

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

9:00 AM + Mary Lou Ruttly

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

9:00 AM + James Drummer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

9:00 AM + Helen Cool

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

9:00 AM + Catherine Hare

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

5:00 PM + Edward Hoffheins

SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Living Members of Wantz Family

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families: one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

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 and Judy Goley.

LOST AND FOUND – Our lost and found bin will be emptied out as of Jan. 31st. If you have lost any articles, please check our lost and found bin located on the window sill in the Sacristy and claim your items. Anything unclaimed will be disposed of.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. We know little about the Magi. They came from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. *Gold* is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. *Frankincense* is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the temple. *Myrrh*, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 14-15

5:00 PM Mass: Liam Miriello, Hannah Fletcher, Bob O'Brien

8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh

11:15 AM Mass: Erich Steinke, Brielle Baughman, Sally Earp

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 14-15

5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur

8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM MASS – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Jan. 14-15

5:00 PM: Jen Gentile, Dan Landis, Barbara Reichart, Steve Signorello, Mary Margaret Thorne

8:15 AM: Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes, Carol Stroud, Mitch & Elaine Walton

11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Lorrie Nagy, John & Diane Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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. Please remember that IHM parish will be joining together with our local Knights of Columbus in sponsoring a **bus to the March for Life** in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 27th. I will be joining in 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.
3. Last Friday, December 30th, we celebrated the **feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**. I pray for all of you and your families. The dynamic of family life is often not an easy one, as our various personalities and temperaments can at times clash with one another. And yet the family, in the words of Pope John Paul II, is the "school of love". As family, we learn how to put up with one another. We learn how to sacrifice for each other. And we learn how to love others and be loved by them in return. The Holy Family shows us, then, that this is God's purpose for family life – love.
4. **EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK** Would you like to see more Christ-centered, family television, radio and online services? If so, EWTN Global Catholic Network can be an answer to your prayers! EWTN's vast array of programming includes Daily Mass, devotionals, global Catholic news, powerful documentaries, music specials, exclusive teaching series, live call-in talk shows, young adult & children's programming and Church and Papal events. EWTN television is on channel number 15 on Comcast and also available on both Dish Network Channel 261 and DIRECTV Channel 370. EWTN Global Catholic Radio can be heard locally on WHYF (Holy Family Radio) at AM 720 or on SiriusXM Satellite Radio Channel 130. To learn, more visit www.ewtn.com.

This Sunday we celebrate the **Epiphany of the Lord**. 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.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

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

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 38,214.53

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

All Saints Collection	1,786.00
Disaster Relief	986.50
Capital Improvements	1,134.00
Matthew 25 Collection	1,687.75
Military Collection	2,144.00

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

PCCW – All women are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the PCCW on Wednesday, Jan. 11th at 7 PM in the church social hall. We will be discussing the upcoming Sweetheart Dinner Fun Dance.

Mark your calendar now for the Sweetheart dinner on Saturday, Feb. 18th. An evening of great company, delicious food, fun games and some dancing. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

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 or 624-4700 ext. 701. The location is 120 N. Peter St., New Oxford (lower level of the Municipal Building).

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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!

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS – Put the date, **JANUARY 27, 2017** aside to MARCH FOR LIFE. Join us to fill a bus and join in a peaceful March for Life in Washington, DC. Cost is \$10 per seat, includes a box lunch. Pickup at IHM at 7 am. We have the bus, and you wanted to go last year! Here is your chance to March for Life. We need you to sign up, we need to have the seats sold by the end of December. If you can't go, please consider to donate a seat with a contribution. Many young Catholics would be able to go. There are forms on the ledge behind the last pew. Please fill out the form and enclose your check and drop it in the collection basket. Any questions, please contact Steve Signorello at 253-5924 or John Schlaline at 699-4534.

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. 11th at 10 AM.

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.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Dec. 7th served 90 families which included 262 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Jan. 4th is <https://www.volunteersignup.org/YFAFQ>. 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.

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.

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

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. 18, 2016 we sold \$4650 for a profit of \$232.50.

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.

GET THE APP – Holy Family Radio now has its very own app! For iPhone or Android users, simply go to your app store in your phone, search "Holy Family Radio AM 720" then click download! Holy Family Radio operates the only Catholic Radio Station in our Diocese. They broadcast on AM 720 from dawn to dusk. They are live 24/7 on line at www.720whyf.com or on their App!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:
Michael & Keegan Woods, Abbottstown
Jessica & Marcelo Sanchez & family, Spring Grove

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.

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.