

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

5:00 PM + John Potocki

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

8:15 AM + Phil Aumen

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

9:00 AM + James Drummer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Gambrill

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Polly Renaut

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016

9:00 AM + Minnie Micalochick

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

5:00 PM + Pat Schwar & Joe Stevens

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + James Drummer

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29 / Revelation 21:10-23
John 14:23-29

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family does which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it has, love for one another.

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, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Judy Leary, Alice Williams, Donna Cassatt, and Robert Leary, and Kathy & Russ Brock.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Pearl Bankert, mother of Joann Seymore, who died last week.

FLOWER BEDS – the two new flower beds in front of Church are still available for adoption. If you are interested in maintaining and caring for these flower beds throughout the season, please contact Anita in the parish office.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

As Christians, we are called to be Christ's witnesses in the world by loving others. In today's Gospel reading, he gave us a new commandment, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Anyone, everyone, should be able to look at us and see this love in action. If we are not witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission.

So, how did Jesus love us? Selflessly. He often suffered for us, and not just on the cross. He faced rejection and animosity for loving those who were considered "unlovable" in his culture. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity, always willing to give of himself. This is the love we are called to imitate. The task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Thankfully, however, Jesus doesn't expect us to do this on our own. He promises us his Spirit to live in us and love through us. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with the supernatural gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we make these gifts flourish.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: How well do you follow this "new commandment" of Jesus to love one another?

1st Reading Question: Why do you think Paul returned to the city that tried to stone him to death?

2nd Reading Question: What do you find most appealing in John's final vision?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 30-May 1

5 PM Mass: Anastasia & Sophia Galysh, Brielle Baughman

8:15 AM Mass: Ava Simone, Maeve Anderson, Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM Mass: Roah Racioppa, Jacob Fleming, Nick Steinke

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 30-May 1

5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck

8:15 AM MASS – Jeanne Maysilles

11:15 AM MASS – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 30-May 1

5 PM: Leo Hare, Syndia Helmers, Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn, Sam Spiese

8:15 AM Liz Kohler, Holly & Mat Robinson, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes

11:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Lorrie Nagy, John Schlaline Jr., Leland Steinke, Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

5th Sunday of Easter

1. **Thank you** to our Cub Scout Pack 127 for **cleaning up** the parish grounds this past Saturday. They will be gathering together again to continue the work on a future date. Also, on May 7th the Boy Scouts of Troop 127 will be conducting a road clean up on Canal Road. There is a road sign towards the intersection with Route 30 that states the youth of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish maintain this road by cleaning it up.
2. Next Saturday, April 30th at the 5pm Mass, our children will be making their **first Holy Communion**. Let us pray for them as they prepare to receive the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time.
3. Recently, our parish finance council completed our **2016-2017 parish budget**, which was submitted to the Diocese. I am pleased to report that we were able to submit a balanced budget, and also that the following items will be included:
In keeping with our 5 year Parish Plan, we have budgeted for a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator. I see high school youth ministry as an extension of our parish-based Religious Education (CCD), which ends in 8th grade. Therefore, while we have had success these past 2 years with our volunteer-based youth ministry, in order for it to grow, a person in this paid position is truly needed (more information to follow soon about this).
Also, as we did for this current year, we are going to again assist Immaculate Conception School in New Oxford with a donation for next school year. Each parish sending children to a local Catholic school is assessed a subsidy by the Diocese to defray the cost of education. However, that subsidy is not a true cost to educate. Therefore, given that it is anticipated that there will be more children from IHM at IC School next year than there are children from IC Parish, we deemed it our responsibility to help our neighboring parish in this way.
4. This Wednesday, April 27th, is **Administrative Professionals Day**. Allow me this opportunity to thank our entire parish staff for all the valuable work they do and ministry they conduct on behalf of our parish family.
5. May 1st after the 8:15am Mass we will have a special Coffee and Donuts in the social hall to **welcome new parishioners to our parish**. ALL parishioners are invited to join in to welcome our newest members.

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “By this everyone will know that you are My disciples.” How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord’s new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

PARISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL – You are cordially invited to a festive and enjoyable afternoon of ethnic food, music, cultural dances, theme basket raffles, silent auction and more on Sunday, May 22nd after the 11:15 AM Mass. Featured guest emcee is Marty Rotela, a grammy nominee singer, composer and evangelist. This event will help raise funds for much needed medicines and basic supplies that Fr. Marcoe and members of the mission group will take to Jamaica in early October. Please come and bring your friends and families. The festival committee will appreciate donations of food and items for silent auction. Contact Luz Socrates at 717-873-3650 for more information or email her at luzvsoc@hotmail.com.

HERSHEYPARK Discount Tickets

Discount tickets to *Hersheypark* will once again be available this year at significant savings. Gate admission for Regular is \$63.80 (ages 9-54); our price is **\$34.95**; for Juniors (ages 3-8) and Seniors (ages 55-69) is \$40.80; our price is **\$29.50**; for Senior Plus (ages 70+) is \$26.80; our price is **\$22.95**. Order Forms can be found on the ledge behind the last pew. All orders are due into **Sister Rosanne by Sunday, May 1st**. You can drop the order forms and check in the collection basket in an envelope with: **ATTENTION: Sister Rosanne** on the front.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on April 6th served 99 families which included 270 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, May 4 is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/56850>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

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

Debra Vasher, East Berlin
Pauline Gasswint, East Berlin
Barbara Reichart & Alfred MacArthur – Gettysburg

