

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

5:00 PM + Jim Drummer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Frank Topper

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

9:00 AM + Jimmy and James Drummer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

9:00 AM + John Potocki

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

9:00 AM + Guy Lawrence

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Joseph Yealy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

5:00 PM – Special Intention of Carl & Fern Hays on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Fr. Lou Ogden

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

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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, Dorothy Schlaline, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Maria Maxwell, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Bob Kline, Alice Williams, Kathleen Krepps, Carl Ramskow, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Louise Peters, Amanda Hucks, Shannon Duff, Joyce Topper, Ken Jacoby, Judy Goley, Emily Smith, Francis Kuhn and Mary Eagan.

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**FLOWERS** on the altar this weekend are in memory of Carmelita Corazon Garcia on her 48<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God has always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 18-19

**5:00 PM Mass:** Liam Miriello, Hannah Fletcher, Regina Walton

**8:15 AM Mass:** Peyton Duty, Ryan Gebhart, Amelia Geringer

**11:15 AM Mass:** Jacob & Molly Fletcher, Margaret Mailey

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 18-19

**5 PM MASS** – Pat Brodbeck

**8:15 AM MASS** – Midge Stokes

**11:15 AM MASS** – Susan Altobelli

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Feb. 18-19

**5:00 PM:** Rose Dietz, Dan Landis, Steve Hoffman, Barb Redding, Steve Signorello

**8:15 AM:** Jason Duty, Jeff Seifert, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton

**11:15 AM:** Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, John Schlaline, Jr., Pat Spiridonoff, Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**WE WELCOME** the following into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Alexandria Patricia and Carly Rose Frost, daughters of Jason and Allyson Frost.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Thank you for your donations to the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, which benefits the Abbottstown / East Berlin Food Pantry. More than 4,000 pounds of food was collected among the participating churches. In terms of items collected, IHM placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 5. We collected 804 items, which was over 300 items more than last year! What a great success to help feed our local brothers and sisters who face food insecurity.
2. Here is a powerful **daily reflection** from a follow-up devotional to *Jesus Calling*, called **Always Jesus**: "Rejoice that I understand you completely and love you with perfect, unending Love. Many people are afraid that anyone who comes to know them fully will look down on them or even reject them. So they strive to keep others at a safe distance, disclosing only the parts of themselves they think are acceptable. This way of interacting with others tends to feel safer, but it leads to loneliness. Be thankful that there is One who sees straight through your defenses and pretenses. There is no hiding from Me! I know absolutely *everything* about you. So rest in the wonder of being *fully* known – yet delighted in! You don't have to work at trying to earn My Love. The truth is, nothing could ever *stop* Me from loving you. Because you are Mine – bought with My blood – you are accepted and treasured forever. You need to tell yourself this truth over and over, till it seeps into your inner being and changes the way you view yourself. Self-acceptance is the path to self-forgetfulness, which is the royal road to Joy!

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "It is loyalty to do His will." Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Just a reminder ---- the next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Room #3.

**THIS PAST SUNDAY'S SOUPER BOWL of caring**, which benefited our local Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry, was a huge success. More than 4,000 pounds of food was collected among the participating churches. Here are the totals:  
St. John's – 1,296 lbs.  
Zwingli – 202 lbs.  
Trinity – 302 lbs.  
Bermudian – 1,431 lbs.  
Immaculate Heart – 799 lbs. (This was 804 items – we counted – which was over 300 more items than last year!)

**RUTH'S HARVEST** – anyone willing to help pack the backpacks at the Fire House in Abbottstown on Wednesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> should be there at 10 AM. All are welcome!

**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 Feb. 5, 2017 we sold \$1330.00 for a profit of \$66.50.

**FUSION NEWS** – Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary's youth group; 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).

Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> is Youth Night. Our next one is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Living Stations of the Cross will continue at St. Joseph on Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4 PM. We are still in need of actors! Roles to fill: **Jesus, Judas, Barabbas, Pilate, Centurion, a Soldier, Women in the Crowd, John, and Apostles**. Anyone can play these parts. If you have younger brothers or sisters who'd like to act, they're welcome to join us too. And if you don't like to act, we're also in need of musicians and "techies". Also, Fusion can help build props and set pieces. If anyone needs a car ride, please call or email Paul. Service hours will be provided!

Next weekend, Fusion will be attending Mount 2000. Please pray for us.

Did you know? The first printed bible was printed under the supervision of the Catholic Church. It was printed by the Catholic inventor of the printing press: Johannes Gutenberg.

**STEWARDSHIP MISSION** – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> is also the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Make time this week to draw closer to our blessed Mother – the one who is best at drawing us closer to her Son. The CD's/books/booklets in our Resource display make it easy .. and there's sure to be something specific to Mary! Thank you for your generous donations to our display that help to support the mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

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ability and the immediate response to problems and emergency situations. Also required are organizational skills, adaptability, flexibility, dependability, the ability to take instructions, and to work without supervision. Trustworthiness and the willingness to maintain confidentiality are essential. A valid drivers' license is required. To apply for this position, please submit letter of interest to Father Marcoe, pastor, before February 6, 2017.

