

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

5:00 PM + All Souls Intention

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017

9:00 AM + Carol Melhorn

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

9:00 AM + All Souls Intentions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

9:00 AM + Mary Lou Rutty

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

9:00 AM + Suzanne Valerio

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

9:00 AM + Harold W. Stewart, Jr.

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

8:15 AM + Mark Neiderer

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

+indicates – deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 63:16-17,19 /

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

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, Nadine Kroft, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss and Susan Pieczynski.

Flowers on the altar for Thanksgiving weekend are in memory of Helen Dillman.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Nov. 26-Dec. 2

Monday, Nov. 27th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

Monday, Nov. 27th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Monday, Nov. 27th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 28th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM

Tuesday, Nov. 28th – Part II of Christ Life Series in social hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 29th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Thursday, Nov. 30th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM

Saturday, Dec. 2nd – Following Christ Retreat in the social hall, 9 AM – 4 PM

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Dec. 2-3

5:00 PM Mass: Audrey Sell, Kayla Bream, Hannah Fletcher

8:15 AM Mass: Tyler Raubenstine, Ava Simone, Ethan Aiello

11:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Autumn Kuhn
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Dec. 2-3

5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur

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 Dec. 2-3

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Dianne Giampietro, Barbara Reichart, Sam Spiese, Claire Wentz

8:15 AM: Doug Barnhart, Margie & Sam Leese, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes

11:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John & Diane Schlaline, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1. The **Feast of Christ the King**, which we celebrate this weekend, was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living, and organizes his life as if God did not exist. In those days, as is the case today, there is an increasing denial of Christ as king. Many people doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. These dictators often attempted to assert authority over the Church. The pope hoped the institution of this feast would help nations see the Church has the right to freedom and immunity from the State; that leaders and nations would see that they are called to give respect to Christ; and that the faithful would gain strength from this feast that reminds us that Christ must reign as Lord of our lives – in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies. Does much of this sound familiar? We still need the feast of Christ the King in our own day!
2. If you are a Catholic, who is **divorced** and not remarried, did you know that you are free to receive **Holy Communion at Mass**? Of course, the same requirement applies to you, as it applies to all Catholics – if you are conscious of serious (mortal) sin, you must go to Confession (Reconciliation) first before receiving the Eucharist. The reason for this is that it is divorce AND subsequent remarriage without an annulment that is the impediment, not simply divorce in and of itself. If you have any further questions about this, please just ask me.
3. Sunday, December 3rd is the **first Sunday of Advent**, which begins our liturgical and spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas. Advent devotional booklets are available on the ledges behind the last pews in the church (one per family). Please take one to help you make the most of Advent.

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

It's that special time again when we come seeking out our children (ages 4 and above) who would like to be part of the Children's Choir at the 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:15 PM on the following Sundays: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. If your child (children) would like to participate in the choir, please call (717-259-0611, ext. 7) or email Sr. Rosanne by Friday, December 1st.

DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES –

St. Aloysius – Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 10:30 AM
Immaculate Conception, New Oxford – Tuesday,
Dec. 5th, 7 PM
Annunciation BVM, McSherrystown – Saturday,
Dec. 9th, 10 AM
St. Vincent De Paul, Hanover – Sunday,
Dec. 10th, 2 PM
Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Conewago – Saturday,
Dec. 16th, 10 AM
St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg – Monday,
Dec. 18th, 7 PM (at the church)
Immaculate Heart of Mary – Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 7 PM
St. Joseph, Hanover – Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 7 PM

COOKIES FOR WORLD HUNGER – Still time to sell or buy – one week left!

Last year the sales efforts fed over **2.6 million** people in Haiti. The goal this year is to match or exceed that in spite of the increased food costs. Please use the order form that was provided in the bulletin or pick one up on the back ledge. **The proceeds from 1 gift tray provides at least 375 meals!** You can turn in your order form, along with payment, by putting it in the collection basket marked "Cookie Sale". There is a sample of the food that is supplied as a result of the cookie sale with the poster on the front bulletin board. Please check it out. **All order forms must be returned by next Sunday, Dec. 3rd.** Cookies will be here for pickup Dec. 9th-10th weekend. All checks to be made payable to Cross International. Contact Anita in the Parish Office with any questions.

ANGEL TREE – We are including our parish shut-ins on our angel tree again this year. If you take an angel for a shut-in, please deliver this gift directly to them. If you take an angel for New Hope Ministries, make sure the gift is **UNWRAPPED** and returned to Church no later than Sunday, Dec. 10th. You can also go on line at www.nhm-pa.org to check out the Christmas Wish if you would like to donate a gift. See the bulletin board for a copy of this list of items needed.

