

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

5:00 PM – Special Intention of Cortney Creager

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

8:15 AM + Robert Alonso

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Ken Jacoby

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017

9:00 AM + Phil Aumen

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

9:00 AM + Mary Carol Staub

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017

NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

9:00 AM + Lawrence McMaster

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Special Intention

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7 / Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - In today's Gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

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, Theron Menges, 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 and Tina Descheemaeker.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today we hear Jesus questioning the priests and the elders through the parable we hear in the Gospel. The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, and then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys with his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent --- tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Oct. 7-8

5:00 PM Mass: Abbi & Jonah Robinson, Kayla Bream

8:15 AM Mass: Peyton Duty, Amelia Gerringier, Ethan Aiello

11:15 AM Mass: Sally Earp, Nick Steinke, Tyler Raubenstine

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Oct. 7-8

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar

11:15 AM MASS – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Oct. 7-8

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Steve Hoffman, Dan Landis, Mat & Holly Robinson

8:15 AM: Bill Bowker, Margie & Sam Leese, Doug Barnhart, Carol Stroud

11:15 AM: Carmelita Garcia, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, John Schlaline, Jr. Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring a special **appreciation breakfast** to thank our **altar servers** last Sunday. And thank you to all our altar servers from giving of your time to serve our parish family at the altar of God.
2. This Sunday (October 1st) is **Respect Life Sunday**. Please note that from **1 to 3pm in the church** there will be a time of **Eucharistic Adoration** to pray especially for the protection of all human life from conception through natural death. Let us pray in a special way as well in reparation for all of those impacted by the reality of abortion in our country. May God's grace be given in abundance to all those in need!
3. This Tuesday is our final night of **Discovering Christ**. It has been an amazing, powerful, transformative experience!!!!!! Thank you to Sr. Rosanne, Margie Leese, Doreen Oblack, and their team who have made this possible. I am very much looking forward to our next session, called *Following Christ*.
4. This Friday we will have our **Confirmation retreat** for the teens in our area, who are preparing to receive this great final sacrament of initiation. **Please pray** for the Holy Spirit to awaken within their hearts a true desire to completely belong to Jesus through His Catholic Church.
5. Next week, from Oct 8th in the afternoon through Oct 13th in the afternoon, I'll be away on our annual **Priests Continuing Formation Workshop**. This year we have many wonderful presenters, like Fr. Paul Scalia, presenting on topics such as: Medical Ethics, Pastoral Care to the Spiritually Afflicted, Preaching in Contemporary Society, Human Resource Challenges, and Stress and Challenges in Priestly Ministry. Please pray for all of our priests in the diocese, especially those who may be struggling in one way or another.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – He humbled Himself and became obedient ...” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.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 Sept 24, 2017 we sold \$1580 for a profit of \$79.00.

PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the REC building. If you would like to join the group to make shawls for the sick and shut-ins, please come on the 11th to take part in this Church Ministry.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Life is a journey in which a person is constantly learning, growing and changing. If you want to be a member of the Catholic faith, the RCIA process is a step on that journey, providing you with an opportunity to grow spiritually, learn, ask questions and experience what is meant by being a Catholic Christian. The Catholic Church is always ready to welcome anyone who desires to become a part of our faith community. If you are an un-baptized adult, a member of another Christian faith or perhaps you are just interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Church, please call Sister Rosanne at 259-0611, ext. 7

TRUNK OR TREAT – Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 29th from 5-7 PM. The Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Fusion will be holding our first annual “Trunk or Treat”. Instead of going door to door, go trunk to trunk to trick or treat! We are looking for families who are interested in decorating a trunk for the kids to visit and trick or treat. We are also looking for children who would like to enjoy a safe and fun evening. We will have a concession stand and kid games. Look for the flyer in next week's bulletin for more information.

FALL FESTIVAL – The Charitable Children's Group is hosting a fun family day on Sunday, Oct. 22nd from 3-6 PM. Come out and enjoy the fun, the food, the games and a hayride. Children may wear tasteful Halloween costumes. Flyers can be found on the ledge behind the last pew. RSVP to Kylee King at 717-858-4472 by Sunday, Oct. 15th.

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER: The IHM Veterans Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 6:15 PM in the social hall. Tickets will be on sale after Masses in October. More details to follow.

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women of the parish, please mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Women's Conference, which is being held on Saturday, October 14th at Bishop McDevitt High School. The Theme is: “Lead All Souls to Heaven”: Mary's Message to Us from Fatima. The Keynote Speaker is Susan Brinkmann, award-winning Catholic author and noted speaker. Brochures can be found on the ledge behind the last pew. Online registration is currently available at www.hbgdiocese.org/event/womens'conference

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 1 weekend has been rescheduled for Dec. 1-3 in Mechanicsburg. Please check out the website <https://yourmarriageisworthit.org/applyWeekend.php>

