

MASS INTENTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

5:00 PM + Rose & Eugene Zalewski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

9:00 AM + Fred Krepps

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

6:00 PM + John Potocki

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Gambrell

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

NO MASS – MASS AT IC

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

9:00 AM + Martin Deiter

5:00 PM + Rick Stefanovich

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

8:15 AM + Dolores Schuhart

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Joshua 5:9-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

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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, 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.

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**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. 21, 2016 we sold \$1110 for a profit of \$55.50.

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“But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” Who wants to repent? Who wants to change habit, make sacrifices, or chart a more challenging course? Repentance isn't the easy road. Perhaps that's why Jesus had to speak with such boldness in today's Gospel. Repent, or perish. Not what we like to hear. Not what we like to do. But we would be foolish not to listen.

The entire Gospel message is certainly one of mercy and compassion. Jesus was the first to show forgiveness to sinners, and he always called others to do the same. He suffered and died so that we wouldn't have to suffer eternal death. But the fact remains that we can still *choose* to “perish,” to stay rooted in our favorite sins and to cling tightly to the comfortable vices that stifle a virtuous life. But Jesus urges us to change so that we can enjoy the eternal benefits of his mercy. Lent is a time especially built for repentance. These forty days are a response to God's stern warning that we need to repent in order to save our souls. Let's not pretend to be exempt from the message. Lent is meant for *all* of us.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** What is the fruit you bear in your life as a Christian?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** How do you see God characterized in the call of Moses?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** In what ways do you see the stories of the Old Testament as both example and warning?

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MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun March 5-6

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

**8:15 AM Mass:** Anastasia & Sophia Galysh,  
Ethan Aiello

**11:15 AM Mass:** Brielle Baughman, Harrison & Landon  
Smith

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun March 5-6

**5 PM MASS** – Shelva Meckley

**8:15 AM MASS** – Nick Stollar

**11:15 AM MASS** – Susan Altobelli

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun March 5-6

**5 PM:** Syndia Helmers, Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn,  
Steve Signorello, Amanda Wicker

**8:15** Jason Duty, John Maysilles, Mat Robinson, Jeff  
Seifert, Midge Stokes

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

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

1. A very special thank you to all of our parishioners who already contributed last week to the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal** in our first week of the in-pew pledge process. This weekend is the final weekend of in-pew pledging, however contributions can still be made after this time by contacting the parish office, or by making an online donation (by clicking the link at our parish website – [www.ihmparadise.org](http://www.ihmparadise.org)). Our assessment this year is \$56,100. Please know that I am extremely grateful to all of our parishioners for their generosity to the Bishop's Appeal! Also, I express my gratitude to Bill Bowker and Teresa Altland for conducting the in-pew pledge process.
2. A thank you to Sr. Rosanne for conducting a **Lenten Day of Recollection** here at IHM this past Saturday.
3. Also, congratulations to our children who attend IC School in New Oxford, who made their **First Penance** this past Saturday.
4. **Reminder** – each Wednesday evening of Lent Mass is at 6pm (preceded by Confessions starting at 5:30pm). Also, Stations of the Cross take place each Friday evening at 7pm.
5. The next **Soup and Sermon** takes place on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Emmanuel Church here in Abbottstown. A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon in the social hall. At 12:30, a short service starts, and a sermon is given by an area pastor. By 1pm, we're all finished. Popular Lenten hymns and prayers are part of the service. All are invited to join in.
6. On Saturday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, Pope Francis has asked local parishes to celebrate "**24 Hours for the Lord**" – a special time of reflection and prayer, in particular focusing on the great mercy that God lavishes upon us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To mark this occasion, we will have our usual first Saturday Mass at 9am. Then, our parish celebration of First Penance will take place for our children and their families. Then, **Confessions** will be heard that afternoon from **3pm to 4:45pm**. All Masses this weekend will also focus on the theme of God's mercy.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "I AM has sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 or email [frtwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frtwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

**EASTER FLOWER** envelopes are available at the entrances for use in memorializing loved ones. Please fill out the envelope and return in the collection basket no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL** – The 2016 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal is off to a great start. Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's appeal. To date, we have received gifts/pledges totaling \$20,683 towards this year's Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. But we need all of you to contribute. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important Diocesan ministries and services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us.

