

MASS INTENTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

5:00 PM + Deceased Members of the Shea Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

8:15 AM + John L. Schlaline

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Joyce Menges & Barb Wantz

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

6:00 PM + Regina Crews

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016

9:00 AM + Sam Magaro

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

9:00 AM + Justin & Sotero Villareal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

5:00 PM + Fr. Lou Ogden

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

8:15 AM + John Potocki

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 15:5-121, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God's work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

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, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Uriah Vincent Lomenzo, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Judy Leary, Alice Williams, Donna Cassatt, Scott Hale and Robert Leary.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rita Heckman, sister of Anna Mae Hoffheins and Frank Schuhart who died last week.

Jesus faced temptation, like we all do. His forty-day fast in the desert wasn't full of supernatural consolation and delight. He was subject to "every temptation" and when the forty days were over, "he was hungry." In other words, he was human. Jesus' divine nature didn't cancel out his human nature. He faced struggles just like we do.

As we see in today's Gospel, the strategy Jesus used to fight these physical and spiritual battles was to immerse himself in God's word. And these sacred words had a dramatic effect. Every time Satan tried to seduce him with a new promise, Jesus responded with a Bible verse. And each time, Satan was silenced and had to try a new angle, Jesus won the victory using the weapon of God's word. As we enter into the season of Lent, we can be armed in the same way. Let's be equipped to proclaim -- and to live --- the words Jesus himself used: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: In what ways do you think the devil tempts you?

1st Reading Question: How does knowledge of the history of ancient Judaism help you during the season of Lent?

2nd Reading Question: Paul uses Scripture to make his point of how Jesus saves us. How will you use Scripture for the season of Lent this year?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Feb. 20-21

5 PM Mass: Liam Miriello, Bob O'Brien, Luke O'Brien

8:15 AM Mass: Ethan Aiello, Hannah Fletcher, Alison Heilman

11:15 AM Mass: Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Feb. 20-21

5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck

8:15 AM MASS – Jeanne Maysilles

11:15 AM MASS – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Feb. 20-21

5 PM: Dianne Giampietro, Leo Hare, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Claire Wentz

8:15 Liz Kohler, Jeff Seifert, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, John Schlaline, Jr., Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1st Sunday of Lent

1. Yes, it's Lent already! A **list of all parish Lenten events** was in last week's bulletin, and you can always find that list on our parish website (www.ihmparadise.org). Please allow me to highlight that **Confessions** will be heard each **Wednesday evening** of Lent from 5:30 to 6pm, followed by **Mass** at 6pm (there will be NO 9am Masses on Wednesdays during Lent, except for March 23rd, when there will be no 7pm Mass). Also, each Friday of Lent, except for Good Friday, **Lenten Fish Fry Dinners** (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus) will be held in the social hall from 4:45 to 6:45pm, and then **Stations of the Cross** will take place in the church at 7pm. All are encouraged to participate as you are able.
2. **Lenten Lunches** (offered by the Abbottstown-East Berlin ministerium) are beginning. This first Wednesday (Feb. 17th), I will be preaching at Trinity Lutheran Church in East Berlin. The following Wednesday (Feb. 24th), we here at IHM will be hosting. These great service begin with lunch at 12noon and end by 1pm – all are welcome. No need to register in advance just show up. See complete schedule in the bulletin.
3. Finally, please allow me to inform you that the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal** is coming up the weekends of Feb 20/21 and Feb 27/28. I am so very proud to say that our parish has been so fortunate to reach our goal each year thanks to your generosity and support. This year's parish assessment has increased by \$3,500 to \$56,100! The Lenten Appeal benefits many diocesan ministries that serve the larger Church, many of which parishioners here at IHM benefit from directly or indirectly. Thank you very much for your continued generosity and support!

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Call Father Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 or email frtwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

SOUP-ER BOWL – Thanks to all who contributed cans of soup. We collected about 500 cans here at IHM. The **grand total was 3,311 pounds of food** collected for the East Berlin/Abbottstown food pantry. The following area churches participated: St. John's, IHM, Trinity and Bermudian Church of the Brethern. IHM came in "third place" with 484 pounds collected. Thank you all for your donations! Also thanks to the scouts for carrying all those cans to the truck.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE –

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. IHM will begin *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* on March 29th at 6:30 PM. For more information, please call the parish office.

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded *Bible Timeline*. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You'll see how the bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice.

