

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017

5:00 PM + John Potocki

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Nadine Kroft

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

5:00 PM + Msgr. Robert C. Gribbin

8:00 PM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM + Ann Wainwright

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Richard Todt

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017

9:00 AM + Harry Fletcher

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

5:00 PM – Special Intention of Ken Jacoby

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

8:15 AM + George Gans

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS:

5 PM + Joseph & Rose Karmazin

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018 NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 AM + Jim Drummer

+indicates – deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15:1-6:21:1-3 / Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

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.

LESSONS AND CAROLS WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 ON CHRISTMAS EVE, BEFORE THE 8 PM MASS.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Dec. 30-31

5:00 PM Mass: Regina Walton, Ben & Sadie Wicker

8:15 AM Mass: Nathan & Emma Maysilles, Liam

Miriello

11:15 AM Mass: Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Margaret

Mailey

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Dec. 30-31

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

8:15 AM MASS – Barb Bowker

11:15 AM MASS – Jess Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Dec. 30-31

5:00 PM: Pat & Randy Slonaker, Janet Todt, Mary

Margaret Thorne, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM: Dianne Giampietro, Midge Stokes, Elaine &

Mitch Walton, Claire Wentz

11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy,

Stella Thomas, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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. 17, 2017 we sold \$1580 for a profit of \$79.00.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Be it done unto me according to your word.” Docile obedience to the Lord’s will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbqdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

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@hbqdiocese.org or call 717-657-4804, ext. 327.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

4th Sunday of Advent

1. **Please note that the weekend of December 23rd and 24th the weekend Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent remains the same (5pm on Saturday, and 8:15am and 11:15am on Sunday). Also, the Christmas Mass schedule for December 24th and 25th remains the same (5pm and 8pm Sunday, and 10 am on Monday).**
2. A very special thank you to Sr. Rosanne, Ed Earp, and all those who assisted them in **decorating our church** for the Christmas season – especially given the short turn-around time this year. Our beautiful church looks even more beautiful with all the wonderful flowers and decorations. Thank you to those of you also who contributed in the Christmas flower envelopes in memory of loved ones.
3. With regards to our celebration of **Christmas Masses** this year here at IHM, I would like to ask us as a parish to take the following to heart. We all know that people who do not usually come to other Masses here will be present for our Christmas liturgies. Therefore, in light of the newborn Messiah, who in His mercy is always generous, compassionate, and understanding, let us treat our guests in a similar way. Let them have “our” usual pews. Go out of your way to welcome them to our parish. And be happy that they have joined us for this one special feast. This is how we make the love of Jesus real, so that maybe they’ll want to come back 😊
4. The parish offices will be closed on December 25th and 26th for the Christmas holiday.
5. Please note there will be NO 9am Mass on December 26th and 27th.
6. Please remember that IHM parish will be joining together with our local Knights of Columbus in sponsoring a **bus to the March for Life** in Washington, D.C. on 19th. I will be joining in for this very important event. To reserve your seat for **ONLY \$10** (which also includes a boxed lunch), please contact the parish office ASAP at 259-0611.

God bless you and your week, and a very blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones!
Fr. Marcoe

ADAMS CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRIES –

The newly formed Adams Christian Prison Ministry is working to expand and deepen the ministry to those incarcerated at the Adams County Adult Complex (ACACC). The former Chaplain of ACACC, Will Olsen, is the Interim Director of Prison Ministries. This great new ministry will be holding a celebration banquet that will offer excellent food and a dynamic program. It will be held at Harvest Chapel Church in Abbottstown on

January 12, 2018 at 6 PM. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will sponsor a table of 8 at this banquet. The program includes: introductory information about the Adams Christian Prison Ministry which will oversee all the Christian programs at the prison, testimony from a former inmate, a silent auction, and plenty of fellowship. If anyone is interested in attending this dinner, please contact the parish office or see Father Marcoe as soon as possible. Please join us in celebrating and supporting this new ministry.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA OPEN HOUSE – Do you have a child that is ready to start Kindergarten? If so, please join us for our Kindergarten Open House. Our Kindergarten teachers will allow you and your child to experience what Kindergarten will be like at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. Rotate through the learning stations and let your child see what a fun and exciting experience Kindergarten will be at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School. Open House will be held Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Conewago Campus, 55 Basilica Dr., Hanover.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Accepting Medical Assistance insurance (Medicaid) and County Mental Health funding (York and Dauphin Counties, for low income uninsured people who are determined to be eligible). Other clients can pay fee on a sliding scale. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Not accepting private/commercial insurances. Local offices are York Counseling, 253 E. Market St., York (717-845-2696) and Paradise Counseling, 6156 W. Canal Rd, Abbottstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary). Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

THE RESPECT LIFE MASS will take place Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at Good Shepherd Church, 3435 Trindle Rd in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Those who are not able to attend the annual March for Life in Washington are especially encouraged to attend. Mass begins at 11:30 AM. Reverend Paul Schenck will be the celebrant and homilist. All are welcome!

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Dec. 17-23

- Sunday, Dec. 17th – Religious Education from
9:30 – 11 AM
- Sunday, Dec. 17th – Adult Enrichment Class in
social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
- Sunday, Dec. 17th – Fusion caroling at Brookside,
1-2 PM
- Monday, Dec. 18th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
- Monday, Dec. 18th – Charismatic Prayer Group in
social hall, 7 PM
- Monday, Dec. 18th – Legion of Mary Meeting
in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 19th – Bible Study in the den,
9:30-11 AM
- Tuesday, Dec. 19th – Parish Penance Service, 7 PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 20th – Advent Luncheon in social
hall, 12 Noon – 1 PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 20th – Scout Christmas Party
in social hall, 4:30-9 PM
- Thursday, Dec. 21ST – Faith Sharing Group in the
Den, 9:30-11 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@hbgdiocese.org

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 19th. May God guide you in your contemplation. **OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL EMHC’S.**

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.

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.

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.