

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

5:00 PM – Special Intention of Jen & Nick Gentile

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Elmer Wantz

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

9:00 AM + Harry Fletcher

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

6:00 PM + Opal Krug

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

9:00 AM + Fred Krepps

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

9:00 AM + Mary Lou Ruttly

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

8:15 AM – Special Intention of Steve & Chris Barrick

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

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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, Shannon Duff, Ken Jacoby, Judy Goley, Francis Kuhn, Deborah "Sue" Duty, Emily Stewart, Pauline Patrick, Kay Jordan, Ronald Cameron and Syndia Helmers.

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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 March 5, 2017 we sold \$1210.00 for a profit of \$60.50.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat in the desert to his Transfiguration. On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent to the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. Those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Mar. 18-19

**5:00 PM Mass:** Liam Miriello, Bob O'Brien, Regina Walton

**8:15 AM Mass:** Mary & Joseph Murphy, Noah Racioppa

**11:15 AM Mass:** Jacob & Molly Fleming, Tyler Raubenstine

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Mar. 18-19

**5 PM MASS** – Pat Brodbeck

**8:15 AM MASS** – Kevin DePaulis

**11:15 AM MASS** – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Mar. 18-19

**5:00 PM:** Bertie Kuhn, Dan Landis, Barbara Reichart, Steve Signorello, Sam Spiese

**8:15 AM:** Dianne Giampietro, Kevin Heilman, Jeff Seifert, Carol Stroud, Claire Wentz

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli Carmelita Garcia, Bonnie Hensel, Lorrie Nagy, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "God has called us with a holy calling according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbqdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbqdiocese.org).

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Simpson, grandfather of Amanda Wicker, who died last week.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

1. Recently you may have received a brochure in the mail from Bishop Gainer, asking your support of the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**. Next weekend, March 18/19, as well as the following weekend, March 25/26, we will take a few moments following the homily to complete our in-pew pledge process. Although you may be quite familiar by now with the routine of this process, others new to our diocese and parish may not be. The Lenten Appeal enables us as a parish to contribute to vital diocesan ministries that benefit us directly, as well as the larger community in need. Please note that our assessment this year is \$60,100. This is a little bit of an increase from last year. 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, president of the parish finance council, for again conducting the in-pew pledge process. He makes it as easy as possible to be a cheerful giver!

2. This past Friday, even with snow showers, the **Knights of Columbus** had an amazing turn out for the opening night of the **Lenten Dinners** – 105 dinners served! You are all welcome to join us in the social hall each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) from 4:45 to 6:45pm for a great meal and joyful fellowship. Or, if you'd prefer take-out orders are available (just call the parish office to place your order in advance). Stations of the Cross will then be prayed up in the church at 7pm.

3. **Fusion** (our parish youth ministry) is gathering this Saturday evening (March 11<sup>th</sup>) from 6 to 8:30pm in "The Den" (second floor of the religious education building). All 8<sup>th</sup>-grade through high school teens are invited to join us!

4. The **Abbottstown-East Berlin ministerium** continues hosting our annual **Lenten Lunches**. A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon. Then, 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 – perhaps on your lunch break even. See the complete schedule in this week's bulletin.

5. Join us on March 18<sup>th</sup> for the **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**, put on by our Knights of Columbus. Tickets are available at the doors after weekend Masses for advance purchase only. The food will be delicious, the music awesome, with lots of good cheer as we celebrate the patron saint of our diocese, St. Patrick!

6 **About a year or so ago, our parish conducted surveys** inviting parishioners to comment on various aspects of our parish life. I wanted to give you an update, and promise you that those surveys have not been forgotten about, and that you didn't fill them out in vain. To the contrary, the results have

been compiled and sorted, and the Parish Pastoral Council is reviewing them with me one grouping at a time. Already, we have been encouraged to continue with identified areas of strength, while at the same time, we have begun to recognize and modify certain areas of deficiency. We continue to work our way through the results. Thank you to those of you who contributed to the growth and benefit of our parish through these surveys.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

