

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

5:00 PM + Rita Heckman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

8:15 AM + Mark Neiderer

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

9:00 AM + Richard Carlson

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Ken Jacoby & family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

9:00 AM + Ray Menges

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

5:00 PM + Nadine Kroft

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

8:15 AM + John Potocki

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

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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, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Hector Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Twardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, and Bernadine Filliben.

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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. During the week of Jan. 28, 2018 we sold \$1540 for a profit of \$77.00.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Carley, brother of Kathy Schwar, who died last week and also for the repose of the soul of Raye Green.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Feb. 4th-10th

**Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Monday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**

**Monday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM**

**Monday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Part III Christ Life Series in Social Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts, 7 PM**

**Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus in Social hall, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Fusion Movie Night in the Den, 6-9 PM**

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 10-11

**5:00 PM Mass:** Landon & Ella Smith, Aaron Oravitz

**8:15 AM Mass:** Nathan & Emma Maysilles, Madelyn Galysh

**11:15 AM Mass:** Brielle Baughman, Sally Earp, Nich Steinke

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 10-11

**5 PM MASS** – Harrison Smith

**8:15 AM MASS** – Midge Stokes

**11:15 AM MASS** – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Feb. 10-11

**5:00 PM:** Jen Gentile, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Barbara Reichart, Mary Margaret Thorne

**8:15 AM:** Dianne Giampietro, John Maysilles, Elaine & Mitch Walton, Claire Wentz

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Kevin Behr, Carmelita Garcia, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 5<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. We will let you know about how many soup and condiment donations we received this year!
2. In anticipation of the World Day of the Sick (on February 11<sup>th</sup>), I will be offering the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** after weekend Masses on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This particular sacrament, which the Church provides for those in need on account of old age, in times of serious illness, or in advance of surgery, is a sacrament of healing. As is demonstrated in the Scriptures, God's healing came through Jesus to the people in various ways – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Anointing of the Sick (see James 5:14-15 for scriptural foundations) avails us to this healing power of the Holy Spirit in whichever way God sees best for our eternal good and need. Please sit in the front pews of the church following Mass (sitting every other row) if you would like to receive this powerful sacrament.
3. Are you married, but for one reason or another, did not receive the sacrament of marriage? Perhaps you were married civilly by a justice of the peace. Or perhaps you were married in another church or setting without the permission of the Catholic Church. Maybe a previous marriage ended in divorce, and rather than obtaining an annulment first you married again elsewhere. If any of these are true for your situation, your marriage is not recognized as sacramentally valid by the Catholic Church. The reason for this is that all sacraments must be performed according to the teaching and directives of the Catholic Church. Couples in this situation are normally not permitted to receive the sacraments of the Church, such as Holy Communion, until their irregular marriage situation is remedied. This happens through a simple process called a 'convalidation', which is also referred to as having your marriage "blessed" by the Church. I would like to invite those couples who may be in such situations as those I mentioned above to seriously consider convalidating their marriage in order to receive the grace of the sacrament of marriage. This process of convalidation is meant to help you in your marriage, not make you feel guilty or inferior in any way. I have recently helped several couples from our parish have their marriages blessed in the church. If you would like to talk further, simply call or email me. Here is also a good article explaining this whole convalidation thing further:  
<http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Feb2004/Feature2.asp>.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "Do everything for the glory of God." Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Today we pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life. Is He choosing you to be a religious priest or consecrated religious? Do not be afraid! Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/[frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org) or check out [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com).

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT** – It has been noted that some people, who are dropped off or picked up for Mass, are doing so at the steps right along West Canal Road. Especially at night, and given the adjacent hill, it is deemed this is unsafe given the speed and flow of traffic. For accessible and safe access to the Church at all times, please use the side social hall doors. Thank you.

### **IHM ADVENTURE CLUB**

The Adventure Club of IHM is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit the tomb of Christ. Please plan to travel with us to share the experience. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is \$76.00, which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre (717) 633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus.

**PCCW NEWS** – Treat your sweetheart to a great evening of a home cooked meal of regular and meatless lasagna and desserts, fellowship and even some dancing on Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> in the church social hall, starting with appetizers at 6:15 PM. Make reservations by calling Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245 or Diane Schlaline at 717-259-9360 by Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> or by signing the sheets on the window sills in the Church.