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 Nov. 19, 2017 we sold \$820 for a profit of \$41.00.

THANK YOU! Troop 127 would like to thank everyone who helped with the recent Veterans Day Dinner. Special thanks to Sister Rosanne, Steve & Joanne Signorello, Jack & Kathy Krenitsky and to everyone who donated delicious desserts for the event. With your support, we were able to donate \$363 to the PA Wounded Warriors. Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus for their additional donation to PA Wounded Warriors.

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@hbgdiocese.org

* Fusion is going to the March for Life on Friday, January 19th. The cost is \$10 a person. Please have money and RSVP with Paul by **Tuesday, December 5th**

* Sunday, December 3rd, 2:30 – 7:30PM: Christmas Blast!

* Saturday, December 9th, 6 – 8:30PM: Youth Night

* Sunday, December 17th, 1 – 2PM: Christmas Caroling at Brookside

Did You Know?

Any Catholic can perform an emergency baptism, such as if a person is in grave danger of death. In such a case, the validity of the baptism only depends upon the wishes of the person being baptized, that they desire the baptism.

ART CONTEST – The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites girls in grades 9-12 in the Diocese of Harrisburg to enter an art contest. The task: design the cover for the 93rd Annual HDCCW Convention on April 16, 2018. The art work should be an original drawing or painting for a 9 x 12 folder and based on the Convention theme "Caring for God's Creation". The grand prize is \$150, second prize is \$75 and third prize is \$50. The deadline to enter is Jan. 15, 2018. For complete details and Contest Guidelines, please refer to the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com>. You may also contact HDCCW at 717-860-0700 or email hdccw1@gmail.com with questions.

WHEN GRIEF COLORS THE HOLIDAYS – A free program offered by Spiritual Care Department of WellSpan Health. Presented by Rev. Peter Kuhn on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017 from 7 PM – 8:30 PM at the York Hospital in Classroom 10 A/B – Medical Education Pavilion. Call 717-812-3039 for reservations. Seating is limited. Parking is free.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – There will be an Ecumenical, Inter-Religious Candlelight Remembrance Service held for anyone who has experienced the death of a friend, family member, or loved one to suicide. It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Basilica, 30 Basilica Dr., Hanover. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the service. For more information, please contact Sue Poist at 717-624-2055 or email smpoist@hotmail.com.

All are welcome – does not matter when the suicide occurred. It is just a time for us all to come together to let you know you are not alone.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WINTERFEST CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held Dec. 2nd at the New Oxford Social Club pavilion from 8 am to 2 pm. Shop the 34 vendors offering a wide variety of gifts and decorations. Breakfast and lunch will be available to enjoy. Buy some raffle tickets to win one of over 30 fantastic prizes. Skip your baking and buy homemade cookies at the Cookie Walk. Door prizes will be called every half hour.

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own hearts. Their eyes would always light up with awe. But she never got a response to equal four-year-old David's. She placed the disk over his heart. "Listen", she said. "What do you suppose that is?" He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up, as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin. "Is that Jesus knocking?" he asked.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

Revelations 3:20

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

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 44,000.00
Income for Oct. 1st	10,509.32
Oct. 8th	9,356.25
Oct. 15th	7,982.00
Oct. 22nd	8,308.30
Oct. 29th	9,798.50
 TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	 \$ 45,954.38

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	1,690.00
Hurricane Maria/Earthquake	2,755.00
Food Pantry Collection	2,084.00
MOP Donations	2,084.28

CHANCE DRIVE

50/50 chances will be sold after all the Masses next weekend to benefit the retired Sisters of Saint Joseph who live at Saint Joseph Villa. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Thank you in advance for your continued support of and generosity to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

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. 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

WORLDWIDE MARRIGE ENCOUNTER (WME) is a weekend dedicated to your marriage, helping husbands and wives to communicate more fully, renew their romance, and bring themselves closer to God and to each other. Led by seasoned leaders who have experienced the magic of a WME weekend, the retreat provides a peaceful environment for couples to spend time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. Application fee is \$100.00.

Time: Friday evening, Dec. 1st to Sunday, Dec. 3rd
Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Oct. 4th served 109 families which included 331 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up

page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Nov. 1st is www.volunteersignup.org/DDRB3. 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.

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.

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 1st. If you'd like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact 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. 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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.