

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

8:15 AM + Joseph & Wanda Belsak

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

9:00 AM + Phil Aumen

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016

9:00 AM + Mary Ridings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

9:00 AM + Francis & Dale Renaut

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016

9:00 AM + Rose Karmazin

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

5:00 PM + John L. Schlaline

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Amos 6:1, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE – Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." It is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children, and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances, helps us to forgive and urges us to ask for forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

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.

FLOWER BEDS – It's that time! Anyone who adopted a flower bed this year should clean out and prepare them for Fall. Thank you for helping our Church property look so beautiful.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants of God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us--- nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives, that God can use us to make a big difference in our world.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Oct. 8-9

5 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

8:15 AM Mass: Ben & Jake Wicker, Amelia Gerringer

11:15 AM Mass: Margaret & Clare Mailey, Madi Kuhn
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Oct. 8-9

5 PM MASS – Mary Margaret Thorne

8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar

11:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Oct. 8-9

5 PM: Donna Cassatt, Sharon Hare, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Steve Hoffman

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Dianne Giampietro, Kim Leese, John Melhorn, Claire Wentz

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

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbqdiocese.org.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. From Sept. 30 through Oct. 7th we will be away on our **parish mission trip**. Please keep us in your prayers as with the Missionaries of the Poor we serve those most in need in Kingston, Jamaica. Please also know how grateful I am for your support of this parish endeavor – at the Cultural Festival back in May, for your donations of medical supplies and sneakers, and for all the ways that you have put mercy into action. Thank you.
2. On Oct. 8th at the 5pm Mass, a **wedding anniversary celebration** will take place, in which couples celebrating special anniversaries will be recognized and will receive a special blessing. Following Mass, a special reception sponsored by the Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) will take place in the social hall. Please sign up in advance with the sign-up sheets found on the window ledges of the church, or by calling the parish office.
3. From Oct. 10 through 14, we have our **annual priest workshop**. I will be away this week too. This year our theme is “A Call to Mercy: Penance, Evangelization, Health Care”. Sounds like a mish-mash of really important topics!
4. The **Fishers of Men Dinner** is coming up on 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. If you are interested in attending this dinner, please let me know. We have a table reserved. A donation for attending is welcome, but not expected. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Also, even if you are unable to attend the dinner, 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

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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. 25, 2016 we sold \$920 for a profit of \$46.00.

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.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING – will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 7 PM in Room 3 of the Religious Ed Center.

THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON – It is fundamental to Catholic teaching that human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and that every life is to be respected from conception to natural death. In our society, human life is instead under direct attack from abortion. Other direct threats to the sanctity of human life include euthanasia and assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for research. Catholic teaching about the dignity of human life also leads us to oppose torture, unjust war, and the indiscriminate use of drones for violent purposes; to prevent genocide and attacks against noncombatants; to oppose racism; to oppose human trafficking; and to overcome poverty and suffering. Nations are called to protect the right to life by seeking effective ways to combat evil and terror without resorting to armed conflicts except as a last resort after all peaceful means have failed. This teaching also calls Catholics to urge governments to end the use of the death penalty as a means of protecting society from violent crime. Where does the candidate stand on abortion, assisted suicide, the use of torture, human trafficking, the repeal of the death penalty, and other efforts to respect life from conception to natural death? For more information, visit www.Hbgdiocese.org/vote.

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, this one is for you! When was the last time you took a day to rest awhile, to refresh your spirit, to wrap yourself in God’s merciful love so that you have more to share with your children your grandchildren, your husband, your parents, your co-workers, and your neighbors? On Saturday, October 15th, the Diocese of Harrisburg will offer our 2nd Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme this year is **“Wrapped in God’s Merciful Love.”** Our Keynote Speaker will be Kimberly Hahn. Her keynote address is entitled: *Rome Sweet Home: How the Mercy of God led me to Become a Catholic*. There will be Workshop Sessions, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Holy Mass and fellowship with hundreds of women, which will refresh your soul as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Come and see what God’s love can do in your life. For more information, please contact Sister Rosanne, or to register, go to www.hbgdiocese.org/women.

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.

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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.

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

ANNUAL FISHERS OF MEN DINNER – We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the US 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. 21, 2016 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Rd., 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!

THAT MAN IS YOU – Year 2 Update: That Man Is You returns on Saturday, Sept. 17th. We will meet in the Immaculate Conception School cafeteria starting at 8 AM until approximately 9:30 AM. There is no need to have attended Year 1 to take part in Year 2: The Spirit of Nazareth. Contact Pete Socks for more details via pete.socks@gmail.com or Tim Riley at tim.riley63@yahoo.com.

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

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

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.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS – The Harrisburg Diocesan Build of the Catholic Medical Association invites all Catholic physicians, healthcare workers, medical students, residents and their families to attend their Annual White Mass on Sept. 25, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The Mass will be at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg with Bishop Ronald W. Gainer as the celebrant and homilist. Please RSVP for reception to CathMedHbg@aol.com.

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

6th ANNUAL MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Our theme this year is "Witness of Mercy" being held at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. The dates of the Conference are Oct. 7, 8, and 9, 2016. Our powerful line-up includes Fr. Chris Alar from the famous Shrine of Mercy in Stockbridge, MA with Archbishop William Lori, and Sr. Tracey Dugas, a powerful speaker and Pauline Sister who specializes in media evangelization. More details on the website. Register now at www.marylandcatholicwomen.com or call Jeanne at 443-324-8487. Cost is \$75 or \$60 for Saturday only.

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".

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS – The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 3 presentations concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching.

- Sept. 12 – Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg 7 PM
- Sept. 22 – St. Joseph Parish, Hanover, 7 PM
- Sept. 26 – St. Philip Parish, Millersville, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For more information, call 717-657-8404, ext. 304.

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.