

MASS INTENTIONS

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

9:00 AM + Lou Breighner

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018

9:00 AM + David Staub

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

9:00 AM + Nadine Kroft

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

9:00 AM + Ronald Shrader

5:00 PM + Maryanne Lippy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

8:15 AM + Jules Neiderer

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Jan. 1 - 6

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM

Tuesday, Jan. 2nd – Part III Christ Life Series in Social Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd – Knights of Columbus in social hall, 7 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Thursday, Jan. 4th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 6-7

5:00 PM Mass: Hannah Fletcher, Addyson Krug, Aaron Oravitz

8:15 AM Mass: Ethan Aiello, Dempsey Bodan, Liam Miriello

11:15 AM Mass: Brielle Baughman, Jacob & Molly Fleming

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 6-7

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

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 Jan. 6-7

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Barbara Reichart, Steve Hoffman, Steve Signorello, Samuel Spiese,

8:15 AM: Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton

11:15 AM: Carmelita Garcia, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges John Schlaline, Jr. 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. 24, 2017 we sold \$2210 for a profit of \$110.50.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

I pray that all of you had a very happy, healthy, and holy Christmas with your loved ones as we celebrated the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Similarly, on behalf of the entire parish staff, I also wish to all of you a joyous and peace-filled **new year**. And thank you to all those who helped perform a mini miracle by decorating our church so quickly and beautifully for Christmas! Thank you to those of you, as well, who contributed in the Christmas flower envelopes in memory of loved ones.

1. If you were not here at IHM for Christmas Masses, please pick up a **complimentary CD** (on the ledges behind the last pews in the church) – a gift from the parish to you!
2. Since the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** (usually a holy day of obligation) falls on a Monday this year, the obligation is removed. However, since it is still a holy day, we will have Mass at 5pm on Sunday evening (New Year's Eve) and at 10am on Monday (New Year's Day) to thank God for His many blessings!
3. As we celebrate the **feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**. I pray for all of you and your families. The dynamic of family life is often not an easy one, as our various personalities and temperaments can at times clash with one another. And yet the family, in the words of Pope John Paul II, is the "school of love". As family, we learn how to put up with one another. We learn how to sacrifice for each other. And we learn how to love others and be loved by them in return. The Holy Family shows us, then, that this is God's purpose for family life – love.
4. Please remember that IHM parish will be joining together with our local Knights of Columbus and other local parishes in sponsoring a **bus to the March for Life** in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 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.
5. Next Sunday we celebrate the **Epiphany of the Lord**. On this feast, historically (especially in years gone by), the priest would come to parishioners' houses to bless them, writing a small blessing above the main door. While today in our setting this is a bit more challenging to accomplish in one day, we are making available to you **cards with these "blessings"** for you to take with you. Just offer the prayers on the back, and then place the card over the main door in your home. These cards can be found on the ledges behind the last pew.

God bless you and your week.
Fr. Marcoe

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 35,200.00
Income for Nov. 5th	9,686.75
Nov. 12th	9,752.00
Nov. 19th	8,808.75
Nov. 26th	8,279.41

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 36,526.91

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	1,702.68
All Saints Collection	1,578.00
Matthew 25 Collection	2,481.00

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Dec. 6 served 108 families which included 411 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Dec. 6th is www.volunteersignup.org/THYFW. 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – The Prayer Shawl meeting is changed to Thursday, Jan. 4th at 1 PM in room #3 of the Religious Ed Building.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR – Father Michael Reid will host a Eucharistic Holy Hour at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Hanover beginning at 11 PM New Year's Eve and concluding with Benediction before Midnight. All are welcome!

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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The offering is the highlight of the church service for our young children, who delight in placing the little offering envelope into the collection plate. We have made it a practice to tithe each Sunday morning and give a small offering during the evening service, so that our two children each get to put something into the collection plate.

One Sunday evening, as it came time for the offering, I looked to my husband, who always seems to have change in his pocket, and found he had none. There was our young son, hand outstretched, waiting for those familiar coins to put into the envelope. I desperately searched my purse, but it too was empty. We had to tell our boy that we just didn't have anything to give.

Suddenly, there was a smile on his face, and we watched as he blew a kiss into the offering envelope, proudly sealed it, and placed it into the collection plate just as it passed by.

That's what God really wants, isn't it. Each of us to offer Him the best we have.

**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**

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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