

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

5:00 PM + Thea Bollinger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

8:15 AM + John Potocki

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

9:00 AM – Healing of Mark & Jacoby

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

9:00 AM + Sophia Marsicano

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

9:00 AM + Living & Deceased Members of the Borchardt family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

5:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

8:15 AM + Ben Todt

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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**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, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski and Richard Carlson.

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*In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Nadine Kroft of our parish, who died last week.*

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Dec. 10-16

**Sunday, Dec. 10th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Dec. 10th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**

**Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM**

**Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Part II of Christ Life Series in social hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts, 7 PM**

**Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – PCCW in social hall, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – K of C in social hall 6-10 PM**

**Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 – 10:30 AM**

**Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary in social hall 2-4 PM**

**Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scout Christmas Party in social hall, 6:30-8:30 PM**

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Dec. 16-17

**5:00 PM Mass:** Harrison, Landon & Ella Smith

**8:15 AM Mass:** Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh

**11:15 AM Mass:** Edie Rumbaugh, Erich Steinke, Brielle Baughman

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Dec. 16-17

**5 PM MASS** – Barbara Reichart

**8:15 AM MASS** – Nick Stollar

**11:15 AM MASS** – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Dec. 16-17

**5:00 PM:** Dan & Barb O'Brien, Mat & Holly Robinson, Sam Spiese

**8:15 AM:** Margie & Sam Leese, Liz Kohler, Elaine & Mitch Walton

**11:15 AM:** Kevin Behr, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, Diane & John Schlaline

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

1. As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, please mark your calendars for our **parish Penance Service on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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. I 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](http://www.ihmparadise.org)).
2. This Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of unborn children and the pro-life movement. Part of the reason for Mary receiving this title is that in the actual image that miraculously appeared on St. Juan Diego's tilma, she is shown to be pregnant with child. Our Lady of Guadalupe was also proclaimed by Pope Saint John Paul II to be the Patroness of the Americas (from Canada to Argentina). Our Lady of Guadalupe, please pray for our parish, our children, and our families.
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 *Hear us, Heal us, Send us*. This coming Wednesday, I'll be the guest preacher at Trinity in East Berlin.
4. Thank you to those of you who supported the various fundraisers we recently had at our parish, including the **Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger** initiative. God bless you for your generosity and support.
5. Did you know that we have a local Catholic store? It's called **A & B Religious Shop**. It's located at Address: 1150 W Elm Ave, Hanover, PA (near Delone). Phone number is (717) 632-7384. And, no, I'm not a paid sponsor – just wanted you to know. There is a great selection of various items there from books to cards to crucifixes and lots more.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? If God is calling you, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/[frbwayne@hbgiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgiocese.org) or check out [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com).

### **DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES** –

St. Vincent De Paul, Hanover – Sunday,  
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM  
Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Conewago – Saturday,  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM  
St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg – Monday,  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM (at the church)  
Immaculate Heart of Mary – Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM  
St. Joseph, Hanover – Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

**ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES** – Each Wednesday during Advent we will again participate in the Ecumenical Services with the local Churches from Noon until 1 PM. The schedule is as follows:

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Lutheran in East Berlin  
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Heart of Mary

**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 Dec. 3, 2017 we sold \$1420 for a profit of \$71.00.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** – Envelopes are at the entrances of the Church for anyone who would like to memorialize Christmas Flowers for a loved one/family. Please fill one out, include your contribution and place in the collection basket. All envelopes are due back no later than Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING** – Have you ever prayerfully considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, either to serve at Mass or to visit the sick and homebound (or both)? A training program for “NEW” EMHC's, sponsored by the Diocese, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Grandview Road, Hanover. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 beginning at 6:30 PM. Deacon Tom Aumen will present the 2 hour program. The EMHC mandate that one receives lasts for 3 years. If you would like to join this beautiful ministry of service, please contact the parish office to arrange for an interview with Father Marcoe, and to fill out the necessary application. All applications must be sent to the Diocese by December 19<sup>th</sup>. May God guide you in your contemplation. **OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL EMHC'S.**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OUR SHUT-INS**

Included with our bulletin this week is a list of our shut-ins that would probably love receiving Christmas cards from their fellow parishioners. If you are able, please take a few minutes and send them a card to let them know you are thinking about them.

**WREATHS ON MILITARY GRAVES** – A volunteer kindly approached us about putting wreaths on all the military graves here in our Cemetery. This is a nice gesture to honor our military during the Christmas Season.

**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](mailto:poakes@hbgdiocese.org)*

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

\* Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8:30PM: Youth Night

\* Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:45 – 2:15PM: Christmas Caroling at Brookside

**Did You Know?**

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning “coming.” Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance, and fasting are appropriate during this season. The color for Advent is purple.

**ENCOUNTER: A Retreat Experience Especially Designed for College Ages Young Adults and Recent Graduates** will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 310 Hertzler Road, Mechanicsburg. Easter is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information, contact your Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Club or the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at [oyyam@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:oyyam@hbgdiocese.org) or call 717-657-4804, ext. 327.

**RETRouvaille WEEKEND** – Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make

it worse? Retrouvaille provides marriage help. The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for Jan. 12-14, 2018. For more information and to register, please visit [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org) or email [retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com).

**BOY SCOUT TREE SALE** – Annunciation BVM Boy Scout Troop #107 is holding a Christmas tree sale at the lot next to 237 Main St., McSherrystown. Hours of Operations:  
Monday-Friday 5 PM – 8:30 PM  
Saturday 9 AM – 9 PM  
Sunday 11 AM – 8 PM

**BEST WISHES** - Sister Maria Wrubel, who taught at Delone Catholic High School for approximately 23 years, has recently celebrated 75 years as a Sister of Mercy. Sister Maria will be 95 years old on January 2, 2018. Anyone who would like to send her a birthday card can send them to Sister Maria at Mercy Center, Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

**THANKS TO**

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**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME** **\$ 45,954.38**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

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

**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](http://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

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry held on Nov. 1st served 99 families which included 276 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Dec. 6th is [www.volunteersignup.org/LJ7B9](http://www.volunteersignup.org/LJ7B9). 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.

**PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT [WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG](http://WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG).**

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 44,000.00</b>
<b>Income for Oct. 1st</b>	<b>10,509.32</b>
<b>Oct. 8th</b>	<b>9,356.25</b>
<b>Oct. 15th</b>	<b>7,982.00</b>
<b>Oct. 22nd</b>	<b>8,308.30</b>
<b>Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9,798.50</b>

**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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. If you’d like to help out trimming those

BoxTops, please contact [kwenger@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.