

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

5:00 PM + Rita Heckman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Ken Jacoby

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Polly Renaut

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

9:00 AM + Sotero Villareal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

9:00 AM + Rose & Eugene Zalewski

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Sirach 15:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front, but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

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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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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "Let your light shine before others" perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgiocese.org).

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died last week: Suzanne Valerio, mother of Linda Baughman and Pauline Hertz, mother of Tom Hertz.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world, powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a hill" that cannot be hidden!

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 11-12

**5:00 PM Mass:** Jakob, Ben and Sadie Wicker

**8:15 AM Mass:** Ethan Aiello, Ava Simone, Lauren Wicker

**11:15 AM Mass:** Tyler Raubenstine, Autumn & Madi Kuhn

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 11-12

**5 PM MASS** – Barb Reichart

**8:15 AM MASS** – Carol Morris

**11:15 AM MASS** – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)**

for Sat/Sun Feb. 11-12

**5:00 PM:** Sharon Hare, Mat & Holly Robinson, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

**8:15 AM:** Bill Bowker, Margie & Sam Leese, John Melhorn, Claire Wentz

**11:15 AM:** Kevin Behr, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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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. 29, 2017 we sold \$1000.00 for a profit of \$50.00.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. A very special **thank you** to Steve Signorello, John Schlaline, and the Knights of Columbus for organizing our bus to the **March for Life** this year. Also, a very special thank you to Sabrina Smith, our new parish Respect Life coordinator, who organized our prayer and participation on the bus ride down! Maybe we can take two buses next year?!
2. Also, **thank you** to the Scouts for sponsoring this month's Coffee and Donuts. What a great way to celebrate **Scout Sunday** – doing a “good turn daily”!
3. Catholic Schools Week comes to an end this weekend. This Sunday, at the 11:15am Mass, we will have IC School children and families assisting at Mass. **Let us keep our newly-formed St. Teresa of Calcutta School in our prayers during this important time of transition!**
4. 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!
5. 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<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.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**IHM Website – Homilies:** Did you know that each week's homily is posted on our IHM website? Just go to [www.ihmparadise.org](http://www.ihmparadise.org) and click on **Pastor's Page**. You can stay in touch and learn even if it is not possible to get to Mass. A special feature is that last week's homily about the March For Life is a video. Just click on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday link.

**PCCW** – All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend the Parish Council of Catholic Women meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the church social hall.

### **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 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.

**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).

**DELONE CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL** - Congratulations to those students who achieved honor roll status –  
FIRST HONORS: Liam Miriello  
SECOND HONORS: Aaron Slagle, Nathan Snyder  
COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Christian Powell

**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 13 – Cardinal Keeler Center, 7 PM  
March 14 – St. Joseph Parish, York, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext 304 or email [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**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@hbqdiocese.org](mailto:poakes@hbqdiocese.org).

Thank you all for making Pro-Life Night such a wonderful experience. Our next Youth Night will be on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

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". If anyone needs a car ride, please call or email me and we'll make arrangements.

**Did you know?** The Big Bang Theory was first proposed by a Catholic priest, and was later misattributed to Edwin Hubble. Fr. Georges Lemaitre suggested that God may have created the universe through a "Big Bang", or what he called the "expansion of the universe".

**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).

**STEWARDSHIP MISSION** – As Valentine's Day approaches, take time to ponder what true love is like. And spend a little time getting to know the One who loves you best – Our Lord & Savior. Pick something up from our Resource Display and listen or read this week. And pick up something for your valentine as well! Thank you for your generous donations to our display that help bring these resources to more parishes.

**"FINDING TRUE PEACE THRU JESUS CHRIST"** is the topic for Theology on Tap of York on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at The First Post (second floor), 3691 E. Market St., York. All young adults (20's and 30's) single, married, Catholic or not, are invited to attend. Fr. Daniel Richards, pastor of Saint Rose of Lima will present.

**ENCOUNTER: A RETREAT EXPERIENCE ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR COLLEGE AGED YOUNG ADULTS AND RECENT GRADUATES** will be held Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Lent is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information contact your Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Club or the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at [oyyam@hbqdiocese.org](mailto:oyyam@hbqdiocese.org) or call 717-657-4804, ext 327.

**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY** – the Harrisburg Guild of the Catholic Medical Assoc. along with The Saint Thomas More Society of Central PA will co-host A Lenten Reflection on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon at Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. The day includes Holy Mass, light refreshments, and Reflection by Bishop Ronald Gainer *To be Zealous for The Lord*. For further information or RSVP, please contact [cathmedhbg@aol.com](mailto:cathmedhbg@aol.com).

**PRINCIPAL OPPORTUNITY** – the Department of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Harrisburg is currently accepting applications for Principal at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown for the 2017-2018 school year. **Send application and letter of interest TO THE DIOCESE by Feb. 28, 2017:** Livia Riley, superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Harrisburg, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710, (717)657-4804 ext. 222; email [lriley@hbqdiocese.org](mailto:lriley@hbqdiocese.org).

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**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, Lanciaio, 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.

**DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

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

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**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.

**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.