

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

5:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – In honor of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Francis & Dawn Kuhn

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

9:00 AM + Elmer Wantz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

9:00 AM + All Souls Intentions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

9:00 AM + All Souls Intentions

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

9:00 AM + Msgr. Frederick F. Curry

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

5:00 PM + Glen Helmstetter

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

8:15 AM + All Souls Intentions

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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, Joshua Truex, Phyllis Woerner, Cathy Hertz, Maria Tweardy and Gerald Serfoss.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are in honor of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Francis & Dawn Kuhn and the Weddings of Roy Wainwright & Margaret Krepps and Paul Oakes & Marjorie Fitzpatrick .

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Nov. 5-11

- Sunday, Nov. 5th – Religious Education from 9:30-11 AM**
- Sunday, Nov. 5th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30-11 AM**
- Sunday, Nov. 5th – Altar Server Training in Church, 9:30-11 AM**
- Monday, Nov. 6th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**
- Monday, Nov. 6th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM**
- Monday, Nov. 6th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM**
- Tuesday, Nov. 7th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM**
- Tuesday, Nov. 7th – Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Rel Ed Rm. 3, 1 PM**
- Tuesday, Nov. 7th – Part II of Christ Life Series in social hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**
- Wednesday, Nov. 8th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM**
- Wednesday, Nov. 8th – Knights of Columbus in social hall, 7 PM**
- Thursday, Nov. 9th – Faith Sharing Group in the den, 9:30-11 AM**
- Thursday, Nov. 9th – PCCW District Meeting in social hall, 6:30 PM**
- Thursday, Nov. 9th – Finance Council Meeting, 7 PM**
- Saturday, Nov. 11th – Altar Server Training in Church, 9:30-11 AM**
- Saturday, Nov. 11th – Veterans Day Dinner in social hall, 6:15 PM**

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Nov. 11-12
5:00 PM Mass: Bob & Luke O'Brien, Regina Walton
8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh
11:15 AM Mass: Edie Rumbaugh, Jacob & Molly Fleming
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Nov. 11-12
5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck
8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar
11:15 AM MASS – Luz Socrates
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Nov. 11-12
5:00 PM: Steve Hoffman, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Mary Margaret Thorne, Amanda Wicker
8:15 AM: Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, John Maysilles, Elaine & Mitch Walton
11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Kevin Behr, Carmelita Garcia, Pat Spiridonoff
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Please join other parishioners and myself as we travel to **St. Emma's** Benedictine Monastery in Greensburg, PA on **November 12th and 13th** for a brief **mission trip**. We'll be assisting the nuns in cleaning up after their all-important Christmas Shoppe fundraiser. The Benedictine Sisters are wonderful women. I have had many at retreat at St. Emma's over the years. It's wonderful that we can give back to them. Please contact the parish office or Luz Socrates for more information.
2. Did you know that in Catholic altars there is something called an **altar stone**? It's a solid piece of natural stone, consecrated by a bishop. Within it, there are relics of at least two saints, one of whom is a martyr. This practice is meant to recall the use of martyrs' tombs as places of Eucharistic celebration during the persecutions of the Church in the first through fourth centuries, and also as a sign of our union in Christ with the Communion of Saints. In our altar stone are the following two saints: St. Fulgentius and St. Castus. Castus was most probably a martyr during the first centuries of the Church. Fulgentius was Bishop of Ruspe, in Tunisia (North Africa), and a friend of St. Augustine. He joined the religious life as a monk, eventually rising to the status of abbot and later bishop.
3. During the entire month of **November** there are many Catholic traditions that invite as the Church on earth to **pray for our beloved dead** – that is the Church being purified in purgatory. To this end, I invite you to take part in the following: 1) to write the names of deceased family and friends in the Liber Defunctorum (Book of the Deceased) located in in the main vestibule of the church by the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There is a sign there explaining this ancient tradition further; 2) if you haven't already done so, to take an All Souls Intentions envelope (found at the entrances of the church) to write down the names of all your beloved dead that you would like me to pray for in a special way during Masses in the month of November. (Please return these envelopes in the collection basket at Mass, so that they are returned to the parish office). Then, I will be offering 7 Masses (the number of divine perfection) during November for all your intentions listed, which will be indicated in the bulletin as "All Souls Intentions".
4. On Sunday, November 5th during the 11:15am Mass, a short **service of remembrance** will take place to pray for those parishioners who died and were buried from IHM in the past year. We pray for the comfort of surviving loved ones, and ask that eternal rest be granted to these souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed.
5. Don't forget – **Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day**. Time to vote!

