

MASS INTENTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

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

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

9:00 AM + Francis Renaut

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016

9:00 AM + James Drummer

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 – HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM + Fr. Lou Ogden

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 – GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 PM – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016 – HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM – Special Intention of Donna Cassatt

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43 / Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Holy Saturday, March 26th @ 10:00 AM. Anyone who is available and would like to come and help --- you are most welcome! "Many hands" will help the process go faster.

OFFICE CLOSED Thursday, March 24, Friday, March 25 and Monday, March 28th for Easter.

The Palm Sunday Gospel presents a sad picture of grown-ups who succumb to peer pressure. Three times, Pilate proclaimed that Jesus was not guilty. But yet, he gave in to the mounting pressure from the crowd. Also, during the opening Gospel at the procession of the palms, we see the adoring crowds hailing Jesus but soon the chorus changes to "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Then too, we have Peter, who promised eternal faithfulness. But when others began asking uncomfortable questions, he caved: "Woman, I do not know him."

These three scenarios give us a chance to reflect on our own faithfulness as we journey into Holy Week. Like Pilate, do we know the truth but abandon it when it becomes unpopular? The fickle crowds demonstrate another kind of weakness, where instead of thinking for themselves, people just followed those around them. Are we guilty of this kind of passive intellectual laziness? How about Peter's problem: do we change our story based on current company, or do we live as consistent Christian witnesses in the world? This week, may we have the courage to accompany Jesus all the way to the cross, no matter what anyone else may do.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: What aspects of Luke's Passion narrative are most striking to you?

1st Reading Question: Why do you think God's prophets are so often mistreated?

2nd Reading Question: What do you think it means that Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped"?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun March 26-27

8 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Liam Miriello, Autumn & Madison Kuhn

8:15 AM Mass: Alison Heilman, Jonah & Abbi Robinson, Ryan Gebhart

11:15 AM Mass: Tyler Raubenstine, Anastasia & Sophia Galysh, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun March 26-27

8 PM MASS – Pat Renaut

8:15 AM MASS – Carol Morris

11:15 AM MASS – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun March 26-27

8 PM: Leo Hare, Steve Hoffman, Pat & Randy Slonaker, Janet Todt

8:15 AM Jeanne Maysilles, Midge Stokes, Holly Robinson, Elaine & Mitch Walton

11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Joyce Menges, Lonna Potocki, John Schlaline, Jr. Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Palm Sunday

- 1) Today we begin Holy Week – the holiest week of our Christian calendar. See the listing in today's bulletin for all the **special Masses and other services** that will occur during the week. The more you can attend, the more you will be able to consecrate this week and enter more deeply into Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection for you personally and for all people of all time.
- 2) On Tuesday, March 22nd our **Parish Penance Service** will be held starting at **7pm**. There will be 10 priests from our local area here that evening hearing Confessions!! Please plan to attend as a family and make this opportunity for Reconciliation a part of your Lenten journey toward Easter, especially in the midst of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. If you are unable to attend that evening, other penance services are listed in the bulletin. Additionally, Confession will be offered March 22nd in the morning from after Mass until 10:30am.
- 3) Speaking of Holy Week, allow me to highlight a very special prayer service on **Good Friday** beginning at 3pm. IHM parishioners Mike Gurgul and Chris Sanders have been inspired to compose and deliver a narrative commemorating the Passion of Jesus from the perspective of His mother and ours, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Last year was the first year they presented this service, and it was absolutely beautiful. The word has been spreading about it since – please attend if you are able.
- 4) Please note that on Saturday, **March 26th** there will be NO 5pm Mass (with Confessions prior). Rather, the Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm that evening. Sunday Masses on Easter Sunday follow the usual schedule: 8:15am and 11:15am.
- 5) A very special thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for organizing the Friday Lenten Dinners and the St. Patrick's Day celebration this year. They were really wonderful events.

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

GROCERY CERTIFICATES – For those who are new to our parish or unaware of this program, we receive 5% profit on all certificates sold here at IHM. Also, we receive a percentage of all sales of anyone who uses their GOLD card, which is registered with IHM Parish. If you shop at Nells and currently do not have a GOLD card, please stop at the Customer Service Desk and obtain one. 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 13, 2016 we sold \$1190 for a profit of \$59.50.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES:

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

March 22 – Immaculate Heart of Mary – 7 PM

March 23 – St. Joseph, Hanover – 7 PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

TUES., MARCH 22 – Parish Penance Service 7 PM

HOLY THURSDAY – Morning Prayer 9 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM

Eucharistic Adoration until 9 PM

Night Prayer 9 PM

GOOD FRIDAY – Morning Prayer 9 AM

The Passion of Jesus through the

Eyes of Mary 3 PM

Liturgy of the Passion 7 PM

HOLY SATURDAY – Morning Prayer 9 AM

Blessing of Easter Food 12 PM

Easter Vigil 8 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – Mass at 8:15 and 11:15 AM

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our Church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

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. To this end, the Parish pastoral council and I would like to introduce a V.I.V. – Very Important Volunteer – Dinner on **Wednesday, May 11th** 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. 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.**

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – Were you married in 1966? We are beginning preparations for this year's 50th 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 50th Wedding Anniversary this year.

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.

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.**

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 13th 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. 3rd 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 rd	10,713.00
Jan. 10 th	9,164.10
Jan. 17 th	9,239.10
Jan. 24 th	0000.00
Jan. 31 st	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 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 CATHOL WOMEN'S 91ST

CONVENTION will be held Monday, April 11th 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.

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 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 Shibler of Spring Grove

PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES.
VISIT WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG.

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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.