

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 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

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

9:00 AM + Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

9:00 AM + Dorothy Schlaline

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

9:00 AM + Guy Lawrence

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

MASS AT IC AT 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

9:00 AM + Ralph Woerner

5:00 PM + Phil Aumen

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + George Abraham

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41 / 1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to 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, 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

When we hear today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that the friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger, only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture.

The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciple's eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we are sharing in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun May 6-7

5:00 PM Mass: Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Amelia Gerringer

8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Lauren Wicker,
Ava Simone

11:15 AM Mass: Edie Rumbaugh, Margaret & Claire
Mailey

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun May 6-7

5 PM MASS – Barbara Reichart

8:15 AM MASS – Midge Stokes

11:15 AM MASS – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun May 6-7

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Bertie Kuhn, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Mary Margaret Thorne

8:15 AM: Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Elaine & Mitch Walton, Claire Wentz

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Kevin Behr, Carmelita Garcia, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

3rd Sunday of Easter

1. This weekend (April 29/30), Fr. Brian Wayne, the **Director of Vocations** of the Diocese of Harrisburg, is **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.
2. From time to time during the Easter Season, the **Sprinkling Rite** will occur at the beginning of weekend Masses in place of the Penitential Rite ("Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, etc.). The Sprinkling Rite reminds us that it was first at our baptism that Jesus washed away our sins in His precious blood, and that through Reconciliation, this forgiveness continues to come to us, washing our sins away.
3. Don't forget, this Wednesday, and each 1st Wednesday of the month volunteers are needed to serve at the **Abbottstown – East Berlin Food Pantry**. In addition to providing volunteers, IHM also collects Health and Beauty items (like toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and laundry detergent all month long in the blue barrels located at the entrances of the church. These particular items are always in great need by the guests of the Food Pantry. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important ecumenical ministry.
4. Congratulations to our children who will receive their **first Holy Communion** at the 5pm Mass on May 6th at our parish! May the joy of receiving for the first time the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of their Savior, awaken within us the same joy of knowing that Jesus comes to each of us personally to nourish us with His amazing grace. Also, congratulations to our four teens from IHM that attend IC School in New Oxford, who will receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation** that same day!
5. **Did you know that we have a local Catholic radio station?** No kidding! **AM 720 – Holy Family Radio**. Depending at where you live will determine the strength of the signal. But the content is absolutely encouraging and uplifting. I highly recommend you tune in, and if you feel so led, to perhaps even financially support this diocesan ministry. This is an important way to evangelize not just ourselves as Catholics, but also all those in our local communities. See <http://www.720whyf.com/> for more info.

God bless you and your week.
Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

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.

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 23, 2017 we sold \$2240 for a profit of \$112.00.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on April 5th served 97 families which included 265 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, May 3rd is www.volunteersignup.org/K9PX4. 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.

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.

A special thank you to all the teens who came out to Adoration Night last Saturday. It was truly a spiritually uplifting time. We plan to schedule an Adoration Night once every month.

On Saturday, May 13th, there will be 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!

Calling all teens! Did you know that God created you to be a once-in-a-lifetime, never-to-be-repeated, unique individual? That you are wonderfully made? Starting in the summer, Fusion is hosting a program called **Dynamic YOU**. The program will run in the evening from Sunday, June 4th to Sunday, August 13th, from 6 to 8:30PM. Topics include: Dating, Marriage, Priesthood, and Love Defined. We'll watch and discuss the video series called **YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body**. This a great way to get answers to the questions facing teens in the modern world. If you would like to attend, please register before Wednesday, May 24th.

Did You Know?

St. Catherine of Siena's feast day is Saturday, April 29th. She is the patron saint against fires, illness, and miscarriages; as well as for the United States, Italy, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses. One of her most famous quotes is: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

ASK THE BISHOP – Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be taking questions from listeners during a special live radio program on Holy Family Radio, AM 720. This will happen on Monday, May 8th from Noon to 1 PM. The theme of the lunch hour broadcast will focus on ways that people can increase the practice of their faith and grow closer to Jesus. Those interested in asking Bishop Gainer a question will be able to phone in their questions during that hour to the station at 717-525-8110. Questions can also be sent in advance via email to: Communications@hbgdiocese.org. Everyone is invited to tune in and listen to what promises to be a lively hour of conversation and advice. The station can also be heard live on line at www.720whyf.com.

JOHN GASTLEY SCHOLARSHIP - The John Gastley Scholarship Foundation supports Catholic education and Delone needs your support to continue bringing the best young people to Delone to continue the good works they demonstrated at an early age in the way of positive peer pressure. Now into our 9th annual scholarship the results of the youngsters we funded are

impressive in the classroom and in the community. On May 13th, there is a Dinner Raffle at SAVES in Hanover with a \$5000 grand prize where the new awardee is introduced. Only 300 tickets are being sold and you do not have to be present to win. The \$100 ticket also provides dinner and drinks for 2 with additional opportunities at small games of chance. We need your support to carry on. Tickets are available at Delone or by calling 301-994-2829. TJGSF is a 501-c3 non-profit corporation and your purchase is tax deductible.

MORNING OF REFLECTION – St. Rose of Lima Church, 950 W. Market St. in York is sponsoring Our Lady of Fatima Morning of Reflection on Saturday, May 13th. Rosary at 8 AM, Mass at 8:30 AM, Consecration to Mary, Father Richards talk on Fatima at 10 AM, DVD of Our Lady of Fatima at 10:30 AM and Closing Prayers at 11:30 AM.

HEALING MASS – A Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing will be held at St. Rose of Lima Church, 950 W. Market St., York on Wednesday, May 17th at 7 PM. Praise and worship music begins at 6:30 PM. Celebrant will be Fr. Daniel Richards. Any questions, contact Joyce at 717-308-7245.

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY PRE-SCHOOL – The Sisters of St. Joseph announce a limited number of openings in their "5 day full day" program for four year olds for next year at St. Joseph Academy Pre-School. For registration information, contact Sister Deborah Hughes at dhughes@ssjphila.org by May 6th.

MALVERN RETREAT – Family Fest at Malvern Retreat House on Sunday, June 11th. Rosary Procession to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 1 PM, Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, The Donut Man, Grammy Nominated Singer Marty Rotella, Food, Fun activities. Cost is \$25.00.

Jesus, reaching out to grasp Peter's sinking hand, symbolizes Jesus' compassion to someone who swings back and forth like a pendulum between boisterous bravado and cringing fear.

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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.

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
June 16-18 – Separated & Divorced Retreat

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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!

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.