

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016

5:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Kathleen Colgan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016

9:00 AM + All Souls Intentions

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

9:00 AM+ Those recovering from pain & addictions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

9:00 AM+ Jeri Jakeway

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

MASS AT IC AT 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Gambrell

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + William Kroft, Sr.

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful," fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.

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, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Alice Williams, Rose Altobelli, Kathleen Krepps, Carl Ramskow, Mark Schlaline, Dick Carley and Brenda Freed.

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. 20, 2016 we sold \$860.00 for a profit of \$43.00.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the Incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The passage from the Gospel of Matthew that we hear today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required.

The question for us members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another to be better Christians. Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment.

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Dec. 3-4

5:00 PM Mass: Regina Walton, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

8:15 AM Mass: Noah Racioppa, Ethan Aiello, Peyton Duty

11:15 AM Mass: Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Dec. 3-4

5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck

8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis

11:15 AM MASS – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Dec. 3-4

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Jen Gentile, Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM: Dianne Giampietro, Jason Duty, Jeff Seifert, John Maysilles, Claire Wentz

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, Pat Spiridonoff, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1st Sunday of Advent

1. This Sunday, November 27th, begins the **season of Advent**, which is our annual time of liturgical and spiritual preparation for both the second coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of time, as well as the celebration of our Savior's birth on Christmas. Advent devotional booklets are available on the ledges behind the last pews in the church. You may take one to share with someone else too, if there are extras. You can also check out the following website for other great ideas: www.usccb.org/advent.
2. As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, please mark your calendars for our **parish Penance Service on Tuesday, December 20th**. Starting at 7pm that evening, we will begin with a short prayer service, followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation. There will be many priests hearing Confessions that evening. Encourage each of you, especially if it's been a while, to come to Reconciliation as a means of preparing yourself spiritually for Christmas. You'll find guides to making a good Confession on the confessional (reconciliation room) door or on our parish website (www.ihmparadise.org).
3. Also, please see today's bulletin for more information on the **weekday Advent prayer services**, which are sponsored by the Abbottstown-East Berlin churches (ministerium). This year's theme is *Old Testament Prophecies of the Messiah*.
4. **From the devotional, *Jesus Calling*:** "A thankful attitude opens windows to heaven. Spiritual blessings fall freely onto you through those openings into eternity. Moreover, as you look up with a grateful heart, you get glimpses of Glory through those windows. You cannot yet live in heaven, but you can experience foretastes of your ultimate home. Such samples of heavenly fare revive your hope. Thankfulness opens you up to these experiences, which then provide further reasons to be grateful. Thus your path becomes an upward spiral: ever increasing in gladness. Thankfulness is not some sort of magical formula; it is the language of Love, which enables you to communicate intimately with Me. A thankful mind-set does not entail a denial of reality with its plethora of problems. Instead, it rejoices in Me, your Savior, in the midst of trials and tribulations. I am your refuge and strength, an ever-present and well-proved help in trouble."

"God is our refuge and strength, mighty and impenetrable to temptation, a very present and well-proved help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and fields produce no food, though there are no sheep

in the pens and no cattle in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." Habakkuk 3:17-18"

5. On Sunday, Dec. 4th our parish **youth ministry, Fusion**, will be going **Christmas caroling at the Brethren Home**. This is a special way to help elderly residents of our area know our care for them, during what can be a lonely or difficult time of year for some. Teens (and your families) please join us! Call Paul in the parish office for more info or to sign up.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning books." If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

COOKIES FOR WORLD HUNGER – One more week to order! Last year, IHM provided 25,125 meals to starving people in Haiti and Nicaragua and the total sales efforts fed over 1.6 million people. **The proceeds from 1 gift tray provides at least 375 meals!** Turn in all order forms with payment in the collection basket marked "Cookie Sale". Deadline for ordering is Dec. 4th. Any questions, please call Anita in the Parish Office.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT LUNCHEES – Our theme this year is the Hebrew Prophets writing on the Coming of the Messiah. All lunches are Noon on Wednesday's in Advent.

