

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

8:00 PM + Helen Behe

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

8:15 AM + Mary Lou Rutty

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

9:00 AM +Ann Wainwright

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

9:00 AM + Eleanor Wykpisz

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

9:00 AM + Ralph Woerner

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

5:00 PM + Susan Amalfitano

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

8:15 AM – Continued Prayers for all Prayer Shawl

Recipients

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Today's gospel instructs us that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above the disappointments and be Easter people all year long.

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, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Maria Maxwell, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Bob Kline, Alice Williams, Kathleen Krepps, Brenda Freed, Michelle Starcher, Louise Peters, Shannon Duff, Ken Jacoby, Judy Goley, Emily Stewart, Pauline Patrick, Syndia Helmers and Maria Tweardy.

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 April 9, 2017 we sold \$1700 for a profit of \$85.00.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciple's discovery of the empty tomb, that was first discovered by women. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved and runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. However, even after having seen the tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection.

Our Easter faith is based on the disciple's witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus --- in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 22-23

5:00 PM Mass: Jakob, Ben & Sadie Wicker

8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh

11:15 AM Mass: Margaret Mailey, Tyler Raubenstine, Erich Steinke

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 22-23

5 PM MASS – Mary Margaret Thorne

8:15 AM MASS – Jeanne Maysilles

11:15 AM MASS – Susan Altobelli

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 22-23

5:00 PM: Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn, Randy & Pat Slonaker, Sam Spiese

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Margie & Sam Leese, Liz Kohler, John Melhorn

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John Schlaline, Jr.

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Schlaline of our parish who died last week.

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. Also, a special thank you to **Charitable Children** for organizing this year's Easter egg hunt, held on Easter Sunday. "What's *Charitable Children*", you say? This new ministry offers families with children through 8th grade opportunities to help others in need. The group will participate in activities such as visiting personal care residents to hand out crafts and sing songs, and delivering food baskets to parish shut-ins. Please contact the parish office for more information. Monica Hoey is the coordinator.
4. The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday** – celebrating the unfathomable riches of God's infinite mercy towards us. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in McSherrystown will have a special service that day. Please see this bulletin for more information.
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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – On Friday, May 12th we will hold a "thank you" dinner for the Volunteers of our

Parish. Signup sheets will be on the ledges next week and more details in next week's bulletin.

HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

Discount tickets to *Herheypark* are available to the friends and families of our parish at a **significant savings**. Gate admission for Regular is \$64.95 (ages 9-54); our price is \$36.00. Gate admission for Juniors (ages 3-8) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$41.95; our price is \$30.50. Gate admission for Senior Plus (ages 70+) is \$26.95; our price is \$23.95. All orders are due May 1st! Order Forms can be found on the ledge behind the last pew. If you have questions, please contact Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7

SPONSOR THE WALK – Donations will be accepted after Masses next weekend to benefit New Hope Ministry's 5K Walk for Hope. Our Respect Live Committee is proud to walk as part of this effort designed to fight hunger and poverty in our community. Your continued generosity toward our neighbors in need is greatly appreciated!

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.

On Saturday, April 22nd, Fusion will be celebrating Adoration Night. On that night, they'll be learning about and discussing Eucharistic Adoration. They also get the opportunity to experience Adoration. All teens are invited to join us. Please bring a Bible and a Rosary.

Did You Know?

The Easter egg as a symbol of the season dates back to Medieval Europe and the Lenten practices of that time. Lenten observations of the medieval period were more strict than they are today. Specifically, people refrained from all meat and dairy products during the entire 40 days of Lent, and this included eggs. Towards the end of Lent, however, eggs could be harvested and hard-boiled to preserve them long enough to keep until Easter. On Easter, Lenten fasts would be broken and the most common treat was usually an egg.

FREE WORKSHOP – HOW TO PROTECT YOUR "STUFF" IN 3 EASY STEPS. This free workshop on May 5, 2017 at 6:30 PM covers frequently asked questions and common misconceptions regarding Wills, Powers of Attorney and Trusts, Asset Protection, Medicaid Qualification and Estate Taxes. The workshop will be presented by Attorney Jeffrey R. Bellomo here in our social hall. Call Anita in the Parish Office (259-0611 ext. 5) to reserve your seat.

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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.

DELONE CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL – Congratulations to those who achieved honor roll status –
FIRST HONORS – Nathan Snyder
SECOND HONORS – Owen Snyder
COMMENDABLE EFFORT – Aaron Slagle, Mark Pacy, Christian Powell.

SUPPORT THE NEW EVANGELIZATION, enjoy a great meal and listen to a very special speaker. That is what is planned for Friday, May 5 when Holy Family Radio, AM 720 WHYF presents Dr. Steven Smith of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. He will keynote the evening that will be emceed by Tom Russell of CBS 21 and Bishop Ronald Gainer. Held at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey on Lindle Rd., Harrisburg, the fundraising dinner for the non-profit independent Catholic Radio Apostolate begins at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Cost is \$100 per person. Register on-line at www.720whyf.com or via mail: Holy Family Radio, PO Box 6028, Lancaster, PA 17607-6028. Smith is a popular Catholic speaker and author. His audio CD – "The Resurrection of Jesus: Fact or Fiction" has sold over 12,000 copies. He has appeared on the EWTN TV program, The Journey Home.

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. Mulch is provided for your use. 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.

SUGGESTION CARDS are available on the back ledges and at the entrances of the church. If you have any suggestions on how to make our parish better, please fill one out and return it in the collection basket.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Feb. 5	8,363.12
Feb. 12	9,731.45
Feb. 19	8,351.50
Feb. 26	8,999.70

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 35,445.77**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	1,430.25
Membership Sunday	1,398.00

WILLIAM CARDINAL KEELER – Bishop Gainer invites the clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg to remember prayerfully William Cardinal Keeler with the traditional Month's Mind Mass on Sunday, April 23 at Saint Patrick Cathedral. This custom remembers the faithful departed one month after their passing from this world. Invoking the redeeming love and consolation of the Divine Mercy, the celebration will begin with Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament following the 12:15 PM Mass. At 3 PM Bishop Gainer will lead those gathered in the solemn praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 4 PM a solemn mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of William Cardinal Keeler. All services are open to the public.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL – The 2017 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal is off to a great start. Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's appeal. To date, we have received gifts/pledges totaling \$60,925 towards this year's goal of \$60,100. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us. There are blank envelopes on the ledge behind the last pew. Please fill it out and return it in the collection or by mail.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA Elementary School in Thomasville is hosting the 4th Annual Sip Into Summer Wine & Beer Festival to be held Saturday May 13, 2017 from 1-6 PM. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 at the gate and can be purchased online at www.stroseevents.org or by calling the school office at 792-0889. We invite you to stroll the grounds enjoying live bands, food trucks, craft/specialty vendors selling jewelry, soaps, 31 bags, etc. and of course samplings of wineries and breweries from around the region. Come out, support Catholic Education and have an enjoyable experience.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME – Travel with Father Timothy Marcoe on Proximo Travel's Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio &

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:

Laurence & Rose Ellsperman & family, Dillsburg
Stephen & Judy Sracic, Abbottstown
Keri Kroft, Spring Grove
John & Susan Gandionco & family, Thomasville

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

