

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

5:00 PM + Ray Lux

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

8:15 AM – Special Intention of Elaine Melhorn Lewis
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

9:00 AM + Richard Harkenrider

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

6:00 PM + Mary Bushey

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

9:00 AM + John Horney

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Jan Melhorn

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

9:00 AM + Ronald Shrader
5:00 PM + Deacon Charles Taylor

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish
11:15 AM + Joe Behe
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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

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.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal William Keeler, the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, who died this week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to the prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness --- his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension --- through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 1-2

5:00 PM Mass: Harrison, Landon & Ella Smith

8:15 AM Mass: Peyton Duty, Amelia Gerringer, Noah Racioppa

11:15 AM Mass: Brielle Baughman, Autumn & Madi Kuhn

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 1-2

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar

11:15 AM MASS – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 1-2

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Bertie Kuhn, Sam Spiese, Barbara Reichart, Steve Signorello

8:15 AM: Kristy Bucholtz, Margie & Sam Leese, John Maysilles, Carol Stroud

11:15 AM: Carmelita Garcia, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, John Schlaline Jr., Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to memorialize a loved one with flowers for Easter, please pick up an envelope at the entrances of church. Fill this out and return through the collection no later than Monday, April 10th.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

4th Sunday of Lent

1. A very special thank you to those of you who have contributed or will contribute to the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**. Although this weekend was the final weekend of in-pew pledging, contributions can still be made after this time by contacting the parish office, or by making an online donation (by clicking the purple donate button on our parish website – www.ihmparadise.org). Our assessment this year is \$60,100. 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 and Teresa Altland for conducting the in-pew pledge process.
2. **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.
3. The next **Soup and Sermon** takes place on March 29th at Emmanuel here in Abbottstown (“the Square”). You may park at St. John's, but please be careful walking around or across the square. 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 – this week, that's me! By 1pm, we're all finished. Popular Lenten hymns and prayers are part of the service. All are invited to join in.
4. This weekend again at the Saturday 5pm Mass, **the scrutinies** will take place. Perhaps you've never heard of these before. They are very special rites celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent for those candidates and catechumens (“the elect”) from RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – those preparing to be received into the Church as Catholics). These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, as well as the areas of our lives where we are tempted or seriously sin. The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good.
5. A special thank you to Sr. Rosanne, who is conducting the **Lenten morning of reflection** from 9am to 12:30pm on April 1st. That day, I will be in Harrisburg for the Men's Conference hearing confessions.
6. On Tuesday, April 11th our **Parish Penance Service** will be held starting at **7pm**. There will be about 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. If you are unable to attend that evening, other penance services in the area are listed in this week's bulletin so you can go to Confession during Lent. Additionally, Confession will be offered April 11th in the morning from after Mass until 10:30 AM.

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

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

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 1st 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, March 28th 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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “The Lord looks on the heart.” Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on March 6th served 86 families which included 224 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, April 5th is www.volunteersignup.org/89CRM. 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.

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 19, 2017 we sold \$1410.00 for a profit of \$70.50.

HAPPY RETIREMENT! We would like to thank Dan Seymore for all his years of service to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. If anyone would like to send Dan a card, his address is: 8535 Maple Grove Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362.

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.

ACIES CEREMONY – Members of the Legion of Mary would like to invite the parishioners of IHM to the Acies Ceremony, a day of renewing our Consecration to Mary Our Queen on Sunday, March 26th at 2 PM at IHM. The ceremony includes the Legion prayers and Rosary, renewing our promise to Mary, a homily and concludes with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. After the ceremony, all are invited to the social hall for refreshments.

PARISH FLOWER BEDS – Each year we are blessed with parishioners who “adopt a flower bed” for the season. We are thankful for all the hard work and dedication these volunteers show to help keep our parish property so beautiful. By “adopting a flower bed”, you may plant flowers in your designated area, are responsible for weeding and watering on a regular basis, and are to clean-up the flower bed in the Fall. Anyone who is interested should call Anita in the parish office to arrange for any available flower beds. All those who have taken care of flower beds in the past must call and let the parish office know if they plan to continue with their respective flower beds.

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

Youth Night is being held tonight on Saturday, March 25th. Please feel free to join us, and bring your t-shirt designs!

Play practice for The Living Stations of the Cross continues at St. Joseph on Sunday, March 26th, from 2:30 to 4PM. We now have enough actors, but we’re still in need of “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!*

On Saturday, April 1st, from 8:30AM to NOON, Fusion and the Boy Scouts will help clean the roadway in front of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here’s a wonderful

service opportunity! Please RSVP with Paul before **Friday, March 31st**.

On Saturday, April 8th, we’ll be showing the movie *Risen*, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in The Social Hall. Please

RSVP with Paul by **Tuesday, April 4th**. All are welcome to join us!

On Sunday, April 9th, Palm Sunday, Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill will be hosting the Diocesan World Youth Day. It’s a wonderful and spiritually-uplifting one-day youth rally that includes Praise and Worship Music, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Holy Mass with Bishop Gainer, and much more. If you’d like to attend, please RSVP with Paul before **Friday, March 31st**.

Did You Know?

The Stations of the Cross originated during the Crusades when it was popular to visit Jerusalem to follow the steps to Calvary. After the Holy Land was captured, pilgrimages became a very dangerous affair. Starting with crude markers, in safer lands, the Stations were created outdoors to allow people to make substitute pilgrimages. By the mid-18th century, the Stations were allowed inside the church and served as a focus for Lenten devotions.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME – Travel with Father Timothy Marcoe on Proximo Travel’s Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio & Shrines of Italy pilgrimage. Where: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Lancia, 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.

