

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

5:00 PM + Maryanne Lippy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

8:15 AM + Jules Neiderer

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

10:00 AM - FUNERAL MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

9:00 AM + Dorothy Schlaline

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Bernadine Filliben

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

9:00 AM + Jim Drummer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

5:00 PM + Ronald Shrader

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Rose Altobelli

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 / 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20  
John 1:35-42

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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, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Maria Maxwell, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Bob Kline, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Louise Peters, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Scott Hale, Hector Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Dave Lambert, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Carlson and Theron Menges of our parish who died this week, as well as Deborah Weitkamp, companion of William Kroft who died this week.

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Please welcome Anna Lynn Henry, daughter of Jason & Dana Henry, into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Jan. 7-13

**Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**

**Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM**

**Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Part III Christ Life Series in Social Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – PCCW Meeting in social hall, 7 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Saturday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – Fusion Youth Movie Night in the Den, 6-9 PM**

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 13-14

**5:00 PM Mass:** Kayla Bream, Keira Slonaker, Regina Walton

**8:15 AM Mass:** Peyton Duty, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

**11:15 AM Mass:** Autumn, Madi & Alex Kuhn  
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Jan. 13-14

**5 PM MASS** – Pat Renaut

**8:15 AM MASS** – Lauren Wicker

**11:15 AM MASS** – Jess Socrates  
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Jan. 13-14

**5:00 PM:** Rose Dietz, Barb Redding, Mat & Holly Robinson, Amanda Wicker

**8:15 AM:** Jason Duty, Dianne Giampietro, John Maysilles, John Melhorn, Claire Wentz

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Leland Steinke, John Schlaline Jr., Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**SECOND COLLECTION** – Next weekend we will have a second collection for Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. Many Churches in Africa still lack basic resources and pastoral care and are challenged by high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy and poor education. We thank you for your generosity.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

1. 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.
2. 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. These cards can be found on the ledges behind the last pew.
3. **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 usually 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 at the church in the morning, 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.
4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous financial contributions this past calendar year. Whether what you could give was the "widow's mite", or very generous contributions, or somewhere in between – **thank you.** God blesses each of us in different ways. And when you are blessed financially and you share that blessing with the parish, we in turn, are able to bless others.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Is God calling you to give Him the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/[frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org) or check out [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com).

**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 Dec. 31, 2017 we sold \$140 for a profit of \$7.00.

**ELEVATOR UPDATE** – As some of you are aware, we have been having issues with our elevator lately. We are currently in the process of having the elevator repaired. We expect to hear from the technician by early this week. Thank you for your patience!

**PCCW NEWS** – Women of the parish are cordially invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Parish Council of Catholic Women on Wednesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the church social hall. We will be planning the upcoming Sweetheart Dinner/Dance, which will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS** – Students from Delone Catholic High School, St. Teresa of Calcutta School, St. Francis Xavier School and St. Joseph School, along with generous donations from Neiderer's Sanitation LLC and Conewago Contractors, Inc. and a matching donation from Conewago Enterprises, Inc. raised \$21,366 to aid two Catholic schools in Texas that were devastated by hurricanes this year.

**PRAY FOR THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT – Blessing of a Mother Before Childbirth** – God has brought gladness and light to the world through the Virgin Mary's delivery of her Child. May Christ fill your heart with His holy joy and keep you and your baby safe from harm. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**THANK YOU!** I would like to express my sincere thank you to all who sent cards and brought communion to me over the holidays. It was greatly appreciated!  
Charlie Kulynych

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**DCHS CLASS OF '66** – is planning a 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Inn 94 in New Oxford. Social hour from 11:30-12:30 PM. Meal and fellowship from 12:30-3:30 PM. Contact Pat (Breiner) Web via email to [paw9348@hotmail.com](mailto:paw9348@hotmail.com) or Julie (Houser) Hawbaker via phone 717-632-0620.

*The offering is the highlight of the church service for our young children, who delight in placing the little offering envelope into the collection plate. We have made it a practice to tithe each Sunday morning and give a small offering during the evening service, so that our two children each get to put something into the collection plate.*

*One Sunday evening, as it came time for the offering, I looked to my husband, who always seems to have change in his pocket, and found he had none. There was our young son, hand outstretched, waiting for those familiar coins to put into the envelope. I desperately searched my purse, but it too was empty. We had to tell our boy that we just didn't have anything to give.*

*Suddenly, there was a smile on his face, and we watched as he blew a kiss into the offering envelope, proudly sealed it, and placed it into the collection plate just as it passed by.*

*That's what God really wants, isn't it. Each of us to offer Him the best we have.*

**NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

Monthly Budget	\$ 35,200.00
Income for Nov. 5th	9,686.75
Nov. 12th	9,752.00
Nov. 19th	8,808.75
Nov. 26th	8,279.41

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME**                    \$ 36,526.91

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Capital Improvements	1,702.68
All Saints Collection	1,578.00
Matthew 25 Collection	2,481.00

**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](http://www.cchbg.org) for more information.

**ADAMS CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRIES –**

The newly formed Adams Christian Prison Ministry is working to expand and deepen the ministry to those incarcerated at the Adams County Adult Complex (ACACC). The former Chaplain of ACACC, Will Olsen, is the Interim Director of Prison Ministries. This great new ministry will be holding a celebration banquet that will offer excellent food and a dynamic program. It will be held at Harvest Chapel Church in Abbottstown on January 12, 2018 at 6 PM. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will sponsor a table of 8 at this banquet. The program includes: introductory information about the Adams Christian Prison Ministry which will oversee all the Christian programs at the prison, testimony from a former inmate, a silent auction, and plenty of fellowship. If anyone is interested in attending this dinner, please contact the parish office or see Father Marcoe as soon as possible. Please join us in celebrating and supporting this new ministry.

**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@hbgiocese.org](mailto:poakes@hbgiocese.org)*

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK –** The food pantry held on Dec. 6 served 108 families which included 411 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Dec. 6th is [www.volunteersignup.org/THYFW](http://www.volunteersignup.org/THYFW). 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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>. May God guide you in your contemplation. **OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL EMHC'S.**

**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.

**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](http://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](http://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. The first submission is due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you’d like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact [kwenger@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

**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.