

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

5:00 PM + Deceased Members of the Kohler Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Special Intention of Polly Renaut

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

9:00 AM + Natividad Pangan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

6:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

9:00 AM + Bernadette Miriello

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

9:00 AM + Minnie Micalochick

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + John Potocki

+indicates - deceased

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philipians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

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**SICK OF THE PARISH** – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers.

Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen & Laverne Lawrence, Keira Slonaker, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Dorothy Schlaline, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Uriah Vincent Lomenzo, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Judy Leary, Alice Williams, Donna Cassatt, Scott Hale and Robert Leary.

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*We welcome Christopher Michael Edgecomb, son of Robert and Michelle Edgecomb into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.*

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Figas of our parish who died this week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus was literally a savior. She was about to suffer the death penalty, according to the law of Moses, but the Lord preserved her life. He did not pretend she was innocent or excuse her behavior. Rather, his freely bestowed mercy became an opportunity for her conversion. The woman's physical life was spared, and if she chose to follow Jesus' instruction to abandon sin, her spiritual life was also saved as a result of this dramatic encounter.

We also have access to this freedom. When he died on the cross for us, Jesus became our savior too. Instead of condemning us, he set us free from the power of sin. But like the woman in the Gospel, we have a choice to make. We ultimately have to decide: will I follow the path of Jesus, who has saved me, by resolving to sin no more? Or will I depart from my savior, and return to the same old self-destructive patterns?

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** Why do you think it is difficult for many to show mercy over judgment?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** Why is it hard for you to let go of the past?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** What would "perfect maturity" as a Christian look like?

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MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun March 19-20

**5 PM Mass:** Audrey Sell, Jake & Ben Wicker

**8:15 AM Mass:** Peyton Duty, Amelia Gerringer, Jade Kent

**11:15 AM Mass:** Tyler Raubenstine, Nick Steinke, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun March 19-20

**5 PM MASS** – Betsy Miriello

**8:15 AM MASS** – Jeanne Maysilles

**11:15 AM MASS** – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun March 19-20

**5 PM:** Bertie Kuhn, Steve Hoffman, Joanne Lauchman, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

**8:15** Linda Billig, Liz Kohler, Kim Leese, John Maysilles, Jeff Seifert

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Bonnie Hensel, Lori Nagy, Lonna Potocki, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE DUE BACK NEXT WEEKEND.**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

1. **Reminder** – each Wednesday evening of Lent Mass is at 6pm (preceded by Confessions starting at 5:30pm). Also, Stations of the Cross take place each Friday evening at 7pm.
2. The final **Soup and Sermon** takes place on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Zwingli UCC in East Berlin. A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon in the social hall. At 12:30, a short service starts, and a sermon is given by an area pastor. By 1pm, we're all finished. Popular Lenten hymns and prayers are part of the service. All are invited to join in.
3. Do you want to deepen your faith and learn how to share it more effectively? Do you want to grow in your personal relationship with God? Do you want to help those who have left the faith reconnect with Jesus? I mentioned in my homily two weeks ago the book **Forming Intentional Disciples** (Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 2012) by author Sherry Weddell (a convert to Catholicism). I can't tell you how highly I recommend this book. It is available for purchase at Our Sunday Visitor. There is also a wonderful study guide available at the following website:  
<https://www.archbalt.org/evangelization/upload/Forming-Intentional-Disc-Catechet-Leader-SG2.pdf>.
4. On Tuesday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** our **Parish Penance Service** will take place here at IHM starting at **7pm**. There will be about 10 priests from our local area here that evening hearing **Confessions!** Please, please plan to attend as a family and make this opportunity for Reconciliation a part of your Lenten journey toward Easter.
5. The question is often asked? **Why do I have to go to Confession** – why can't I just confess my sins directly to God? Let's ask the question this way: Is the person who confesses his or her sins to a priest any better off than someone who confesses directly to God? Yes. First, he or she seeks forgiveness the way Christ intended (see John 20:21-23). Second, by confessing to a priest, the person learns a lesson in humility, which is avoided when one confesses only through private prayer. Third, the person receives sacramental graces that someone who does not go to Confession does not receive; through the Sacrament of Reconciliation sins are forgiven and graces are obtained. Fourth, the person is assured that his or her sins are forgiven; he does not have to rely on a subjective "feeling." Lastly, the person can also obtain sound counsel or advice on avoiding sin in the future. So, yes, it's worth going to Confession. That's why God gave His Church its sacrament.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Christ Jesus has made me His own.” Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 or email [frtwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frtwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

### **DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES:**

**March 16 – St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover – 7 PM**

**March 17 – St. Aloysius, Littlestown – 7 PM**

**March 19 – Sacred Heart, Conewago – 10 AM**

**March 20 – St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg – 7 PM**

**March 22 – Immaculate Heart of Mary – 7 PM**

**March 23 – St. Joseph, Hanover – 7 PM**

**CEMETEY CLEAN UP** – We ask that anyone who has decorations on the graves clean everything off no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>. If anything is left behind after that, we will remove all decorations and place them behind the Church for one week. If you would like to keep those decorations, please take them. After that, they will be discarded.