The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Davins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You can sign up for the study by calling the parish office at 259-0611, or by emailing Anita in the parish office at asmith@hbgdiocese.org. The cost to register is only \$10. You will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart, a Bible study workbook and the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience. If you'd like more details first, there will be an information session on Feb. 21st at 9:30 AM in the social hall. The deadline to register is March 14th. I hope you can join us. You'll love it.

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. We receive 5% profit on all certificates sold. During the week of Feb. 7, 2016 we sold \$980 for a profit of \$49.00.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sister Rosanne will be offering a Lenten Morning of Reflection here at IHM on Saturday, February 27th from 9 AM until Noon. The theme of "God's Unconditional Mercy" will be explored and reflected upon in two significant Gospel passages. Consider giving yourself the gift of peace and quiet time with the Lord during this sacred season of Lent and this "Jubilee Year of Mercy." Please call Sister Rosanne by Tuesday, February 23rd if you are able to attend so she knows how many to plan for.

JOIN THE CHOIR! Starting February 21st, the choir will start rehearsing for the Easter season. All rehearsals are in the chapel (Religious Education Bldg.) at 9:40 Sunday mornings. We warmly welcome anyone who likes to sing. This is your chance to join us as we prepare to sing Holy Week. Please call Roy (792-3408/586-8412) or Sister Rosanne at the office if you have questions. Don't let your singing talent go unused!

PARISH SURVEY – Survey #2 has been mailed or emailed to all parish families this week. We ask that you please fill this out and return no later than Feb. 29th.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNCTION – The next Youth Ministry Function is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. It will be held in the social hall. The theme is Valentine's day a week late. Plus it also happens to be Father Marcoe's birthday. All students 8th grade through high school are invited.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – Registration for the March 12, 2016 Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg is now available. To register, click www.hbgdiocese.org/men. The site includes on-line registration and downloadable registration brochure, as well as workshop descriptions plus other essential conference information. Last year over 800 men attended. We hope for 1,000 this year. Theme is: **Jesus I Trust In You: Men Called to the Ocean of God's Mercy**. Keynote speaker is **Tom Peterson**, founder and president of *Catholics Come Home*. **Bishop Ronald W. Gainer** is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass. We have a blue-ribbon group of workshop presenters on outstanding topics .. 30 choices over three sessions. Presenters include nationally renowned author, speaker and frequent EWTN guest, **Father Michael Gaitly, MIC**. Join us for the Annual Men's Conference. Please bring a friend, or three .. for uplifting workshops, Mass, Holy Hour, Confession, Vendors, Fellowship, and more. For "Early Bird" discount, register by February 23 at www.hbgdiocese.org/men. The Men's Conference is geared to help men become the best husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, friends, co-workers .. the best Catholic-Christian men we can be! Don't miss the grace!

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS - The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends.

March 7 – Cardinal Keeler Center, 7 PM

March 9 – St. Joseph Parish, York, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804 extension 304 or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES – On Saturday, March 5, 2016 the Cardinal Keeler Center is hosting a LENTEN RETREAT FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. To register, contact Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, ext. 317 or kneri@hbgdiocese.org.

CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND OTHER DISABILITIES – The Diocese of Harrisburg is presenting Partners in Faith Formation of Children with Autism and Other Disabilities on Saturday, April 23 at

the Cardinal Keeler Center. Catechists, parish leaders, teachers, parents and interested individuals are invited. This presentation will review the meaning and current definition of Autism Spectrum Disorder and how it is identified, the Church's response to autism and developmental disabilities and challenges faced by the individual, his/her family and the parish in the catechetical setting and identify the strategies for engaging individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities both in individual instruction and in a typical classroom. There will also be a demonstration of the Adaptive Finding God Program, a curriculum for 1st-8th grade, published by Loyola Press. RSVP by April 15th. Call Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, ext. 317 or email kneri@hbgdiocese.org.

THIRD ANNUAL 22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE – Luke 22:32 "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." This conference will be held at the Warner Theatre in Erie on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Registration is \$40/ person or \$25/student and includes lunch and free parking. Master of Ceremonies will be Fr. Larry Richards. Tim Staples, Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers presents the Faith with vigor, love and enthusiasm. Matt Birk, former NFL player speaks on the topics across the country about the value of true inspiration, lasting leadership principles, the dynamics of teamwork and fulfilling potential. Deacon Ralph Poyo is an energizing and powerful speaker and founder of New Evangelization Ministries. For more information and to register visit <http://2232men.com/#> or call 814-455-7364.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOL WOMEN'S 91ST CONVENTION will be held Monday, April 11th from 9AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Bishop Ronald Gainer is the Principle Celebrant and Homilist. The keynote speaker is Caroline Brennan. Cost is \$25 and includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is March 28, 2016. Contact Linda at 717-939-3629 or linda.hartzell@comcast.net.