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

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. There will be fun for children ages 1-12. We will be making Easter baskets for the shut-ins of our Parish. Please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable snacks, toiletry items, game or puzzle books. Donations can also be placed in the bins at the entrances to the church. For more information and to RSVP, see the flyer on the ledge behind the last pew or contact Jennifer DeRienzo at [jaderienzo@yahoo.com](mailto:jaderienzo@yahoo.com) or 259-5643.

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> served 95 families which included 264 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, March 2 is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/53786>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels. **NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PUT FOOD BANK DONATIONS IN OR AROUND THE COMMUNITY AID BIN IN THE PARKING LOT.**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** sponsored by the K of C will take place on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM in the parish hall. Once again, "Seasons" will be performing their traditional Celtic music as well as an all-you-can-eat Irish buffet. Ticket cost is \$20 per adult, \$15 per teen and \$5 per child 6-11 and can be obtained from any K of C member or by calling Leo Hare at 717-676-6621. Advance tickets only. None sold at the door.

**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** – Were you married in 1966? We are beginning preparations for this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, which will celebrate the love and commitment of couples who were married in 1966. In addition to the Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, there will be a reception for the couples and their families. Each Jubilee couple will also be presented with a commemorative certificate; those unable to attend the event will receive one in the mail. **Please contact Anita in the parish office no later than April 18, 2016** if you are celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FUNCTION – WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD)** Celebration on Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.  
2:15 PM Starts on the steps of the capital in Harrisburg  
3:00 Blessing of the Palms and first gospel reading  
3:15 Procession to St. Patrick’s Cathedral for Mass  
5:00 Procession to the Hilton Hotel to continue the Celebration with a meal and concert  
7:00 Conclusion

Cost is \$13 per person (includes the meal)  
OUR GROUP MUST REGISTER BY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>.  
For more information, please call, text or email Jeff Seifert at 870-8160 or [jeff.seifert2@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.seifert2@gmail.com).

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 TRIP** – The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who were planning the trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC and donated the money to IHM. A total of \$845 will be used for Project Rachel. Project Rachel, the Catholic Church’s ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats and referrals to licensed mental health professionals.

**“CONSIDER THE CONVERSATION”** – Regardless of your age or health condition, it is important to discuss your choices and preferences with family, friends, faith leaders and healthcare providers – before you experience a health crisis. Join us to learn more about your options. The day features a film and panel discussion with local experts. Event will take place on March 5, 2016 at 12:30 PM at the Fr. Capitani Hall, Saint John the Baptist Church. To register call or email Judy Newberger RN, Parish Nurse at 717-235-2156, ext. 214 or [jnewberger@sjbfn.org](mailto:jnewberger@sjbfn.org). There is no cost for this program.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE, HARRISBURG** – From Feb. 10 through March 20, 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).

**PRAYERS FOR PRISONERS** – Do you have a family member, friend or loved one who is incarcerated? Or would you just like to offer some much needed prayers for our neighbors who are imprisoned? Then please join us for PRAYER and FELLOWSHIP at Saint Joseph’s Tipitina’s Café in Lancaster in the parish hall on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. All are welcome.

**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](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men). The site includes on-line registration and downloadable registration brochure, as well as workshop descriptions plus other essential conference information. 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. Presenters include nationally renowned author, speaker and frequent EWTN guest, **Father Michael Gaitly, MIC**. Join us for the Annual Men’s Conference.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** – In our society today there exist many strong forces that challenge our faith, social structures and Catholic identity. Fortunately the issues that we face as a church, parents, workers, employers and voters are given clarity through the social teachings of the Catholic Church. A Symposium entitled, Catholic Social Teaching: Living the Gospel Today, will help you to apply these principles in your daily life. It will be on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. Details at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org). Sister Donna Markham, Ph.D., President of Catholic Charities USA will keynote and a wide variety of experts will present on issues such as immigration reform, religious freedom, the environment and in this election year; seeing the issues of the day in light of our Catholic values.