**VIV DINNER** – Volunteers make so many organizations possible. Jesus Himself understood this when He called the Twelve Disciples to be collaborators in His Father's Vineyard. Similarly, here at IHM, parishioners who volunteer are so important in not only making this a great parish, but to further the mission for which we exist: to foster our spiritual growth, to encourage a greater living out of our Catholic faith, and to provide for the benefit of all whom we serve. Although it is our Father in heaven, who sees in secret, that repays us for the good work that we do for His Kingdom, it is also good for gratitude to be shown in some way for all that our volunteers do here in our parish. To this end, the Parish pastoral council and I would like to introduce a V.I.V. – Very Important Volunteer – Dinner on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 8 PM in the social hall. The only requirement to attend the V.I.V. Dinner is that you have served our parish in some capacity as a volunteer – whether officially or unofficially. In other words, do you think you've ever volunteered in any way at all here at our parish? Great, you can sign up! We'll be having a completely catered meal provided by La Cucina's with a short program following the meal. Please sign up on the window ledges this weekend or next weekend. **The deadline to sign up will be March 23rd.**

**RUTH'S HARVEST UPDATE** – We, as part of the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry, started participating in the fall by supplying items for backpacks to be distributed to 50 qualifying students at Bermudian Springs Elementary School. Here at IHM, parishioners donated specific items; however, this initiative quickly was picked up by our CCD students as “children helping children”. Our CCD students (and their parents) have been very supportive, and the program has been so successful that there are now 100 students at Bermudian who are benefiting. Thanks to all involved.

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

**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 March 6, 2016 we sold \$2490 for a profit of \$124.50.

**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 Mystery 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 Mystery of the Bible* on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. For more information, please call the parish office. **The deadline to register is March 14<sup>th</sup>**. I hope you can join us. You'll love it.

**CHILDCARE DURING BIBLE STUDY** – We are considering the possibility of having child care here at the church during the upcoming Bible study. For those who will commit to the Bible study and the child care, please call the parish office ASAP. Depending on the response to this request will determine if we pursue child care for this event or not.

**MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA** – As previously mentioned, Fr. Marcoe will be leading a week long mission trip/work retreat to serve with the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica on Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2016. So far, we already have 7 people who are hoping to join us! Please know that the invitation is still open, and we would like to have more people join us. For more information, please contact Luz Socrates (whose email address and phone number is in the parish directory), or contact the parish office.

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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM** will sponsor a special presentation on compelling evidence of God's existence by Steven Hemler, President of the Catholic

Apologetics Institute of North America and author of *The Reality of God: The Layman's Guide to Scientific Evidence for the Creator*. Contrary to the modern myth of a conflict between science and faith, this presentation on "the rest of the story" will strengthen faith and is an excellent opportunity to develop persuasive reasons for belief, valuable for sharing with family and friends who doubt the existence of God. Please join us on Sunday, **April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM** in the School Cafeteria at IC. This is a FREE event. Contact Pete & Laura Socks at 624-1212.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR** – Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM at Annunciation BVM Church, McSherrystown. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, The Litany of Divine Mercy, Liturgy of the Word, Praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Image, Benediction.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP** will meet on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Adoration Chapel in McSherrystown at 3 PM. All children are invited. Rosaries and booklets are provided. Any questions, contact Vicky at 632-3245.

**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE** – St. Aloysius Church in Littlestown is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Other stops include the Franciscan Monastery and the American Indian Museum. Cost is \$35 per person and reservations must be made by March 16. No refunds. Meet at St. Aloysius Church at 7:30 AM. Bus leaves at 8 AM sharp and returns at 8 PM. Lunch and dinner are not included in the cost. Contact Rosalie at 717-359-9558 or Kathy at 610-329-1183.

**RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES** – Sponsored by Sacred Heart, Spring Grove on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-7 PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The day includes inspiring insights from scripture, time for reflection and fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass with Renewal of Vows, and candlelight dinner to celebrate love! Register by April 4<sup>th</sup> by calling Joy Crimmins at 225-1704.

**NOTE OF THANKS** – The Renaut family would like to thank the many IHM parishioners who sent cards and/or saw Polly in person to wish her a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is so very appreciative of your kindness.

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY** – Sacred Heart School would like to invite you to our All You Can Eat “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 11:30 am in our Parish Hall. Once again, Chef Wade Smith will be whipping up omelets with cheese, ham, bacon, sausage, green pepper, onions and mushrooms. Our menu will also include chipped beef & gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes (plain, blueberry and chocolate chip), home fries, toast, donuts, fruit salad, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, orange juice and milk. The cost of the breakfast is Adults \$8, children (6-13) \$6 and children 5 and under FREE.

