

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

5:00 PM + Connie Kirby

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

8:15 AM + James & Elizabeth Wotherspoon

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Al Polklis

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

9:00 AM – People of the Parish

7:00 PM + Lorrie Raubenstein

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

9:00 AM + Jerry Crews

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016

9:00 AM + Jimmy & James Drummer

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

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 / Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

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, Sam Spiese, Scott Hale and Robert Leary.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Mannarino of our parish who died last week.

ROSARY – The Rosary is prayed in the New Oxford Square every second Saturday of the month at 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and the boats were in danger of sinking. Just imagine the profit on the other side of this night's work! Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach. And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up *everything*. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in a large part to the courage of these first apostles, our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of the laity are likewise called to follow Christ, of course. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters make should inspire us. Their lives stand as a powerful witness indeed. Today, let us pause to thank God for these men and women and to ask his blessing on them all.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: How would you describe Peter in Luke's call of the first disciples?

1st Reading Question: What similarities do you see between the call of Isaiah and the call of Peter?

2nd Reading Question: Why do you think Paul refers to himself as "one born abnormally"?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Feb. 13-14

5 PM Mass: Ava Simone, Jakob & Ben Wicker

8:15 AM Mass: Maeve Anderson, Amelia Gerringer, Jade Kent

11:15 AM Mass: Margaret & Claire Mailey, Nick Steinke
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Feb. 13-14

5 PM MASS – Kathy Schwar

8:15 AM MASS – Carol Morris

11:15 AM MASS – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Feb. 13-14

5 PM: Donna Cassatt, Bertie Kuhn, Dan Landis, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

8:15 Kim Leese, Jeanne Maysilles, John Maysilles, John Melhorn, Mathew Robinson

11:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, Lori Nagy, Lonna Potocki, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. This **Wednesday, Feb. 10th**, is **Ash Wednesday** – the beginning of Lent. Mass with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 9am and 7pm that day. All are invited. Please see today's bulletin for our entire **Lenten Schedule** here at IHM.
2. Please note that this year's **Ash Wednesday collection** will go to support the Missionaries of the Poor (M.O.P.) in Jamaica. As you may know, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 7 this year, I will be leading a parish mission trip to Kingston to serve with the M.O.P. Please consider joining us for this trip – I would like to have many people participate! However, "some give by going, while others go by giving." Your generous support on Ash Wednesday is a way of truly making this a parish mission trip. Thank you for your generosity. Also, the "**Poor Boxes**" (located in the main vestibule of the church next to the door that leads to the stairs up to the choir loft) receive individual contributions year round to continue supporting our parish Charity Account, which enables IHM to assist parishioners and other community members with financial needs on an emergency basis.
3. "**Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace...**" Each time the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance is celebrated, the priest begins the formula of absolution with these words. They express the profound reality that is taking place. First, there is the recognition that the Church mediates God's loving activity of forgiveness of sins. Jesus intentionally created the Church to extend his victory over sin. Second, this Sacrament, like all the others, begins with God's initiative. Long before we recognize our need for God's mercy, he is already calling us to him, extending his offer of grace.

That, of course, is what the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance is all about: God's love which overcomes even our sins. There is nothing that we can do in life that will cause God not to love us. As Pope Francis has said so well, it is not God who tires of forgiving us; rather, it is we ourselves who tire of asking for forgiveness! But we never should give up on our desire for holiness. God will forgive us if we approach the Sacrament with sincere contrition. There is no need to be afraid!

In this **Year of Mercy**, Pope Francis has called on the Church to throw open the doors of mercy, to show the *vultus misericordiae* – the face of mercy – to all those who need it. Whether one receives this Sacrament regularly (a commendable practice) or has not been to Confession for many years, let this Year of Mercy be a time in which we take advantage of this generous offer of "pardon and peace." –Eric Banecker, Seminarian

Quote from Catholic Tradition:

"In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance." -St. Thomas Aquinas

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul." – Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary of St. Faustina 1602

To continue reflecting on this theme, consider one of these resources!

- **Lighthouse Catholic Media CD: Confession** by Fr. Larry Richards

From: Archdiocese of Philadelphia · archphila.org/mercy
· Jubilee Year of Mercy

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

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 Jan. 31, 2016 we sold \$1690 for a profit of \$84.50.

ACADEMIC HONORS – The following students received academic honors the 2nd quarter at Delone:
First Honors: Alison Heilman, Colleen Miriello, and Christina Photiades
Second Honors: Austin Kuntz, Nathan Snyder, Liam Miriello
Commendable Effort: Lilly Eldridge, Caden Rosenberry

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!

WOMEN'S LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION will be held Saturday, Feb. 13th from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Theme is "Finding Joy in Suffering" and presenter is Sister Geralyn Schmidt. Cost is \$10 and includes breakfast. Registration no later than Feb. 9th to Corpus

Christi Parish Office, 320 Philadelphia Ave.,
Chambersburg, PA 17201. Contact Jane Wishard at 717-264-8703 with questions.

PRAYER SHAWL RETREAT – Join other women from the Harrisburg Diocese for a few special hours including Mass, prayer, knitting/crocheting, fellowship and lunch on Saturday, Feb. 20th from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Please bring any prayer shawls and patterns you wish to display. We will add the patterns to our Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website at <http://hdccw.webs.com/prayer-shawl-ministry>. Advance registration is required. Please call Kathy at 448-8899 or Deb at 514-8815 to reserve your space. Deadline is Saturday, Feb. 13th.

SAVE THE DATE! All women are invited to attend the Conewago District Council of Catholic Women's Annual Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 27th at St. Joseph's Church on Grandview Rd., Hanover. Our presenters will be Sr. Eileen Quinn and Sr. Mary Therese White from the Aisling Retreat House in Manchester, MD. Please put this Lenten event on your calendar now and join us from 12 Noon to 3 PM. NO REGISTRATION necessary. Any questions, please call Donna Lynch at 637-3006.

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LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION – Sister Rosanne will be leading a Lenten Morning of Reflection here at IHM on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 9AM 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 at 259-0611 by Tuesday, Feb. 23rd if you are able to attend so that she knows how many to plan for.

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.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Sister Rosanne will be offering a Book Study featuring the book entitled "The Holy Year of Mercy" on the Tuesdays of Lent from 9:45-11:00 AM. This Book Study will begin on Tuesday, February 16th. If you are interested in participating, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7 by Friday, February 5th so the correct number of books can be ordered. The cost of the book will be \$10.00.

SWEETHEART DINNER/DANCE – Treat that special someone to an evening of delicious food, great company, and enjoyable music. Come to the Sweetheart Dinner/Dance on Saturday, Feb. 20 (snow date Feb. 27), starting at 6:15 PM with appetizers and followed by a lasagna meal and assorted homemade desserts. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Pat Slonaker at 624-3245 or Diane Schlaline at 259-9360 before Feb. 13th.

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 sale; 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 Shabler 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.