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Let us unite in prayer for those who are discerning a call to imitate the humility of Christ as religious brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frwayne@hbgiocese.org

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following students from our parish who were Confirmed by Bishop Gainer on Oct. 16th at Saint Joseph Church, Hanover:

Lauren Altland	Abbigail Robinson
Hannah Fletcher	Julia Robinson
Rebekah Geringer	Edie Rumbaugh
Ashlynn King	Ava Simone
Ethan King	Nicholas Steinke
Ronan Mailey	Evan Sutton
Riley Marines	Alissa Walton

Let us pray that they will become more aware of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are already operative in their lives and pray for those gifts that they need.

COOKIES FOR WORLD HUNGER – Again this year we will participate in the Cookie Sale to combat World Hunger. The sale will begin Nov. 18th and end Dec. 3rd. Cookies will be delivered here for pickup Dec. 9-10th. More info will follow.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES – WANTED: Turkeys!

You can help your neighbors in need celebrate Thanksgiving with their families by donating a turkey to New Hope Ministries. Please drop-off your turkey donation by **Nov. 16th** at the New Hope Center, 120 N. Peters St., New Oxford.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – will meet Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the Rel. Ed. Bldg.

PCCW – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will have their meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9th at 6:30 PM (please note the different day and time) followed by the Conewago District Council of Catholic Women meeting at 7 PM in the church social hall. All are welcome.

ANGEL TREE – We will again be putting up an Angel Tree to help those in need. This year we will do things a little differently as we will be working with New Hope Ministries. Any gift donated should be **UNWRAPPED** as part of their "Christmas Blessing Express" where the guests are able to shop for the whole family and then, if they desire, volunteers wrap the gifts for them. We look forward to being part of this wonderful program and help those in need in our local area. You can also go on line at www.nhm-pa.org to check out the Christmas Wish List if you would like to give a gift this Christmas.

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. 29, 2017 we sold \$900 for a profit of \$45.00.

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.

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.

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@hbgsdiocese.org

* Saturday, November 11th: Members of Fusion will attend Fan the Fire in York. Please pray for them.

* Saturday, November 18th: Youth Night

Did You Know?

November 2017 is the Month of the Holy Souls. During this month, we are meant to remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory, as well as our departed loved ones.

BREADBOX MEDIA – Catholic Podcast Network

We are excited to announce that Bishop Ronald Gainer has endorsed the new Catholic Podcast Network Breadbox Media. This ministry aims at connecting Catholics more deeply with their faith. Pete Socks, a parishioner at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford, currently offers podcasts reviewing Catholic books on this site. Please visit their website and discover all that the network has to offer – www.breadboxmedia.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) weekend. 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. Rediscover the best friend that you had on your wedding day!
Time: Friday evening, Dec. 1st to Sunday, Dec. 3rd
Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg PA 17055

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

COURAGE MOVEMENT – Those with same sex attraction are invited to participate in the Courage Movement, a Catholic program that supports its members in living the virtue of chastity according to the teachings of Sacred Scripture and the Catholic Church. Founded in 1980 by the late Cardinal Terence Cooke, Archbishop of New York, the Courage Movement gathers its members in prayer, fellowship, and mutual understanding, in order to strengthen their relationship with God, the Church and one another. Members benefit from Church teaching that they are loved by God and called to share that love with all in a chaste, charitable way.

Parents and family members of those with same sex attraction are invited to join the Encourage program, to benefit from prayer, shared wisdom, and common experience. The participants help one another as they interact in a loving manner with their children and loved ones who have homosexual orientation.

Both groups meet in the Diocese of Harrisburg on a regular basis. For further information and for meeting dates and locations, or to schedule a presentation on this topic for your parish or group, please contact Father William Weary, 717-242-2781, frweary@sacredheartlewistown.com.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS BAZAARS

St. Vincent de Paul – Saturday, Nov. 4th from 8 AM – 1 PM

Annunciation BVM – Saturday, Nov. 4th from 8 AM – 2 PM

St. Francis Xavier – Saturday, Nov. 11th from 8 AM – 2:30 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Saturday, Nov. 18th from 8 AM – 2 PM

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Conewago – Saturday, Nov. 18 from 3 AM – 3 PM

St. Rose of Lima, Thomasville – Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9 AM – 2 PM

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outstanding speakers. One of these is being presented by Bishop Gainer and is entitled: "...His Majesty's Good Servant, but God's First: What Saint Thomas More Has to Teach Us about Conscience and Its Formation". Conference fee is \$30 which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Nov. 2. First 450 registrants guaranteed admittance. For information or to register, go to www.hbgdiocese.org/cat_conference.

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.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS – The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on Nov. 13th at 7 PM in the Cardinal Keeler Center of the diocesan office in Harrisburg. No prior registration is required. For further information, call 717-657-4804, ext. 304 or email tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 worshipping.

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.