MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 9:00 AM + Thomas Scholand

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017 9:00 AM – Special Intentions of Fr. Sterner

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017
9:00 AM + Ray, Gene and Frank Zalewski

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017
9:00 AM – Intentions of Joe Buttacci

SATURDAY, ARPIL 29, 2017
5:00 PM + Pat Schwar and Jay Stevens

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Intentions of Mark Wantz on his birthday
+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - "Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrations by their parents.

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, Micheline Starcher, Louise Peters, Shannon Duff, Ken Jacoby, Judy Goley, Emily Stewart, Pauline Patrick, Syndia Helmers and Maria Tweardy.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Is God calling you to be an instrument of God's mercy to others as a priest, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising: the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas' human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 29-30 **5:00 PM Mass:** Nathan & Emma Maysilles,

Regina Walton

8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Noah Racioppa, Ava

Simone

11:15 AM Mass: Brielle Baughman, Edie Rumbaugh,

Nich Steinke

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 29-30 **5 PM MASS** – Kathy Schwar **8:15 AM MASS** – Carol Morris **11:15 AM MASS** – Jess Socrates Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 29-30

5:00 PM: Syndia Helmers, Dan Landis, Mat & Holly

Robinson, Janet Todt

8:15 AM: Kristy Bucholtz, John Maysilles, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes, Carol Stroud

11:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Lorrie Nagy, Diane & John Schlaline, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: Charles Luckenbaugh, Jr., grandson of Regina Luckenbaugh and Gerald Lang, uncle of Nick Stollar. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Schuchart of our parish who died this week.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

1. This Sunday, April 23rd, the universal Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Our risen Lord Jesus Himself appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun (1905-1938) and spoke to her about God's Divine Mercy. These apparitions (which are recorded in her diary, Divine Mercy in my Soul) led the Church to establish this feast of mercy as a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary 699). Our Lord made a great promise for this feast that all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy would "obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699). The big banner located in the baptistery area of the church (up front) is the image of Divine Mercy, and the closest representation of what St. Faustina herself saw when Jesus appeared to her!

Our Lord also said to St. Faustina, "...I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People were walking along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it. And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and strewn with thorns and rocks; and the people who walked along it had tears in their eyes, and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings." (153)

- 2. This Sunday, April 23rd, to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in McSherrystown will have a special service that day. Please see this bulletin for more information.
- 3. 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. Also, thank you for the cards and goodies that you gave me.
- Next weekend (April 29/30), Fr. Brian Wayne, the Director of Vocations of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will be visiting our parish and preaching at all Masses. After each Mass, we will have a light reception in the social hall so you can go and ask him any questions or just talk to him. In particular, I would like to invite any boys and girls,

and men and women, who may be thinking about serving God as a priest or as a religious sister to chat with him.

> God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL - will be held next weekend. Right now, over 40% of the dioceses in the United States are considered Home Missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

VIV (VERY IMPORTANT VOLUNTEES) DINNER will be held Friday, May 12th in our parish social hall at 6:30 PM. This dinner is held to show our appreciation to the many volunteers who assist our parish. If you volunteer and plan to attend this dinner, please use the sign-up sheets on the window sills and on the back ledge so we have a count. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, May 7th.

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

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - The last Prayer Shawl meeting before the summer will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 2nd in Room #3 of the Religious Ed Building. We will not meet in June, July or August.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THRIFT SHOP is in great need of volunteers. Could you spare just three hours a week? If interested, please contact Pat Slonaker at 624-3245.

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. Sunday, April 23rd, is Divine Mercy Sunday. On Saturday, May 13th, there will a special movie night in the Social Hall, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Led by Jeff Seifert and Mike Gurgul, they will discuss and show the movie *Finding Fatima*. All are welcome to attend!

Did You Know?

On Divine Mercy Sunday, remember that God's message of mercy is as simple as ABC. A – Ask for His Mercy, B – Be Merciful, and C – Completely Trust in Jesus.

Stress in your Marriage? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 15-17 in Mechanicsburg, call 800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

YORK THEOLOGY ON TAP – Join other young adults for a discussion of "Christ Our Hope" with Fr. Mark Wilke, April 25, 2017 at the First Post (on the second floor) 3691 E. Market St., York. Happy Half Hour at 7:00 and speaker begins at 7:30 PM, followed by Q & A. Theology on Tap is a Young Adult Ministry and Evangelization outreach of the Diocese of Harrisburg. All young adults (20's and 30's) are invited to attend.

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE UPDATES:

June 23-25 – Teresa Tomeo & Deacon Dominick Pastore – Beyond Sunday-Bringing Faith into our Everyday Relationships

June 30-July 2 – Fr. James Blount – Charismatic Retreat

July 6-7 & July 7-9 – Johnette Benkovic and Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM – Benedicta Leadership Institute & Women of Grace Retreat

July 28-30 – Hector Molino, Tony Brandt & Christ Stewart – Casting Nets Evangelistic Leadership Retreat

Aug. 4-6 – Gary Zimak – How to Stop Worrying & Start Living

SPECIAL OVERNIGHT RETREATS:

May 12-13 – Young Adult Retreat – Created for Joy

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – The Beginning Experience Weekends are an approved Roman Catholic Program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. The next weekend will be May 5-7th at beautiful Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA. For more information check out www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-379-0800.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – The 3rd Annual National Day of Prayer event will take place on Thursday, May 4th whereby we will pray for Adams County, surrounding areas and our nation. This year, the event will be held again at Oakside Community Park Trostle Amphitheater, 2880 Table Rock Road, Biglerville at 6:30 PM. Oakside Park is the same place where the annual "Cry Out America!" prayer event is held each year.

"Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end."

St. Teresa of Avila

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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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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 worshiping.

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.

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 worldrenowned 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.