

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

8:00 PM – Special Intention of Donna Cassatt

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016

9:00 AM + James Drummer

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016

9:00 AM + Josephine Villareal

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

NO MASS – MASS AT I.C.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Gambrell

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Rita Heckman

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 / Revelation 1:9-19

John 20:19-31

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

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.

LOST & FOUND – If you are looking for lost articles please contact the parish office to claim. All unclaimed articles will be discarded after two weeks.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Peter was unique in his response to the news of Jesus' resurrection. The other apostles disregarded the reports from the women who had seen the empty tomb because "their story seemed like nonsense." But Peter took action. He got up and ran to see the evidence and "went home amazed at what had happened."

On this Easter day, we have a choice to make. We too have heard a remarkable report. We have been told that two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus defeated death and rose from the grave. To many people in today's world, this sounds like nonsense, just like it did when it first happened. Some try to spiritualize the miracle, suggesting that it is a story that is meant to symbolize the power of God, but whether Jesus actually rose from the dead is irrelevant. But it was not the Crucifixion that brought confidence to the early followers of Christ; it was the Resurrection. This momentous event has always made the difference! We will only water down our faith if we reduce Easter to anything other than a true miracle. This Easter, may we experience the great joy of new life in the risen Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: What do you find most striking in Luke's account of the empty tomb?

1st Reading Question: How do you see Peter's speech as an effective summary of the Christian good news?

2nd Reading Question: What do you like about Paul's metaphor of yeast and leaven with the life of a Christian?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 2-3

5 PM Mass: Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Audrey Sell

8:15 AM Mass: Jonah & Abbi Robinson, Ava Simone

11:15 AM Mass: Tyler Raubenstine, Erich Steinke, Jacob Fleming

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 2-3

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

8:15 AM MASS – Midge Stokes

11:15 AM MASS – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 2-3

5 PM: Syndia Helmers, Bertie Kuhn, Joanne Lauchman, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM Linda & Howard Billig, Margie & Sam Leese, Carol Stroud

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

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1. He is risen! He is risen indeed! A very happy and blessed **Easter Sunday** to you and all your loved ones. May the joy of Jesus, who once was dead, but who now lives for ever, be in your hearts for the 50 days of this joyful season and beyond!
2. A special **thank you** to all those who assisted in any way with the liturgies during Holy Week. There is always much work to be done for and during these Masses and services, and I appreciate all those helped make them truly inspiring and beautiful.
3. The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday** – celebrating the unfathomable riches of God’s infinite mercy towards us. In this Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy, celebrations will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday at a couple local parishes in our deanery. Please see this bulletin for more information.
4. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** – our parish Bible study begins this Tuesday at 6:30pm and continues through May 17th.
5. **An Easter Prayer to the Risen Christ** by St. Ephrem the Syrian (born 306 AD): O Jesus, King, receive my prayer, and consider my supplication as a pledge to You. For you, O living King, have gone forth and gone up out of Hell, as Conqueror. Woe to those who have rejected you; For, to evil spirits and demons, you are sorrow, to Satan and to Death, you are pain, To Sin and Hell, you are mourning. Yet, O how joy has come today, for those who are born anew. Therefore, on this great day, We give great glory to You, who died and is now alive, that to all you may give life and resurrection!

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 20, 2016 we sold \$920 for a profit of \$46.00.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgiocese.org.

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

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Feb. 7th	12,916.28
Feb. 14th	7,358.00
Feb. 21st	10,744.00
Feb. 28th	8,797.20

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 39,815.48

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Membership Collection	1,593.00
Black & Indian Mission	1,214.75
Capital Improvements	1,582.00

IHM YOUTH MINISTRY FUNCTION - Includes 8th grade thru High School students, parents are encouraged to attend with their students. Divine Mercy Sunday with Eucharistic Adoration which will be held at our Church on Sunday afternoon April 3rd from 3-5 PM.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on March 2nd served 99 families which included 284 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, April 6 is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/folder/1635>. 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.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – “I had been stuck for years after my husband had an affair, divorced me and married the other woman. After my Beginning Experience weekend, my life began again.” Apply for the Beginning Experience weekend April 29-May 1, 2016 at Camp Hebron, Halifax PA if you are struggling with your loss. Applications are due next week, cost is \$249. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-512-2718 or harrisburgbe@gmail.com.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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.