Nov. 30 at IHM with Rev. Shawn Berkebile
(Isaiah 42:1-6)

Dec. 7 at St. John's Lutheran with Fr. Timothy Marcoe
(Isaiah 7:10-17)

Dec. 14 at Trinity Lutheran with Rev. Judy Clark
(Micah 5:2)

Dec. 21 at Zwingli UCC with Rev. George Scott
(Isaiah 9:2-7)

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS – We have a pro-life President, and he will be inaugurated on Jan. 20th, and we need to start a new momentum! Call your reservation in now, no more delays, this is the year of life. We need you there with us. Call us also if you will donate a seat if you can't go. It's time to do God's work! 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. Contact Steve Signorello at 253-5924 or John Schlaline at 699-4534.

ANGEL TREE – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will again be sponsoring the angel tree for needy children and also the shut-ins of our parish. When you take an angel, please sign the register with the number of the angel, your name and phone number. If you take an angel for one of the parish shut-ins, you are to deliver it to the shut-in and let them know that they are in our prayers.

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT – Topical Advent
Resources are available at www.HbgDiocese.org/advent. Daily suggestions for prayer, reflection, action and blessing that can be used during the Advent season along with a list of the top 20 Christmas movies from Catholic News Service. The material is courtesy of Diocesan offices, the US Catholic Bishops and other fine Catholic institutions.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT – the upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreat, Dec. 2-4, 2016 at St. Rose of Lima in York is in need of Eucharistic adorers. Won't you please give an hour of your day? Please phone 717-472-2988 to secure your adoration time. Available times which need to be filled are as follows: Friday, Dec. 2 – 7-8 PM, 8-9 PM, 9-10 PM; Saturday, Dec. 3 – all times beginning at 8 AM through 9 PM; Sunday, Dec. 4 – 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 11- Noon.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

It's that time again when we are looking for our children (ages 4 and up) to participate in our Children's Choir at the 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will be held on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:15 PM --- December 4th, 11th, and 18th. If your child/children are interested, please call or email Sister Rosanne by Thursday, December 1st.

HOMESPUN PROJECT – We are in our eleventh season of giving to the Homespun Project, the winter's of 2016 and 2017. So far this year we have given 13 prayer shawls, 16 blankets, 5 hat sets, 48 hats, 15 winter scarves, 2 pairs of gloves, and 31 pairs of knitted slippers. We are in need of blankets. The ideal size is a 50" x 60" (throw size, afghan or twin size). We cannot take clothing, however, Hanover Area Council of Churches, Community Aide and goodwill are always in need of clothing. We will again be giving to Veterans, adult hats, gloves, mittens and especially blankets will be given to 'For the Love of a Veteran'. What a wonderful feeling of 'Home Sweet Home'. Drop off sites for blankets continue to be A&B Religious Shop, and Nature's Illusions Religious Shop. Please contact Lori Ann Ziolkowski at leo.ziolkowski@gmail.com, or call 633-5135 for information on the Homespun Project. Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind.

NFP (NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING) TALK – Dr. Garcia will be coming to St. Joseph the Worker Parish on Dec. 15th from 6:30 – 8 PM, to give a talk on NFP for young couples and those interested in understanding the truths of NFP (Natural Family Planning) and dispel the myths around its use.

RETROVAILLE – You can help your marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrovaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it make it even worse? Retrovaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For information or to register for the Harrisburg program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 13-15, 2017. Call 800/470-2230 or visit the website at www.HelpourMarriage.com.

Hershey Bears Tickets – Everyone is invited to join our Catholic Schools at the Tenth Annual Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night with the Hershey Bears Hockey Team, Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 at 7 PM. Tickets are discounted to \$14.50 for all ages over 2. Regular admission is \$20. The evening will begin with the Bishop McDevitt Choir singing the National Anthem prior to game start time. Deadline to order is Monday, Jan. 30, 2017. For more information, contact Janet Dise at jdise@HersheyPA.com.

THANK YOU – Thank you for all your love and prayers. "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. (Rev. 22:21)
The Frock Family

ADORATION CHAPEL – the House of Nazareth Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown is in need of adorers for the following hours: Sunday at 1 PM; Thursday at 1 PM; Friday at 11 AM, 6 PM, 7 PM and 8 PM and Saturday at 6 PM. Contact Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071.

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her moth, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"

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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.