RETIREMENT PLANNING - Delone Catholic High School will hold a Retirement Planning session as part of their Life-Long Learning Series on Saturday, Feb. 20th at 9 M in the Delone Catholic Library. The snow date is Feb. 27th. All are welcome. There is no cost. Please RSVP to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 637-5969, x211 or email development@delonecatholic.org.

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DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – On Saturday, March 19, 2016 plan to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and Catholic Charities USA's President, Sister Donna Markham along with other presenters as they explore the principles of Catholic social teaching as they apply to social, political and cultural conditions in this country and around the world. From 9 AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Jan. 6th served 109 families which included 305 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/34297>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA – Fr. Marcoe will lead a week long mission trip/work retreat to serve with the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica on Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2016. This missionary pilgrimage is a response to the invitation of Pope Francis during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to extend God's merciful love to others, especially the needy and the marginalized. Missionary pilgrims will perform Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy with the religious brothers as they minister to the poorest of the poor, the homeless and the abandoned. If interested, email Luz Socrates at luzvsoc@hotmail.com or call the parish office.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – the Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, April 29th-May 1st. The Beginning Experience weekend is an approved Roman Catholic Program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Search Beginning Experience on the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-512-2718 or harrisburgbe@gmail.com.

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.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Dec. 6th	12,143.25
Dec. 13th	8,533.00
Dec. 20th	11,888.90
Dec. 27th	9,356.00
 TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	 \$ 41,921.15
 SECOND COLLECTIONS:	
Capital Expense Collection	1,496.00
Dec. 8th Collection	1,423.00
Religious Retirement Collection	4,246.00
Christmas Collection	17,011.00

CHRISTMAS GREETING – Sister Maggie Moore (aka "Sister James"), who was at Paradise School for 37 years is now at the Villa for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Maggie is quite sick and I know she would appreciate hearing from you, the good parishioners at IHM, whom she loves dearly. Perhaps you can take a minute to send her a Christmas card and let her know you are praying for her. Sister Maggie's address is Saint Joseph Villa, 110 W. Wissahickon Ave., Flourtown, PA 19031-1898.

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioner to IHM Parish: Cecilia Shibley of Spring Grove

LENTEN APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS – The Diocesan Office of Development has mailed the 2015 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal Final Reminders this week. Also, Federal Tax Statements for the 2015 Lenten Appeal will be mailed from the Diocesan Office on or before Jan. 13, 2016. Statements are automatically generated and mailed to those who donated \$250 or more. If you donated less than \$250 and would like a tax statement, email LentAppeal@hbgdiocese.org.

YEAR OF MERCY AND THE CATHOLIC WITNESS
As the Church prepares to begin the Year of Mercy, *The Catholic Witness* and the Office of Communications are seeking stories of people who are undertaking efforts to support their brothers and sisters who need assistance. These volunteers could be people who prepare meals for a family with a terminal diagnosis, who hold fundraisers to support someone with ongoing healthcare needs, or who coordinate transportation to appointments, among various other acts of mercy. If you have such a story to share, please send background information to communications@hbgdiocese.org.

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

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MEDICATION COLLECTION LOCATIONS – Looking for a way of disposing old or unused medications? There are flyers on the ledge behind the last pew from York-Adams Pharmaceuticals Stewardship Alliance (YAPSA) listing drop off locations for medications.

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.

AED EQUIPMENT – Please note that we now have a centralized first aid station in our church. The AED (defibrillator), first aid kit, and other items are located in the space by the pillar on your way back to the elevator alcove. The reason for this move was to locate all these medical items in a central and visible location in the church, should an emergency arise. There are also first aid kits located in the social hall kitchen and the religious education building (in the main office)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION – Are you considering a Catholic School education for your child/children? If so, please consider checking out the following:

Immaculate Conception School (preK-8th grade)

101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061

www.icsbvm.org.

Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)

140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969

www.delonecatholic.org.