The question is often asked “Why do I have to go to Confession – why can’t I just confess my sins directly to God”? Let’s ask the question this way: Is the person who confesses his or her sins to a priest any better off than someone who confesses directly to God? Yes. First, he or she seeks forgiveness the way Christ intended (see John 20:21-23). Second, by confessing to a priest, the person learns a lesson in humility, which is avoided when one confesses only through private prayer. Third, the person receives sacramental graces that someone who does not go to Confession does not receive; through the Sacrament of Reconciliation sins are forgiven and graces are obtained. Fourth, the person is assured that his or her sins are forgiven; he does not have to rely on a subjective “feeling”. Lastly, the person can also obtain sound counsel or advice on avoiding sin in the future. So, yes, it’s worth going to Confession. That’s why God gave His Church this beautiful Sacrament.

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**VNA SCHOLARSHIPS** – The VNA of Hanover and Spring Grove Inc. is now accepting applications for the Florence deHaven Stick Memorial Scholarship.

Scholarships are offered to both graduating high school students and post high school applicants. Any student living in the areas surrounding Hanover or Spring Grove or in any part of Adams County is eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited nursing program or accepted for classes beginning in the fall of 2016 for a career as an RN or LPN. Applications are due by March 18<sup>th</sup> and may be obtained at [www.vnahanover.org](http://www.vnahanover.org) or by contacting Brenda Kempa at 637-1227.

**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](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 42,000.00</b>
<b>Income for Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10,713.00</b>
<b>Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9,164.10</b>
<b>Jan. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9,239.10</b>
<b>Jan. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0000.00</b>
<b>Jan. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12,417.05</b>

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME** **\$ 41,533.25**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Jan. 1st Collection</b>	<b>2,580.00</b>
<b>Central &amp; Eastern Europe</b>	<b>1,424.00</b>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>3,351.33</b>

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM in the social hall. The deadline to register is March 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can join us. You’ll love it.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, published by Loyola Press. RSVP by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Call Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, ext. 317 or email [kneri@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:kneri@hbgdiocese.org).

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOL WOMEN'S 91<sup>ST</sup> CONVENTION** will be held Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:linda.hartzell@comcast.net).

**LENTEN QUESTIONS REGARDING MASS** – The following important questions were recently raised by a parishioner. I'd like to take the time here to answer them: Will you please explain why we are using Latin in Mass? Isn't it better to understand what we are praying? Also, music has always been a favorite part of worship for me. There are so many beautiful hymns. Why can't we sing a recessional hymn during Lent?

As Christians, who are members of the Roman Catholic Church, Latin is a part of our heritage. From the 300's, Latin began to replace Greek, which was up until that time the "English" of the time – meaning the universal language that was used in trade and international communication. By the 300's the Roman Empire covered most of the known world, the official language of which was Latin. Even St. Jerome in the late 300's began translating the entire Bible into Latin. All the way up until the mid-1900's, Latin was part of the Roman Catholic Mass. Fortunately, in order to make the Mass (and our whole faith) more accessible to people at that time, the vernacular came to be used in the liturgy (for us, English). Some of us have only known English in the Mass, whereas, more senior Catholics will remember the Latin. Latin is not some magical language. Rather, it is the one, singular language that unites us as Catholics throughout the world. In other words, just as we are "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, so Latin, in a symbolic and functional way, expresses that unity. I must admit that Latin in the Mass is not something that's easy for many Catholics to appreciate during the Mass. However, the liturgy is meant to stretch us up to God, and a "foreign" language is one way this can be done. I have tried to make the Latin Mass parts as easy to integrate as possible, meaning, the cantor has shared with parishioners where they can follow along in the hymns so as to participate as fully as possible.

As for the recessional hymn, the rubrics (rules) governing the celebration of Mass do not explicitly call for a closing hymn. In other words, the priest has dismissed us: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life", and yet we still stick around for a closing hymn. Mind you, I really like the closing hymn, as it's a way to send us forth joyfully. However, Lent is a time that

calls us to soberly reflect on our lives as sinners – calling us to compunction and conversion. So, I think not having a closing hymn during this time helps us pause from our usual routine to help us (hopefully) reflect on what is "different" about this holy season



Experience Team at 717-512-2718 or [harrisburgbe@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) or check [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org). Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning

**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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@hbgdiocese.org).

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

**SAVE THE DATE – 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 in Harrisburg.

**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-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061  
[www.icsbvm.org](http://www.icsbvm.org).

**Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)**  
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