

MASS INTENTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016

5:00 PM + Rose & Eugene Zalewski

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

8:15 AM + Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

9:00 AM+ Ray Gambrill

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

9:00 AM+ James Drummer

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016

9:00 AM+ John Potocki

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016

NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016

5:00 PM – Special Intention of Ron & Violet Heinning on their 53rd Anniversary

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2016

8:15 AM + Frank Mannarino

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18/ 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Luke 18: 9-14

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The widow in today's gospel is praised for her PERSEVERANCE. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.

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, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Alice Williams, Rose Altobelli, Kathleen Krepps, Carl Ramskow and Mark Schlaline.

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Ron & Violet Heinning on their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

The parable in today's gospel is a lesson in persistence in prayer. While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Children nag because it works. Parents, like the judge in the parable, often get worn down by the persistence of their children asking for things large and small. Nagging is not a positive trait, to be sure. The confidence and the persistence behind this behavior, however, confidence in the goodness of the giver and the tenacity to stay in the relationship, are traits worth emulating in our relationship with God.

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Oct. 22-23

5:00 PM Mass: Regina Walton, Hannah Fletcher, Audrey

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8:15 AM Mass: Lauren Wicker, Joseph & Mary Murphy

11:15 AM Mass: Erich Steinke, Harrison & Landon Smith

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Oct. 22-23

5 PM MASS – Margaret Krepps

8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis

11:15 AM MASS – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Oct. 22-23

5:00 PM: Bertie Kuhn, Pat & Randy Slonaker, Steve Hoffman, Janet Todt

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Kim Leese, Margie Leese, John Maysilles, John Melhorn

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Carmelita Garcia, Joyce Menges, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for all the children, families, teachers, and staff of the **Catholic schools** of our deanery and of our local area. Catholic education is truly a blessing, one which we seek to make available for many years to come through our continued support – prayerful, financial and otherwise.
2. The **Fishers of Men Dinner** is coming up this Friday, Oct. 21st. “What’s that”, you say? It’s an annual fundraising banquet to support the formation and education of future priests for our diocese. Please consider making a donation to this worthy cause (see the posters on the bulletin boards in the vestibules of the church for further information).

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Vincent J. Topper who passed away on Oct. 7th. Msgr. Topper was the oldest living priest in the United States at the time of his death.

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 Oct. 9, 2016 we sold \$770 for a profit of \$38.50.

IHM BIBLE STUDY – We will be holding another Bible Study beginning in November – Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. The Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM. If anyone is interested in attending this 24 week session, please contact Anita in the Parish Office so we can order the books. Deadline is Oct. 31st.

IS IT WRONG TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE WHO TAKES A PERMISSIVE STAND ON EVIL ACTS SUCH AS ABORTION AND EUTHANASIA, BUT ALSO ADVANCES POLICIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH CHURCH TEACHING?

Some candidates hold positions that do not mirror the Church’s commitment to the protection of all human life, but do advance other proposals that are in line with Church teaching. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a stand in favor of an intrinsic evil, such as abortion or stem-cell research, if the voter’s intent is specifically to support the candidate on that issue. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of cooperation in grave evil. There may be times when a voter selects a candidate who holds an unacceptable position, but this can be done only for “truly grave moral reasons,” not just for partisan or personal interests. If, for a grave reason, a voter does select a candidate who holds positions contrary to moral good, the voter has a duty to make their opposition to those

positions heard in order to steadfastly asset Catholic values. This can be done by directly contacting your elected officials, speaking up at political party forums, or writing letters to the editor. Find and contact your elected officials through the PA Catholic Conference’s Elected Official Lookup service at www.pacatholic.org. Please plan to vote on Nov. 8. For more information, visit www.Hbgdiocese.org/vote.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Pray always and do not lose heart.” If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you. Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

ATTENTION.-.NEW DVD BIBLE SERIES

The Thursday morning Bible Study Group will begin a new series in November: “Consoling the Heart of Jesus through the Consecration of Divine Mercy.” Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the social hall following the 9:00 AM Mass. If interested, please call Bernadine @ 259-9006 so that enough books are ordered.