STEWARDSHIP MISSION DISPLAY – In 2015, Stewardship Mission was able to plant **over 194,000 seeds** in the form of high-quality Catholic books, booklets, and CDs in parishes and schools. I would like to thank you and your parish for being our partners in this mission. Through God’s grace, IHM parish was able to give away **1128** of these resources. Our parishioners gave **\$1307.22** in donations. I pray that through our work together, hearts have been healed, anxieties alleviated, and sorrow has been replaced with hope and joy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – We have a really fun Vacation Bible School planned for this summer! If your children attend “BARNYARD ROUNDUP” they will learn so much about Jesus, our “Good Shepherd” who in his compassion and mercy feeds 5000 people; welcomes home the “Lost Son”; sows seeds of love and goodness in our hearts; and meets Mary at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning. VBS will be held July 18th through July 22nd from 6-8:30 PM. Registration Forms can be found on the ledge behind the last pews. For more information, call Sr. Rosanne.

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 17, 2016 we sold \$1405 for a profit of \$70.25.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS – The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking dedicated Catholic educators for our Catholic Schools who are rooted in their faith and prepared to share the message of the gospel. Positions are available for **September 2016** from Pre-K through 12th grade. For more information contact the Diocese of Harrisburg, Secretariat for Education, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710, 717-657-4804 or visit the website at www.hbgdiocese.org.

CHARISMATIC MASS – A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Grotto, at 1:30 PM. There will be prayers for the sick following the Mass. A shuttle service is available from the parking lot to the chapel area for those who need it. All are welcome.

SEVEN TEACHINGS AT ST. ROSE OF LIMA - This series of seven talks, given by leaders in the Renewal and the New Evangelization is designed to introduce people to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and to an experience of a New Pentecost. Teachings will inspire and challenge you to pray with new fervor. “Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth!”
Session 1: God’s Love
Session 2: Salvation
Session 3: The New Life
Session 4: Receiving God’s Gifts
Session 5: Prayer for the Baptism in the Spirit
Session 6: Growth
Session 7: Transformation in Christ

Sessions will be held at St. Rose of Lima Church Parish Center, 950 W. Market St., York on Thursday, April 28 from 6:30- 9 PM and Saturdays April 30, May 7, May 14 from 9 AM-2 PM. Contact Joyce at 717-887-3515.

SAINT PADRE PIO PRESENTATION – St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Bonneauville will host a presentation on May 13th at 6:30 PM in the Church. Fr. GianMaria will give a presentation and have relics of the Saint available for veneration. A free will offering will be taken to support his mission.

WALKING WITH THE SAINTS - The Black Catholic Apostolate is hosting a presentation on May 14th from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. will present on The Cause for the Canonization of Father Augustus Tolton. Sister Jean L. Olmstead, SBS will present on how Saint Katharine Drexel became the Patron Saint of Racial Injustice. Doors open at 8:30 AM and a continental breakfast will be offered. There is no registration fee and all are invited.

WYD STATESIDE is a 26 hour overnight vigil for groups of high school youth and young adults from the Mid-Atlantic area. This Diocesan celebration will take place in Lancaster, PA on July 30 & 31, 2016 at Lancaster Catholic High School and Clipper Magazine Stadium. Jackie Francois Angel will be our Emcee and Headliner; Special guests include Ceili Rain, Sean Patrick Mally and more!

Those attending will experience a series of events similar to those that will occur at WYD Krakow, Poland – a pilgrimage walk, Stations of the Cross, opportunities for Confession and Adoration, Mass, concerts, catechesis, an outdoor overnight candlelit vigil and more. Registration is now open! Contact your parish Youth Minister or visit www.hbgdiocese.org/wydstateside and follow World Youth Day Diocese of Harrisburg on facebook. ALL REGISTRATIONS are requested by May 31, 2016. Sponsorships are also available – contact us at dwaters@lchsyes.org.

GOLF OUTING – Immaculate Conception BVM School will host its annual golf outing on Friday, May 20th at 1 PM at the Bridges Golf Club. The cost for a foursome is \$260 and includes green fees, golf cart, door prizes, snacks, beverages and a post tournament meal. Cash prizes will be awarded. Contact Audrey Clabaugh at 717-321-0054 or audreyclabaugh@yahoo.com for additional information or registration form.

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**STEWARDSHIP MISSION – Jubilee Year of Mercy
Theme: Holy Spirit, Fountain of Mercy**

The Jubilee Year of Mercy theme for April is “Holy Spirit, Fountain of Mercy”. This week, choose a CD/book/booklet from our resource display to learn more about the message of Divine Mercy and to embrace the Spirit’s invitation to trust in God’s love. Thank you for your generous donations that help to support the mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

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

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for Mar. 6th	10,433.25
Mar. 13th	8,885.15
Mar. 20th	8,203.25
Mar. 27th	8,055.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 35,576.65

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Catholic Relief Services	1,014.00
Disaster Relief	1,086.50
Holy Land Collection	1,646.25
Holy Thursday Collection	1,270.00
Easter Collection	13,557.97

WEEKEND RETREAT AT MOUNT ST. MARY’S -

June 24-26, 2016. The weekend retreat is being created to help folks in this Year of Mercy release themselves from any obstacles that might be in their way that keeps them from experiencing the healing forgiveness of the love and Mercy of Christ. Immaculee Ilibagiza and Kathleen McCarthy will be the Retreat Leaders. Basic Retreat Package is \$157 and Overnight Guest Retreat Package is \$237. Check-in begins at 3 PM on Friday. Registration is open! Visit www.aliveinthepirit.net.

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.

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.

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.