, 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.

It can be tempting to confuse Jesus' kindness and goodness with passivity, mistakenly imagining him as a person who would never ruffle feathers because he was so concerned about being nice. This one-sided image of Jesus can lead us to excuse our own passivity about the falsehood and evil that surrounds us. We can justify our silence or inaction by convincing ourselves that we shouldn't upset anyone. But the fact is that Jesus upset people on a regular basis. That wasn't his goal, of course, but he was willing to deal with resistance for the sake of truth and justice. And we should be willing to do the same.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** What do you think led to Jesus' rejection at Nazareth?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** Why do you think people fight against the message of the prophets?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** Do you agree with Paul's assertion that of the three virtues --- faith, hope, and love --- the greatest is love? Why or why not?

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MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 6-7

**5 PM Mass:** Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Aaron Oravitz

**8:15 AM Mass:** Peyton Duty, Mary & Joseph Murphy

**11:15 AM Mass:** Brielle Baughman, Anastasia & Sophia Gaylish

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 6-7

**5 PM MASS** – Joe Schwar

**8:15 AM MASS** – Kevin DePaulis

**11:15 AM MASS** – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Feb. 6-7

**5 PM:** Joanne Lauchman, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Lonna Potocki, Claire Wentz

**8:15 AM:** Howard & Linda Billig, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton

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

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY COLLECTION** – Next

weekend, Feb. 6-7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It assists with faith formation, the selection of native bishops, and formation of seminarians, religious sisters and brothers and lay catechists. As mission dioceses struggle to take root, SPOF also provides critical education, health and social service. Thank you for answering the call to missionary spirit through your support of this holy work of the Church.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

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

1. From January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 7<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 (2/7), at the 8:15am Mass, we will have IC School children and families assisting at Mass, followed by coffee and donuts in the social hall – all are invited.
2. On Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the **World Day for Consecrated Life**, which marks the end of the Year 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. This coming Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the feast of St. Blaise (the patron saint of illnesses of the throat). The traditional **blessing of throats** will be offered at 9am Mass that day.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Before you were born, I consecrated you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804, ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgediocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgediocese.org).

**LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION** – Sister Rosanne will be leading a Lenten Morning of Reflection here at IHM on Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 9AM until Noon. The theme of “God’s Unconditional Mercy” will be explored and reflected upon in two significant Gospel passages. Consider giving yourself the gift of peace and quiet time with the Lord during this sacred season of Lent and this “Jubilee Year of Mercy”. Please call Sister Rosanne at 259-0611 by Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are able to attend so that she knows how many to plan for.

**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@hbgediocese.org](mailto:ReportAbuse@hbgediocese.org). Cards with reporting info are available.

**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.

**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.

**WOMEN’S LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION** – Hosted by the Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women – Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at Corpus Christi Church in Chambersburg. Presenter is Sister Geralyn Schmidt. Time is 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Begins with Mass at 8:30 AM. The Celebrant is Very Rev. Fr. Luis Rodriguez. Check in for the retreat in the Parish Center following Mass. Cost is \$10 which includes breakfast. To register call Jane Wishard at 717-264-8703.

**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.

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**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!

**LENTEN 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).

**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.

**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.



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.

**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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>-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).

**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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#### **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.

**GROCERY CERTIFICATES** - Please know how VERY GRATEFUL we are to all of you who support our

**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 –**

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

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME** **\$ 41,921.15**

**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

**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).**

**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.

**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).

