

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

8:15 AM + Mark Neiderer

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

9:00 AM + William Kroft, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Ken Jacoby

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

9:00 AM + Carl L. Heiney

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 – SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 AM + William H. Boeshore, Jr.

7:00 PM – People of the Parish

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

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

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, Susan Pieczynski and Richard Carlson.

***Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of
Ralph J. Barra.***

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Dec. 3 - 9

**Sunday, Dec. 3rd – Religious Education from
9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Dec. 3rd – Adult Enrichment Class in social
Hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Dec. 3rd – Fusion Christmas Blast from
2:30 – 7:30 PM**

Monday, Dec. 4th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

**Monday, Dec. 4th – Charismatic Prayer Group in
social hall, 7 PM**

**Monday, Dec. 4th – Legion of Mary Meeting
in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 5th – Bible Study in the den,
9:30-11 AM**

**Tuesday, Dec. 5th – Part II of Christ Life Series in
social hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Wednesday, Dec. 6th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

**Wednesday, Dec. 6th – Knights of Columbus in
Social hall, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 7th – Faith Sharing Group in the
Den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Saturday, Dec. 9th – Fusion Youth Night in the Den
from 6-8:30 PM**

**Saturday, Dec. 9th – K of C dinner in the social hall,
6-10 PM**

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Dec. 9-10

5:00 PM Mass: Bob & Luke O'Brien, Aaron Oravitz

8:15 AM Mass: Liam Miriello, Lauren Wicker,
Peyton Duty

11:15 AM Mass: Margaret & Clare Mailey, Nich Steinke
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Dec. 9-10

5 PM MASS – Kathy Schwar

8:15 AM MASS – Midge Stokes

11:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Dec. 9-10

5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Jen Gentile, Steve Hoffman, Barb
Redding, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM: Doug Barnhart, Kristy Bucholtz, Jeff Seifert,
John Maysilles, Carol Stroud

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita
Garcia, Leland Steinke, Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1st Sunday of Advent

1. This Sunday, December 3rd, 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. Also, check out the flyer in this week's bulletin and 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 19th**. 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).
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*.
4. Please note that this Friday, December 8th is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day of obligation. Masses here at IHM will be at 9am and 7pm that day. Also, there is a vigil Mass offered at Immaculate Conception Parish in New Oxford at 7pm on that Thursday evening.
5. On both Dec. 3rd and 17th 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 – "Father, we are the work of Your hands." Is God's work in you to be of service to Him as a priest or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

SECOND COLLECTION – RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps the religious community provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give generously.

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 –

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

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. 6th – St. John's Lutheran in Abbottstown
Dec. 13th – Trinity Lutheran in East Berlin
Dec. 20th – Immaculate Heart of Mary

COOKIES FOR WORLD HUNGER – All order forms must be returned by **this weekend!**

If you don't have an order form and would like to buy cookies, call in your total order **today** to Anita Smith in the parish office at 717-259-0611, ext. 5. 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.

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. 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.

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.

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. 26, 2017 we sold \$1320 for a profit of \$66.00.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS – The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bus on Jan. 19, 2018 for the March for Life in Washington, DC. Deadline to sign up for a seat on the bus is Dec. 10th. The cost is \$10 per seat. Contact Steve Signorello at 717-253-5924 or John Schlaline at 717-699-4534.

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.

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.

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@hbqdiocese.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?

According to the Catholic Calendar, December is the Month of the Divine Infancy. During the month, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary (December 8th) as well as the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ (December 25th).

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP – Fred & Yvonne Staub have recently retired from ministry to the parish’s Charismatic Upper Room Prayer Group. Cards of congratulations/gratitude for their 38 years of service can be mailed to their home at 1753 Rainbow Circle, York PA 17408.

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.**

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in Church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. “You’re not supposed to talk out loud in Church.” “Why? Who’s going to stop me?” Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the Church and said, “see those two men standing by the door? They’re hushers.”

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Oct. 8th	9,356.25
Oct. 15th	7,982.00
Oct. 22nd	8,308.30
Oct. 29 th	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

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

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

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

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT –
Monthly Budget \$ 44,000.00
Income for Oct. 1st 10,509.32**

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.