VETERANS DAY – Please join us for the annual Veterans Day Dinner & Program on Saturday, Nov. 5th at 6:15 PM in the social hall. We will have delicious home cooked food, speakers and music. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 5-15 and will be sold after Masses. All veterans are our GUESTS! This family-friendly event is open to everyone. Please join us in honoring our veterans.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BINGO – Our semi-annual Bingo will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at 1:30 in the school hall. Plan for an afternoon of fun with family and friends. Prizes include Thirty-One and Vera Bradley bags, Alex and Ani, local gift certificates and more. Mark your calendar and get your tickets early. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Doors open at Noon. Proceeds benefit IC Church. For tickets or information, call Rosemary Lowas at 825-1922.

CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE – The Annual Diocesan Catechetical Conference will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 at the Diocesan Center. Doors open at 8 AM. Conference concludes 4:30 PM. Theme: Jesus, I Trust in You. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio. Keynote Title: Why be Catholic? Mass Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, DD, JCL. Workshops: 32 workshops over four sessions from a blue ribbon panel of speakers. Cost: \$30 per sonerson. Registration Deadline: Oct. 26, 2016. To register, www.hbgdiocese.org/cat conference.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – We have DVD's available on the presentation that was held here at IHM on August 19th. Please contact Anita in the Parish Office if you would like a copy.

WE WELCOME the following members into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Quincy Patrick Brewer, son of Rachel & Lee Brewer and
Owen James Morris, son of Lynn & Richard Morris.

BUS TO WASHINGTON, DC – IT'S TIME TO DO GOD'S WORK! Put the date, JANUARY 27, 2017 aside to MARCH FOR LIFE, to send a message that Abortion is wrong, and must come to an end. Join us, to fill a bus, and show a peaceful March for Life in Washington, DC. Contact Steve Signorello at 253-5924 or John Schlaline at 699-4534 to reserve a seat on the bus.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS – The IHM Knights of Columbus Council #13692 are once again offering scholarships for the 2016-17 school year for both elementary and high school students, awarded on a financial-need basis. Applications are available on the ledge behind the last pew and must be returned to the Council no later than October 30, 2016.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Sept. 7th served 91 families which included 250 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Oct. 5th is <https://www.volunteersignup.org/YARR7>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Aug. 7	9,292.10
Aug. 14	9,308.25
Aug. 21	8,682.85
Aug. 28	9,613.75

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 36,896.95**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Expense Collection	1,188.60
Aug. 15th Collection	906.00
Missionary Co-Op Collection	3,306.32

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

RCIA NEWS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin in September. This Process is designed for non-Catholics who may be thinking about joining the Church, or who just want to learn more about the Catholic religion. Those who attend RCIA will be pleased to find a casual but stimulating and non-threatening atmosphere of instruction, faith sharing and prayer. Parishioners are encouraged to ask a non-Catholic spouse or friend if they would be interested. For more information about RCIA, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocesan Institute schedule of Fall adult education offerings is now available. Visit www.hbgdiocese.org and click on the Diocesan Institute icon on the homepage 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.

FOR THOSE SEEKING TO LEARN AND DEFEND

THE FAITH – We live in confusing days. We live a secular age. People are searching for truth, but many do not know where to go to find it. Might I suggest the *Catholic Answers* website, www.catholic.com for those wanting to learn and defend the Faith. **Catholic Answers** is a reliably Catholic site that can help us to combat what Pope Emeritus Benedict referred to as “A Dictatorship of Relativism”.

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.

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.

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.

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.

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAYS – We are currently looking for a volunteer or two to help with our monthly coffee and donut social after the 8:15 AM Mass. This would involve making the coffee and setting up and making sure everything is cleaned up afterwards. If interested, call Anita in the Parish Office.

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 or call 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.