**FUSION NEWS - Did You Know?** A common Catholic symbol is the Sacred Heart, which is a heart shown pierced with a cross and crown of thorns that recalls Christ's sacrifice. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus first began in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 – 7PM** – *Meeting for attendees of Mount 2000*

**Sundays, February 4<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 4PM** – *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*  
WE'RE IN NEED OF ACTORS!!! All teens and pre-teens are invited to join us. Practices run on Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4. The play will be performed on the night of Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Mount 2000*

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 9PM** – *Movie Night*

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8:30PM** – *Youth Night with Adoration*

**THANKS TO**

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had 1,100 men attend. We expect another large crowd this year. We'd love to see you there! Please register now.

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry held on Jan. 3rd served 96 families which included 269 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 7th is [www.volunteersignup.org/JFP8E](http://www.volunteersignup.org/JFP8E). 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.

**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.

### **9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 18-26, 2018**

The U.S. Bishops invite us to pray for the protection of all human life. A special novena called 9 Days for Life will take place from January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> and is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. You can sign up to receive daily intentions on your phone or online at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).

9 Days for Life is an opportunity to:

... **PRAY** for the respect and protection of each person’s life;

... **GATHER** together in prayer, action, and fellowship with others;

... **SHARE** your stories online!

**#9DaysforLife#OurPrayersMatter**

### **WINTER/SPRING ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**OPPORTUNITIES** – The Diocesan Institute schedule of Winter/Spring adult education offerings is now available.

Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/institute](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/institute) to access the schedule and registration information. Courses and sessions are available via live webinar, allowing you to participate remotely, and recordings of sessions enable you to access formation at your convenience. Contact Ryan Bolster at [rbolster@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) or 717-657-4804, ext. 225 for information.

**EVENT NOTICE** – I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for more than 40 years and employed in the newspaper business for more than 20 years. We have many wonderful events happening here at our parish and we'd like to get the word out to the public. Please feel free to send me any events that would be of interest to our local community – from Lenten dinners to youth events to Bible studies and everything in between! You can send information to: [6fletch@embarqmail.com](mailto:6fletch@embarqmail.com). Don't forget to tell me the following: WHAT is the event? WHO is invited? WHEN is the event? WHERE is the event? WHY should people

### **DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – March 10, 2018**

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg may now register online at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men), for the 7<sup>th</sup> **Annual Men's Conference**, Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Bishop McDevitt High. Theme: *Men of Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Keynote Speaker: Father Chris Alar, MIC, noted speaker and expert on Divine Mercy. The title of his keynote address is *Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Besides the keynote, the conference includes 34 workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction, many Priests available for Confession, beautiful music, good food, Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to a thousand men from around the diocese. Last year we

attend? HOW can they get more information? If you have any questions, fee free to call or text me at 717-357-8051. Thank you!

Holly Fletcher

#### DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Monthly Budget      | \$ 35,200.00 |
| Income for Dec. 3rd | 10,470.95    |
| Dec. 10th           | 10,357.07    |
| Dec. 17th           | 9,722.75     |
| Dec. 27th           | 10,189.00    |

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME**                   **\$ 40,739.77**

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

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| Capital Improvements  | 2,030.84  |
| Immaculate Conception | 1,721.85  |
| Religious Retirement  | 2,897.17  |
| Christmas Collection  | 16,785.68 |

#### NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO – MOUNT ST.

##### MARY'S UNIVERSITY – listing of upcoming events:

Our Lady of Lourdes – Feb. 11, 2018 – includes rosary

Adoration, Reconciliation, Procession and Mass

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14, 2018 – includes Adoration,

Reconciliation and Mass

Annunciation of the Lord – March 25, 2018 – includes

Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass

Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018 – includes Adoration,

Reconciliation and Mass

Good Friday – March 30, 2018 – includes Adoration,

Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Homily of the

Last Seven Words and Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018 – includes Sunrise

Ecumenical Service, Mass, Adoration,

Reconciliation and Mass

#### 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,

Abbotstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary).

Visit [www.cchbg.org](http://www.cchbg.org) for more information.

#### 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@hbgiocese.org](mailto:poakes@hbgiocese.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 19<sup>th</sup>. May God guide you in your contemplation. **OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL EMHC'S.**

**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](http://WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG).**

**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](http://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. If you'd like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact [kwenger@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 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.

**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 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.