

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + William Kroft, Sr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

9:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

9:00 AM + Alfred Diethelm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016 – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

7:00 PM + Lorrie Raubenstine

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

9:00 AM + John Potocki

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

5:00 PM + James Drummer

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2016

8:15 AM + Jean & Woody Carpenter

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 / James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask: "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

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, Dorothy Schlaline, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Alice Williams, Kathleen Krepps, Carl Ramskow, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Louise Peters, Amanda Hucks, Shannon Duff and Joyce Topper.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lou Rutty who died this week.

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. 27, 2016 we sold \$1170 for a profit of \$58.50.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

This week our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. In the Gospel, John makes it very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . .the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

FAMILY CONNECTION

We do many things to get ourselves ready for the celebration of Christmas: buy gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call to repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. We can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. As a family, commit yourselves to celebrating this sacrament.

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Dec. 10-11

5:00 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Jonah & Abbi Robinson

8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Amelia Gerringer, Jade Kent

11:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Tyler Raubenstine

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Dec. 10-11

5 PM MASS – Margaret Krepps

8:15 AM MASS – Carol Morris

11:15 AM MASS – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Dec. 10-11

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Jen Gentile, Steve Hoffman,

Bertie Kuhn, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM: Dianne Giampietro, Jason Duty, Jeff Seifert, John Maysilles, Claire Wentz

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, Pat Spiridonoff, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2nd Sunday of Advent

1. As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, please mark your calendars for our **parish Penance Service on Tuesday, December 20th**. 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. 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).
2. Please see today's bulletin as well for a list of all the **area Penance Services** during Advent. If you are not able to join us here on Dec. 20th, there are lots of opportunities for you to go to **Confession** in preparing for Christmas. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is truly an important way we can make of ourselves a beautiful Christmas present to the Lord Jesus.
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 *Old Testament Prophecies of the Messiah*. On Dec. 7th, it's my turn to preach!
4. Thursday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception**. Mary, celebrated under this title, is the Patroness of the United States. This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held on Dec. 8th here at IHM at 9am and 7pm. Also, there is a vigil Mass on Dec. 7th at Immaculate Conception, New Oxford at 7pm.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

ECUMENICAL ADVENT LUNCHES – Our theme this year is the Hebrew Prophets writing on the Coming of the Messiah. All lunches are Noon on Wednesday's in Advent.

Dec. 7 at St. John's Lutheran with Fr. Timothy Marcoe (Isaiah 7:10-17)

Dec. 14 at Trinity Lutheran with Rev. Judy Clark (Micah 5:2)

Dec. 21 at Zwingly UCC with Rev. George Scott (Isaiah 9:2-7)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS – Next weekend we will have a second collection to support the Retirement Fund for Religious, which makes a difference in the lives of roughly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who benefit from the annual appeal.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING – Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 7 PM in Room 3 in the Religious Ed Center.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES –

Dec. 4th – St. Vincent, Hanover, 2 PM

Dec. 10th – Sacred Heart, Conewago, 10 AM

Dec. 12th – Immaculate Conception, 7 PM

Dec. 17th – St. Joseph the Worker, 10:30 AM

Dec. 18th – St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg, 6 PM

Dec. 19th – St. Aloysius, Littlestown, 7 PM

Dec. 20th – Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7 PM

Dec. 21st – St. Joseph, Hanover, 7 PM

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES – Anyone who would like to memorialize a loved one with Christmas flowers for our Church may do so by filling out the envelope and placing it in the collection basket. These envelopes are found at all exits of the Church. All envelopes must be returned no later than Dec. 18th.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Nov. 2nd served 90 families which included 261 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Dec. 7th is <https://www.volunteersignup.org/QDXAB>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, laundry detergent, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS – Put the date, **JANUARY 27, 2017** aside to MARCH FOR LIFE. Join us to fill a bus and join in a peaceful March for Life in Washington, DC. Cost is \$10 per seat, includes a box lunch. Pickup at IHM at 7 am. We have the bus, and you wanted to go last year! Here is your chance to March for Life. We need you to sign up, we need to have the seats sold by the end of December. If you can't go, please consider to donate a seat with a contribution. Many young Catholics would be able to go. There are forms on the ledge behind the last pew. Please fill out the form and enclose your check and drop it in the collection basket. Any questions, please contact Steve Signorello at 253-5924 or John Schlaline at 699-4534.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME – Travel with Father Timothy Marcoe on Proximo Travel's Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio & Shrines of Italy pilgrimage. Where: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Lanciano, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina, Monte Cassino. Trip Dates: Sept. 9, 2017 through Sept. 19, 2017. Cost is \$4000.00 airfare and ALL included. To register, please contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

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Oct. 30

10,355.50

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME

\$ 43,520.90

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements

1,386.50

Mission Collection

1,570.77

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED - Our Parish is in need of several more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. 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.

GET THE APP – Holy Family Radio now has its very own app! For iPhone or Android users, simply go to your app store in your phone, search “Holy Family Radio AM 720” then click download! Holy Family Radio operates the only Catholic Radio Station in our Diocese. They broadcast on AM 720 from dawn to dusk. They are live 24/7 on line at www.720whyf.com or on their App!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:
Michael & Keegan Woods, Abbottstown
Jessica & Marcelo Sanchez & family, Spring Grove

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS – We have a pro-life President, and he will be inaugurated on Jan. 20th, and we need to start a new momentum! Call your reservation in now, no more delays, this is the year of life. We need you there with us. Call us also if you will donate a seat if you can’t go. It’s time to do God’s work! Put the date, **JANUARY 27, 2017** aside to MARCH FOR LIFE. Join us to fill a bus and join in a peaceful March for Life in Washington, DC. Cost is \$10 per seat, includes a box lunch. Pickup at IHM at 7 am. Contact Steve Signorello at 253-5924 or John Schlaline at 699-4534.

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.

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.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 42,000.00
Income for Oct. 2	9,515.35
Oct. 9	7,930.25
Oct. 16	8,468.55
Oct. 23	7,251.25

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

It’s that time again when we are looking for our children (ages 4 and up) to participate in our Children’s Choir at the 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will be held on the following Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:15

PM --- December 4th, 11th, and 18th. If your child/children are interested, please call or email Sister Rosanne by Thursday, December 1st.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT – We here at IHM have several pieces of medical equipment for parishioners to borrow when needed. They include: crutches, walkers, commode boosters, shower chairs, a cane and a wheelchair. Also, a parishioner has items that are no longer needed and if someone would like to have them, please contact the parish office for more information. They include 16" wheelchair, walker, SpOx fingertip meter, toilet seat side rails, toilet seat lifts, automatic blood pressure meter, shower chairs, bathtub handrail, short bedrail, women's depends L. There are also two items for sell; a bathtub lift and a Go-Go electric scooter.

Call Anita in the parish office at 259-0611, ext. 5.

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.