LARC EVENTS MARK 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION – Our annual Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) Vespers will be on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 4 PM at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg Campus Chapel. Our LARC Day of Dialogue will be Monday, Oct. 23 from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. These events will take special note of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as well as our progress on the path to Christian Unity. The speaker for the Day of Dialogue will be Bishop Emeritus Donald J. McCoid, who had a key role in creating the document Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist, which summarizes Lutheran-Catholic dialogue since 1965. Information & Registration available at www.hbgdiocese.org/larc or call 717-657-4804 ext. 265 by Oct. 18th.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – The ecumenical Beginning Experience weekends are an approved program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Hundreds of persons have been helped to move towards successful, productive, happy lives by attending one of these weekends. Each Beginning Experience Team is certified by the International Beginning Experience Organization. The next Beginning Experience weekend will be held at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA on Nov. 10-12, 2017.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD weekends are for healing after an abortion. The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. Contact Becky Biter at 717-788-4959 or undefeatedcourage@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.

Once again, Fusion will be attending Fan the Fire in York! This year's theme is: **Fire Fall Down**. The price is: \$20 a person. The deadline to turn back in the registration forms, along with the money, is **Friday, October 6th**.

On Saturday, October 14th, Fusion will take a field trip out to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We'll leave from IHM at 6PM. There, we will participate in **Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk**. Groups will be led on a guided tour through the cemetery, where actors portraying different saints will appear and tell the group about how they lived and/or died. Each tour takes about forty minutes, and it takes place outside (so dress warmly). Afterwards, the tour group is allowed to spend time in the Basilica for quiet meditation. We'll return to IHM at 9PM. Teens and families are welcome to join us on this spiritually-uplifting experience. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Paul by **Friday, October 6th**.

Fusion is again going to Mount 2000! The three-day event will run from Friday, February 9th, to Sunday, February 11th, 2018. While there's still information to follow, at this time, we are in need of a head count. If any teens in grades 9 to 12 would like to attend, please let Paul know by **Saturday, October 21st**.

Did You Know?

October 1st not only begins the Month of the Holy Rosary, but it's the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux. Known by many as "the Litter Flower", St. Therese has inspired generations of Catholics with her piety and faith. Her life was plagued with tragedy and illness. Once, when she was stricken with a fever, she and her sisters prayed to a statue of Mary. She saw Mary smile at her and found that she was instantly healed. She became a cloistered Carmelite nun, wrote a journal called "Story of a Soul", and died at the age of 24. She's a patron saint of The Missions.

DELONE CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE – Sunday, Oct. 29th from 12 Noon – 3 PM. Take a personal tour of the school, meet the teachers, explore extracurricular activities and see a performance by the chorus and band. For more information call 717-637-5969 or information@delonecatholic.org.

*OCTOBER - RESPECT LIFE MONTH
When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10)*

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AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 35,200.00
Income for Aug. 6th	10,874.76
Aug. 13th	7,885.06
Aug. 20th	8,487.50
Aug. 27th	9,794.60
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$ 37,041.92
SECOND COLLECTIONS:	
Capital Improvements	1,473.04
August 15th Collection	1,824.00

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.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Sept. 6th served 100 families which included 280 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Oct. 4th is www.volunteersignup.org/9KFR3. 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.

CONEWAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN invites you to the Annual Harrisburg Diocesan Marian Day on Oct. 21, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. It will be held from 9 AM to Noon. Please register in advance with Harriet Glass at 717-677-4303 or by email at hrglass@embarqmail.com.

Registration deadline is Oct. 7th. Registration fee is \$10. Make checks payable to Conewago District CCW.

FISHERS OF MEN DINNER – We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the Diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

PILGRIMAGE TO JAMAICA – Join the Pilgrimage to Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica Oct. 15-23. Work with the Brothers serving the poor, then experience retreat with Fr. Ho Lung Friday-Sunday. Contact Roy Wainwright at 717-586-8412 or email roywainwright3@gmail.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU – ALL men are invited to join us for the new program of That Man Is You. This year we will explore *The Revelation of the Father*. Lives are being transformed by this exciting program across the nation, in the Harrisburg Diocese and right here in your very own parish. Come join us Saturday mornings at 8 AM in the Immaculate Conception BVM, New Oxford cafeteria beginning Sept. 16th. You are not required to attend all sessions. Join us as together we build our faith as brothers in Christ. Contact Pete Socks at 521-3137 or pete.socks@gmail.com.

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

RUTH'S HARVEST – the next Ruth's Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30th 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.

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocesan Institute schedule of Fall adult education offerings is now available. Visit 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 or 717-657-4804, ext. 225.

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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) is a weekend dedicated to your marriage, helping husbands and wives to communicate more fully, renew your romance, and bring yourselves closer to God and to each other. Led by seasoned leaders who have experienced the magic and success of the weekend themselves, the weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging you to focus on each other and your relationship. Rediscover the best friend that you had on your wedding day!

Time: Friday evening, Sept. 29th - Sunday morning Oct. 1st

Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg PA

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Please go to www.yourmarriageisworthit.org for more information or to register, or call 412-635-7775.

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.

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.

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. I really want to encourage parents to use this space to tend to your 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 worshiping.

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. 14th 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.

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.

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.

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.