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

**JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –**

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

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

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Jan. 1st Collection	2,580.00
Central & Eastern Europe	1,424.00
Capital Improvements	3,351.33

**DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** – On Saturday, March 19, 2016 plan to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and Catholic Charities USA's President, Sister Donna Markham along with other presenters as they explore the principles of Catholic social teaching as they apply to social, political and cultural conditions in this country and around the world. From 9 AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg.

**THIRD ANNUAL 22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE – Luke 22:32 “But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”** This conference will be held at the Warner Theatre in Erie on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Registration is \$40/ person or \$25/student and includes lunch and free parking. Master of Ceremonies will be Fr. Larry Richards. Tim Staples, Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers presents the Faith with vigor, love and enthusiasm. Matt Birk, former NFL player speaks on the

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL** – Thank you for your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. We have already raised \$45,982 toward our goal of \$56,100. By doing our part to give generously to those who are in need and are suffering, we continue to share Christ's love by supporting the mission of the Church through this year's Appeal. **REMINDER: EVERY DOLLAR THAT WE EXCEED OUR GOAL IS REFUNDED TO OUR PARISH, UNRESTRICTED.**

topics across the country about the value of true inspiration, lasting leadership principles, the dynamics of teamwork and fulfilling potential. Deacon Ralph Poyo is an energizing and powerful speaker and founder of New Evangelization Ministries. For more information and to register visit <http://2232men.com/#> or call 814-455-7364.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S 91<sup>ST</sup> CONVENTION** will be held Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Bishop Ronald Gainer is the Principle Celebrant and Homilist. The keynote speaker is Caroline Brennan. Cost is \$25 and includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is March 28, 2016. Contact Linda at 717-939-3629 or [linda.hartzell@comcast.net](mailto:linda.hartzell@comcast.net).

**MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA** – Fr. Marcoe will lead a week long mission trip/work retreat to serve with the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica on Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2016. This missionary pilgrimage is a response to the invitation of Pope Francis during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to extend God's merciful love to others, especially the needy and the marginalized. Missionary pilgrims will perform Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy with the religious brothers as they minister to the poorest of the poor, the homeless and the abandoned. If interested, email Luz Socrates at [luzvsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:luzvsoc@hotmail.com) or call the parish office.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** – the Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, April 29th-May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Beginning Experience weekend is an approved Roman Catholic Program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Search Beginning Experience on the Diocesan website, [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) or check [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org). Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-512-2718 or [harrisburgbe@gmail.com](mailto:harrisburgbe@gmail.com).

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** – We here at IHM have several pieces of medical equipment for parishioners to borrow when needed. They include: crutches, walkers, commode boosters, shower chairs, a cane and a wheelchair. Also, a parishioner has items that are no longer needed and if someone would like to have them, please contact the parish office for more information. They include 16" wheelchair, walker, SpOx fingertip meter, toilet seat side rails, toilet seat lifts, automatic blood pressure meter, shower chairs, bathtub handrail, short bedrail, women's depends L. There are also two items for sell; a bathtub lift and a Go-Go electric scooter. Call Anita in the parish office at 259-0611, ext. 5.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING** – Sister Maggie Moore (aka "Sister James"), who was at Paradise School for 37

years is now at the Villa for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Maggie is quite sick and I know she would appreciate hearing from you, the good parishioners at IHM, whom she loves dearly. Perhaps you can take a minute to send her a Christmas card and let her know you are praying for her. Sister Maggie's address is Saint Joseph Villa, 110 W. Wissahickon Ave., Flourtown, PA 19031-1898.

**HIPPA LAWS** – Please note that HIPPA (health care privacy laws) prevent hospitals from automatically notifying the parish office when you are in the hospital. Therefore, we ask you to please give consent (permission) for the parish office to be notified. If you would like Fr. Marcoe to know of your hospitalization, please inform the parish office before going into the hospital OR once hospitalized, ask the nurse or hospital chaplain/pastoral care staff person to notify the parish.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER** – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioner to IHM Parish: Cecilia Shibley of Spring Grove

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

**SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** – On Saturday, March 19, 2016 plan to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and Catholic Charities USA's President, Sister Donna Markham, along with other presenters as they explore the principles of Catholic social teaching as they apply to social, political and cultural conditions in this country and around the world. From 9 AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg.

**FLOWERS** – Looking for a way to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? A beautiful way would be to order flowers on the altar. Most weekends are available from now through the end of the year. **Please call Anita in the parish office** to make arrangements.

**AED EQUIPMENT** – Please note that we now have a centralized first aid station in our church. The AED (defibrillator), first aid kit, and other items are located in the space by the pillar on your way back to the elevator alcove. The reason for this move was to locate all these medical items in a central and visible location in the church, should an emergency arise. There are also first aid kits located in the social hall kitchen and the religious education building (in the main office)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION** – Are you considering a Catholic School education for your child/children? If so, please consider checking out the following:  
**Immaculate Conception School (preK-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061  
[www.icsbvm.org](http://www.icsbvm.org).

**Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)**  
140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969  
[www.delonecatholic.org](http://www.delonecatholic.org)