<b>DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –</b>	
<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 33,600.00</b>
<b>Income for Dec. 4</b>	<b>10,168.14</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>11,791.00</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>8,470.52</b>
<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>5,874.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 36,303.66</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 16,547.00</b>
<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS:</b>	
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,533.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>1,748.00</b>
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	<b>2,701.50</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>1,155.00</b>

**IHM ADULT CHOIR** – Consider adding your voice to ours and join the IHM Adult Choir. We will be singing through Lent, Easter and until Pentecost. Rehearsals start on **Sunday, Feb. 12** from 9:40-10:45 AM Sunday mornings in the Church. Kathy Schwar will continue to direct the choir. (*“When you are upstairs singing with the choir, you are just that much closer to heaven”*). Please encourage your friends or family members to participate and help us make a “Joyful Noise to the Lord”. Any questions, please call Roy Wainwright at 792-3408 or email [roywainwright3@gmail.com](mailto:roywainwright3@gmail.com).

**CUSTODIAN and MAINTENANCE POSITION** – Immaculate Heart of Mary is seeking the right person for this position, which is Part Time, Non- Exempt, 12 months a year, approximately 28 hours a week (Monday through Friday, with additional flexibility during the winter weather). Competitive salary. The person in this position is responsible for cleaning, maintaining, inspecting and reporting on the condition of the church and auxiliary buildings, and assisting the pastor in the implementation of a maintenance program for the parish. This must be a versatile, skilled individual with considerable “handy man” abilities. This individual will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining good order to facilities on parish property. This position requires varying degrees of physical exertion, to include lifting (at least 50 lbs.), stretching, bending, climbing stairs and operating cleaning and gardening equipment. Responsibilities may fall in the areas of electrical work, plumbing, painting, carpentry, roofing, or HVAC9 (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). The position requires trouble-shooting

**DIOCESAN MEN’S CONFERENCE: SAVE-THE-DATE** – Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please save the date of April 1, 2017 for the Diocesan Men’s Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. **Theme is: Fools for Christ: Men Called to Glorify God through His Catholic Church.** Keynote Speaker is world-renowned Catholic author and speaker, Dr. Peter Kreeft from Boston. His keynote is *Seven Reasons Why Everyone Should be Catholic*. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass and will also be presenting two workshops on St. Thomas More as a Model for Conscience Formation. There are 30+ workshop choices over three sessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, more than 20 Priests available for Confession, plus good music, food and fellowship. Last year we had 925 men who attended this event. This year we are hoping for 1,000 men. Registration materials are coming soon. Please join us, and invite a friend or three to come with you! Thank you!

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE, HARRISBURG** – from March 1 through April 9, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Hillcrest Women’s Medical Center, 2709 North Front St., Harrisburg and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact: Kathy O’Donnell at [Harrisburg40Days@gmail.com](mailto:Harrisburg40Days@gmail.com).

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on Jan. 4th served 98 families which

included 275 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 1st is <https://www.volunteersignup.org/QMQMC>. 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.

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

**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](http://www.proximotravel.com).

**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.

**WINTER/SPRING ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES** – The Diocesan Institute schedule of adult education offerings is now available. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/institute](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/institute) to access the schedule and registration information. Numerous courses and sessions are also available via webinar, allowing you to participate from home. Contact Ryan Bolster at [rbolster@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) or 717-657-4804, ext. 225.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:  
Michael & Kathleen Fleming, East Berlin  
William & Stephanie Willis & family – Dover  
Terry & Elizabeth Gingrow – Hanover  
Dean & Deb Leppo – Abbottstown  
Steven & Angie Leonard & family - Abbottstown

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** All women of the parish are invited to attend the District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at St. Joseph's Church on 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. The presenter will be Father Ryan Fischer. The retreat is from 12 Noon to 3 PM with a half hour break for refreshments and fellowship. This event is offered at no charge but a freewill offering is welcome. **NO PRE-REGISTRATION** is necessary. Please put this Lenten event on your calendar now and invite your friends to join in. We look forward to seeing you!

**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.

**RUTH'S HARVEST** – Anyone interested in helping to pack the backpacks for Ruth's Harvest should meet at the Fire House in Abbottstown on Wed., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

**NEW OXFORD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** – The New Hope New Oxford Center is up and running. However, we are in need of volunteers to help guests shop who need assistance, help stock shelves and service guests in the refrigerator and freezer units. Also, help take groceries out when guest is unable to do it on their own. Volunteers are needed 9 am to 1 pm on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday**. On Tuesday nights from 5:30pm – 8:30 pm. Warehouse help is also needed to move inventory as needed, unload truck, organize and sort food that is donated. Volunteers needed **Monday 10 AM-12 PM, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 9 am to 1 pm, **Tuesday nights** from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm, and **Friday** from 10 am-12 pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Amy Flores at [aflores@nhm-pa.net](mailto:aflores@nhm-pa.net) or 624-4700 ext. 701. The location is 120 N. Peter St., New Oxford (lower level of the Municipal Building).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.