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE – The Diocese of Harrisburg has recently launched a **new** public website at www.HbgDiocese.org. This new site is designed to display well on mobile devices, that is phones, tablets, etc. The content is the same as our previous site although the navigation has changed slightly and we have added several new and exciting social media tools and display items. Please check it out for all the great things our Diocese is doing!

“Are you compelled to follow in Jesus’ footsteps through spiritual outreach to the sick?” If so, Geisinger Holy Spirit invites you to consider volunteering two or three hours a week as a Pastoral Care Visitor. Members of the Pastoral Care Department will train each Pastoral Care Visitor who assumes this ministry. For further information, contact Pastoral Care at 717-972-4255 or 717-763-2118.

Catholic Women's Prison Ministry – SHARING
 Christ's love with women at our local county prison. Ministry team members visit in pairs for one hour each Monday; each pair visits once every four weeks. Is the Holy Spirit inviting you to give one hour once a month to share Sunday's Gospel with this ministry? Orientation is only offered twice a year. The next volunteer orientation program at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex is April 18, 2017. To learn more about this ministry team, please contact perpetuastaub32@gmail.com or ccanute@comcast.net. Applications need to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the April 18th orientation program.

Principal positions available at local Catholic schools – The Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Schools Department has announced one Principal opening and one Associate Principal opening for the 2017-2018 school year. St. Patrick, a PreK-8th grade school in Carlisle will be in need of a Principal and the newly formed St. Teresa of Calcutta, Conewago Campus, is in search of an Associate Principal for its K-3rd grade Primary building. Minimum qualifications: Practicing, knowledgeable Catholic; Thorough understanding of Catholic School Philosophy; Commitment to modeling the values of Catholic Educational Leadership; PA Administrators Certificate (or in process); Catechetical Certification (or in process) and 5 years teaching experience. For more information see the Employment listings on the Diocese of Harrisburg website: www.hbgdiocese.org. Send resume and letter of interest by March 31, 2017 to: Livia Riley, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Harrisburg, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg PA 17111-3710 or by email 1riley@hbgdiocese.org.

Help College Students live their Catholic faith – Catholic Campus Ministry at York College is seeking an **Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry**, a part-time, ten-month professional position. This position requires the ability to work flexible hours including some evenings and weekends. While the hours are based on a 20 hour work week during the academic year, this will fluctuate throughout the year depending on need and circumstance in agreement with the Director. Responsibilities include: creating innovative ways to bring people together; responding to inquiries about the Catholic faith; providing opportunities for young adult faith formation; coordinating the liturgical leadership team; providing pastoral care to students; coordinating annual retreats; mentoring and guiding the student Leadership Team. We offer competitive salary. This position requires fully initiated active member of the Catholic Church. Preferred candidates will have previous experience in youth/young adult ministry and a strong academic background in a related field. All interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by April 5, 2017 to employment@hbgdiocese.org.

Diocesan Scout Mass – A mass followed by a reception for all of the Scouts of our diocese and their families will be celebrated on April 30, 2017 at 2 PM at St. Patrick Church, 210 S. Beaver St., York. Scouts who have completed any of the Catholic religious awards in the past year will be recognized for their accomplishments, but all Scouting families are encouraged to attend. The deadline to pre-order commemorative patches is April 1, 2017. The deadline to have your achievement printed in the mass booklet is April 15, 2017. For more information and to register go to <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/youth-and-young-adults/catholic-scouting>.

Catholic Diocese Night with the Harrisburg Senators
 Join us for a night of fun at the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game on Friday, May 5 at 6 PM at Metro Bank Park on City Island. Harrisburg Diocesan Students will be singing the National Anthem. Tickets are \$9 (ages 3 and under free). There will be a special raffle just for Diocesan Participants and you can enter to win special prizes. Stay for the Post-Game fireworks!

Your Heavenly Father Wants to Heal you – This Hispanic Charismatic Community invites all to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima with a healing retreat at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 310 Hertzler Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. **English session** will be on May 12th at 12:30 PM and Spanish session will be on May 13th at 8 AM. Special Guest: Fr. Daniel Gagnon. For additional information and to register, please contact your prayer group, Lori Ribic at loriribic@yahoo.com or Rosy Gonzalez at 717-903-1111.

HOUSE OF NAZARETH ADORATION CHAPEL –
 We are in need of adorers for the following hours: Sunday @ 1 PM, Wednesday @ 3 PM, Thursday @ 8 AM, 1 PM and 9 PM, Friday @ 7 PM and 8 PM, Saturday @ 6 PM and 7 PM. Contact Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071. The Chapel is closed on Sunday's from 7 AM till noon for cleaning. Please make your visit after Noon.

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REAL ALTERNATIVES – Free and confidential services.

Pregnant? Need Help?
Call 1-888-LIFE-AID
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 like a visit from the Pilgrim Virgin, contact Janet Todt at 528-4755.

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 worshipping.

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 6th 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.

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 Undeateadccourage@gmail.com. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential.

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. 15th should be there at 10 AM. All are welcome!

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Dec. 4	10,168.14
Dec. 11	11,791.00
Dec. 18	8,470.52

Dec. 25

5,874.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 36,303.66

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION \$ 16,547.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	1,533.00
Immaculate Conception	1,748.00
Religious Retirement	2,701.50
Christmas Flowers	1,155.00

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.

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. 14th 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.

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. 11th 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 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.