### **LENTEN SOUP AND SERMON SCHEDULE – 12 Noon to 1 PM Wednesdays during Lent:**

Mar. 15 – Trinity Lutheran, Pastor Shawn  
Theme: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross/  
Jesus Falls  
Mar. 22 – St. John's Lutheran, Pastor Margaret  
Theme: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem  
Mar. 29 – Emmanuel UCC, Fr. Marcoe  
Theme: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross/Jesus Dies on  
the Cross  
April. 5 – Zwingli UCC, Pastor Bob  
Theme: The Body of Jesus is Taken Down from the  
Cross/Jesus is laid in the Tomb

### **LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION**

Sister Rosanne will be offering a Lenten Morning of Reflection here at IHM on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. Consider giving yourself the gift of peace and quiet time with the Lord during this sacred season of Lent as we reflect upon "what holds us bound and keeps us from being the best version of ourselves." Please call Sister Rosanne (259-0611, ext. 7) by Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend.

### **ADAMS DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES –**

March 26 – St. Vincent de Paul – 2 PM  
March 28 – Immaculate Conception – 7 PM  
April 1 – St. Joseph the Worker – 10 AM  
April 6 – St. Aloysius – 7 PM  
April 8 – Basilica of the Sacred Heart – 10 AM  
April 9 – St. Francis Xavier – 6 PM (Church)  
April 11 – Immaculate Heart of Mary – 7 PM  
April 12 – St. Joseph, Hanover – 7 PM

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** - We congratulate the following children from our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend:

Cora Anderson	Aubree Berwager
Xavier DeRienzo	James Downey
Chase Ferguson	Adam Gerringer
Gregory Grudovich	Alex Kuhn
Gabby Long	Yolanda Lopez
Nora Mailey	Alondra Palomares
Jorge Palomares	Emily Rivera
Maya Shah	Anthony Tako
Ben Wills	

We also congratulate Sophia Curry, and Amanda & Wyatt Lambert who celebrated the Sacrament last week at Immaculate Conception.

**CEMETERY CLEANUP** – Please remove any items from the cemetery that you wish to keep. Anything that has not been removed by April 2 will be removed and placed behind the Church. After that, all items will be discarded.

**USHER MEETING** – Father Marcoe will hold a meeting with all Ushers on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the Church. All Ushers please plan to attend.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** – Have you ever wondered how you can take an active part in spreading, witnessing and living out the Gospel of Life, or maybe you already are and are searching for new ideas. Well, the Respect Life Committee invites you to take the opportunity this Lenten Season to do just that. Please see our Respect Life bulletin board, located directly outside the social hall for more information on how you can use these 40 days of Lent and make them 40 days for Life. No matter how small, every opportunity we have to do something out of love and compassion for another is a living witness to our respect and dignity for the gift of life and is an opportunity to love and serve Christ in all those we encounter.

**DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE** – is being held April 1, 2017 at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. This has been an excellent event for the men of our parish to attend. It is a time of inspiration, instruction, fellowship, and spiritual growth. I highly recommend to the men of our parish that if you have not yet registered, to please consider doing so. There will be men at the doors of our church today handing out registration brochures. Dr. Peter Kreeft, one of the foremost Catholic authors and speakers in the country is keynoting the conference, there will be 38 workshops in also, Bishop Gainer will also be celebrating Mass and presenting one of the workshops, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction and the praying of the Rosary during the Holy Hour. There will also be about 25 different Priests who will be hearing Confessions at various times throughout the day. There will be food, good Catholic exhibits and fellowship with men throughout our Diocese and beyond. It is great time of spiritual renewal. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the Men's Conference and it has grown every year. There were 925 men who attended last year. The hope is that 1,000 men will attend this year. Please consider registering for the conference.

**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** – Were you married in 1967? This year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 2 PM at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Anyone celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year should contact Anita in the parish office no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

Our next Youth Night will be on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Religious Ed Building. We'll be watching and discussing **Chosen, Lesson 7: "Where am I going?"** All teens are welcome to join us!

The Living Stations of the Cross will continue at St. Joseph on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 to 4PM. We are still in need of actors! Roles to fill: **Judas, Centurion, a Soldier, Women in the Crowd, & 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 in need of musicians and "techies". Also, Fusion will help build props and set pieces. If anyone needs a car ride, please call or email Paul. *Service hours will be provided!*

Fusion will be going to Hickory Falls on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, for a night of fun! Hickory Falls offers a variety of games, including Laser Tag, Indoor Go-Kart Racing, Mini Golf, and so much more. For the teens who'd like to attend, please RSVP with Paul before Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Did You Know?**

In 2014, the National Bishops' Conference approved of the consumption of alligator on Friday as the beast "is considered in the fish family."

**ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD** – Last week the following cub scouts received the Arrow of Light Award: Henry Rumbaugh, Isaiah Shank, Cole Anderson, Logan Shearer, Donovan Trees, and Jacob Trees. Congratulations!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BINGO** – Our semi-annual bingo will be held Sunday, March 26 at 1:30 PM in the IC School cafeteria. Plan to attend this popular event for an afternoon of fun with family and friends. Prizes include Thirty-One and Vera Bradley bags, Alex and Ani, local gift certificates and more. Mark your calendar and get your tickets early. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Doors open at 12 Noon. Proceeds benefit IC Church. For tickets or information, call Rosemary Lowas, 825-1922.

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**DISPENSATION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT**

**PATRICK** – This year the Feast of Saint Patrick falls on a Lenten Friday. Since Saint Patrick is the principal patron of our diocese, Most. Rev. Ronald W. Gainer has granted a dispensation from Friday abstinence to all Catholics **who reside in the diocese** and **all who are present within the Diocese** on March 17, 2017. Those who take advantage of this dispensation are urged to substitute another suitable form of personal penance, possibly choosing another day within the Second Week of Lent as a Day of Lenten abstinence.

**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. I really want to encourage parents to use this space to tend to your 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 worshiping.

like a visit from the Pilgrim Virgin, contact Janet Todt at 528-4755.

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on Feb. 1st served 91 families which included 258 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 1st is [www.volunteersignup.org/4344P](http://www.volunteersignup.org/4344P). 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.

**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).

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** for Post Abortion Healing – This is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many struggle with after abortion. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest for all who are willing to labor there. Please accept this gift of healing as only our Lord can offer. Come and let the healing begin: April 21-23, 2017. Please contact Becky at [UndeateadCourage@gmail.com](mailto:UndeateadCourage@gmail.com). All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential.

**REAL ALTERNATIVES** – Free and confidential services.

Pregnant? Need Help?  
Call 1-888-LIFE-AID  
[www.RealAlternatives.org](http://www.RealAlternatives.org).

**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

**Would you like to help couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage?** The Diocese of Harrisburg is in need of local couples to serve as presenters for *God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage*. This Saturday retreat is an essential part of the marriage preparation process. It consists of presentations on: God's Plan for Marriage; the Basics of Marriage in the Church; Marital Sexuality; and Natural Family Planning. There is a training coming up this spring to prepare the new presenter couples. Requirements are: being committed to the Church's teaching on marriage, sexuality, and life; having a heart for couples preparing for marriage – warm, engaging, and sympathetic; and public speaking skills, or the ability to grow in these skills. Even if you have never volunteered for something in the church before, this may

be your opportunity to serve in such an important ministry that is desperately in need of presenter couples. Please talk to Fr. Marcoe for more information.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:  
 Alex Phillippi, East Berlin  
 Brian & Mary Kathleen Copeland Family, Gardners

**RUTH'S HARVEST** – anyone willing to help pack the backpacks at the Fire House in Abbottstown on Wednesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> should be there at 10 AM. All are welcome!

**THAT MAN IS YOU is the perfect 90 minutes to start your weekend.** The men of Immaculate Conception, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart currently participating in That Man Is You program, wish to invite our fellow parish men ages 18 years and older to join us each Saturday at 8 AM in The Immaculate Conception school cafeteria. It is never too late to join in this transformational program that has touched the lives of thousands of men across 40 states and in 400 parishes. Each week we watch a 30-minute video on issues relevant to men today. This is followed by one hour of discussion and fellowship in which we journey as brothers in Christ, learning the Catholic faith and how to apply it to the world today. Feel free to walk-in any Saturday and see what the program is all about. You may also contact Pete Socks at [pete.socks@gmail.com](mailto:pete.socks@gmail.com) or 717-624-1212 for more details.

**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).

**DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 33,600.00</b>
<b>Income for Dec. 4</b>	<b>10,168.14</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>11,791.00</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>8,470.52</b>
<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>5,874.00</b>

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME** \$ 36,303.66

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** \$ 16,547.00

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,533.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>1,748.00</b>
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	<b>2,701.50</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>1,155.00</b>

**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!

**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, Lanciano, 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.

**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.