

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

5:00 PM – Ray Varela

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Rita Heckman

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

9:00 AM + Dale Renaut

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

9:00 AM + John Potocki

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Pat Slonaker

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

9:00 AM + Michael Salata

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

5:00 PM + Fred Krepps

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32 / Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

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, Robert Leary and Ruth Sharff.

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

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Staub, brother of Jeanne Maysilles, who died last week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

After the Crucifixion, the disciples had locked themselves in a room in fear. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery or fear --- whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration for the year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: How do you come to terms without your own doubts in your faith life?

1st Reading Question: What challenges do you think the apostles faced with this remarkable early success in evangelization?

2nd Reading Question: Why do you think Jesus initially appears to John ready for battle?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 9-10

5 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

8:15 AM Mass: Ethan Aiello, Amelia Gerringer, Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM Mass: Noah Racioppa, Harrison & Landon Smith

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 9-10

5 PM MASS – Pat Renaut

8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar

11:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 9-10

5 PM: Leo Hare, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Steve Hoffman, Steve Signorello

8:15 AM Jason Duty, Kim Leese, John Melhorn, Holly and Mat Robinson

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Stella Thomas, Bonnie Hensel, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

2nd Sunday of Easter

1. This Sunday, April 3rd, 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).

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. A special **thank you** again to all those who assisted in any way with the liturgies during the Triduum and Easter. 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. Thank you to all who responded so very generously to the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**. Towards our goal of \$56,100 current pledges have totaled **\$66,237.00** to date!!! This year's appeal has been a success because of each and every contribution we received – in short, because of your generosity! Please note that all monies raised above our goal, come back to our parish to assist with the continuing growth and needs of our parish. Your support is greatly appreciated by me, as pastor, as well as by Bishop Gainer, on behalf of the entire Diocese of Harrisburg. Please know that your financial gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal helps subsidize some 47 important ministries and programs, which serve more than 250,000 of our neighbors in need throughout the Diocese. For those who may have not yet contributed to this appeal, know that there is still time. Simply visit our parish website, pick up

an envelope on the ledge behind the last pews, or call the parish office.

4. At this month's **Abbottstown - East Berlin Food Pantry** (held on April 6th at Trinity in East Berlin – there's still time to sign up, they always need help there!), IHM will be sponsoring the hospitality table to provide a little extra welcome and kindness to clients who are assisted. Thank you to all those who donate to, support, and help out with this ecumenical ministry.

Just in case you're wondering, we have nearly 100 people who are joining us for our Bible Study, **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!**

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING – will be held Wednesday, April 6th at 7 PM in the Religious Ed Center, Room #3.

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.

FLOWER BEDS – Spring is here! As our weather continues to improve, it is time to clean out the flower beds and get ready for summer. All those who have volunteered to "adopt a flower bed" should begin to prepare and nurture their respective flower beds. Mulch will be delivered this week for your use.

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.

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.

CONVERSIONS ON FAITH – The Year of Mercy, Happiness, Bullying and Suicide and Staying Catholic on Campus: these are the topics discussed with the seniors at the seven Catholic High Schools in our Diocese this past Lent with Bishop Gainer via videoconference. Recordings of these classes along with those from past years are most suitable for viewing by the general public and are archived on the Diocesan website under the Our Faith tab at www.HbgDiocese.org/conversationsonfaith. Some previous topics also available include: How Can We Say That the Catholic Church is the Church Founded by Christ? Christianity and Islam: Is There a Connection? The Big Bang and Genesis: Are Science and Religion Enemies?

STEWARDSHIP MISSION – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us call to mind that Jesus tells us through St. Faustina how He longs for our love. The first step toward love is getting to know someone. This week, choose a CD/book/booklet from our Resource display to help you know the Lord better. Thank you for your generous donations to our display that help to support the mission of Stewardship: A Mission of Faith and Lighthouse Catholic Media to bring these resources to more parishes.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:
John & Debbie Streeb, Abbottstown
Scott & Cindy Morgan, Hanover
Josh & Molly Raetz & family, Spring Grove
Martin & Lisa Dayberry & family, York Springs
Tim & Cindy Downey & family, East Berlin
Michael & Lucia Hrinyak, Hanover
Virginia Doonis, Wellsville
Mary Margaret Thorne, New Oxford
Bob & Lynn Massaroni, Hanover
Michael & Jennifer Bergels & family, Abbottstown
Sharon Ward, Abbottstown

SOCIAL NETWORKING WORKSHOP – You are invited to attend this “Adults Only” Workshop at Immaculate Conception School on Monday, April 25th at 6:30 PM. This workshop will help participants understand how child molesters use the internet to sexually exploit children. You will experience firsthand just how fast children may encounter on a daily basis while utilizing

the internet from the risk of meeting sexual predators as well as the realities of cyberbullying. We will also provide you with a basic overview of the online technologies utilized by children and teens, and will provide you with numerous real-world examples of cyberbullying that help to drive home the seriousness of this problem.

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE – Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry – Gettysburg College. A part time, ten month professional position. Needed to assist the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry in leading our Christ-centered and growing Catholic Campus Ministry. Responsibilities include: creating innovative ways to bring people together; responding to inquiries about the Catholic faith; providing opportunities for young adult faith formation; attending weekly campus Mass and coordinating the liturgical leadership team; providing pastoral care to students; coordinating annual retreats; mentoring and guiding the student Leadership Team. 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 15, 2016 to: employment@hbqdiocese.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PREBORN & INFANT LOSS – On Sunday, May 1, 2016, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Spring Grove is holding a Memorial Service for Preborn and Infant Loss at 1 PM in the Parish Center. If your family has lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or infant death, please join us for this memorial Service for those lost too soon. We will also have the installation and blessing of a special permanent memorial to those lost too soon being placed on the ground of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1031 Sprenkle Rd., Spring Grove. A light social will be held following the service. For more information, please contact Joy at 717-225-1704.

VNA HOSPICE CARE – VNA Hospice Program is seeking individuals interested in becoming a hospice spiritual counselor volunteer or prn professional spiritual counselor. Both positions are a professional position responsible for the provision of non-denominational spiritual care services to patients/families/caregivers, either directly or through coordination of care with other spiritual counselors that may include community clergy. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about the VNA Hospice program should contact Teresa Lawyer at 637-1227 or 1-800-422-3197.

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ADORATION CHAPEL – The Adams Deanery Perpetual Adoration Chapel is in need of additional adorers for: Monday at 6 AM; Tuesday at 1 AM, 8 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM; Thursday at 10 AM; Friday at 6 AM; and Saturday at 6 PM and 10 PM.

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.

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

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.

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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.

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.