

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

April 8-14

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

5:00 PM + Dorothy Schlaline

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

8:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

9:00 AM + Eleanor Smith

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

9:00 AM + Barb Brandl

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

9:00 AM + Joan (Duffield) Farrell

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

9:00 AM + Members of the Seymore Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

5:00 PM + Ed & Pearl Bankert

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

8:15 AM + Charlie Kulynych
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15 / 1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

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, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Hector & Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, Valerie Strine, Doreen Oblack, Robert Despres, John Melhorn, Theresa Staub and Joanne Hallisey.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God’s call to be sent as priest, sister or brother who proclaims the truth and peace of Jesus Christ? Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804 frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Hector Miranda of our parish who died this week and Samuel (Jay) Spiese III, son of Sam & Nancy Spiese who died this week.

Sunday, April 8th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM

Sunday, April 8th – Adult Enrichment Class in the Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM

Monday, April 9th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

Monday, April 9th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Monday, April 9th - Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM

Tuesday, April 10th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM

Tuesday, April 10th – Pre-RCIA in the Den, 6:30-8 PM

Wednesday, April 11th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Wednesday, April 11th – PCCW in the social hall 7 PM

Thursday, April 12th – Building & Grounds, 7 PM

Friday, April 13th – Fusion Bible Study in the Den 7-8:30 PM

Saturday, April 14th – Fusion meeting in the Den 6-8:30 PM

Saturday, April 14th /Sunday, April 15th – Parish Ministry Fair after all Masses

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 14-15

5:00 PM Mass: Kayla Bream, Hannah Fletcher, Harrison Smith

8:15 AM Mass: Mary & Joseph Murphy, Tyler Raubenstine

11:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Erich Steinke
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 14-15

5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur

8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis

11:15 AM MASS – Andy Hershey
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 14-15

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Rose Kietz, Jen Gentile, Barb Redding, Steve Signorello

8:15 AM: Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes, Carol Stroud, Mitch & Elaine Walton

11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, John & Diane Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PCCW – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 11th at 7 PM in the church social hall to plan their May 9th baby shower. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Divine Mercy Sunday

1. 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.
2. One of our teen parishioners, Savannah Racioppa, was chosen to have her artwork printed on the back cover of the program for the upcoming Diocese of Harrisburg Council of Catholic Women Convention. **Congratulations**, Savannah.
3. This Sunday, April 8th, 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!
4. Join us at our parish **Ministry Fair** in the social hall the **weekend of April 14 and 15** after each of the Masses for a celebration of the many ministries and organizations supported by our fellow parishioners here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Our theme is *Growing our Faith Family*. Consider ways that you can be more fully involved in the life of our parish family, or just come to see all the wonderful things going on here at IHM – either way, you're welcome. There will be good food and a festive atmosphere!

In preparation for the Ministry Fair, we invite you to review the list of all the ministries and organizations found in our updated "**Parish Pastoral Booklet**" (copies of which can be found on the ledge behind the last pew in the church, or found online at our parish website – www.ihmparadise.org).

Last week in the bulletin, a "**Talent and Ministry**" form was included. (For those of you who did not get one, additional copies can be found on the same ledges). We invite you to prayerfully discern what special skills and talents God might be calling you to share with our parish family. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share, we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our parish and community.

Then, the weekend after the Ministry Fair, we will have "**Participation Sunday**". We'll invite you to fill out the Talent & Ministry forms after the homily (don't worry, we'll have new copies of these in the pews), and then ask you to return them in the "2nd collection". You will be contacted shortly afterwards by coordinators of the group(s) you selected to provide you with further information, or to welcome you to that particular ministry or organization.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

FUSION NEWS - Did You Know? On February 22nd, 1931, St. Faustina Kowalska was visited by Jesus, who presented himself as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from his heart. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for re-emphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.
Fridays, April 6th – May 11th, 7 – 8:30PM – Bible Study
Sunday, April 8th - Divine Mercy Sunday
Saturday, April 14th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night
Saturday, April 28th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night with Adoration

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO – The IHM Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on May 5, 2018 at Delone Catholic High School, 140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown). Doors open at 5:30 PM and the games start at 7 PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door if available. The Knights are soliciting contributions for Door Prizes and Raffles. Please contact John Schlaline at 717-699-4535 or Bill Zimmer at 717-292-4870 for additional information.

APRIL – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The Diocese of Harrisburg is committed to the safety of children. We take very seriously the protection of youth in all Church related activities and programs. We are working to make the Catholic Church one of the safest institutions in the country. To report the suspected abuse of a minor you must notify both law enforcement and the Church. First, call the PA Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a Church official, employee or volunteer, no matter when it happened, call the diocesan toll free hotline at 1-800-626-1608. In the Diocese of Harrisburg, we

- Have zero tolerance for anyone who is guilty of even one instance of abuse
- Offer opportunities to help victims to heal
- Screen all employees and volunteers before they can begin service
- Educate our youth on how to stay safe
- Train employees and volunteers on how to recognize and report abuse
- Disclose all allegations to local civil authorities
- Exceed State and national requirements
- Undergo an annual independent audit of our procedures

To learn more about what you can do to prevent abuse, how to report abuse, assistance available to victims and Youth protection efforts of the Diocese, please visit: www.hbgdiocese.org/safeyouth.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students at
Delone Catholic High School for achieving honor roll
status:

FIRST HONORS: Julia O'Brien, Audrey Sell and
Harrison Smith

SECOND HONORS: Christian Powell

COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Abigail Sell

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Black & Indian Mission	1,487.50
Capital Improvements	1,493.70
Membership Collection	1,279.25

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on March 14th served 89 families which included 205 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, April 4th is www.volunteersignup.org/7J3CL. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, as well LAUNDRY DETERGENT, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

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.

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 March 25, 2018 we sold \$1660 for a profit of \$83.00.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Were you married in 1968? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2 PM at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact Anita in the parish office **before April 10th**.

PARISH CARING COMMITTEE – Assists parishioners on an as needed basis, in times of need or stress and provides visitation, care giver relief, meals, errands, light household chores and local transportation. To request assistance or to become a Caring Committee Volunteer, contact Jen Gentile at 717-225-5059.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 35,200.00
Income for Feb. 4th	7,467.75
Feb. 11th	10,248.25
Feb. 18th	7,599.47
Feb. 25th	9,353.75

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 34,669.22**

IHM ADVENTURE CLUB – The Adventure Club of IHM is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and

visit the tomb of Christ. Please plan to travel with us to share the experience. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is \$76 which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus. Deadline to sign up is March 26th

CHOIR REHEARSALS – The IHM choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 9:40 AM in the church. They will begin singing for the 11:15 AM Mass on March 11th and through Easter Week and on Holy Saturday. If you would like to join this fun group who like to sing, please consider coming to the rehearsals. For more information, contact Roy Wainwright at 717-619-7243 or Kathy Schwar at 717-259-9086.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Discerning God's Will 20's, 30's, married or single – Retreat Dates Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12. Registration 4-6 PM on Friday, May 11th. Held at Refreshing Mountain, 455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA. Cost before 3/9/18 is \$75 and after 3/9/18 is \$90. Based on 5 person occupancy, four full meals. Retreat Directors are Rev. Brian J. Wayne and Sr. GERALYN SCHMIDT. For registration and other questions, contact Mr. Rob Williams, Director of Youth and Young Adults at 717-657-4804, ext. 328 or rwilliams@hbqdiocese.org. You can also find online registration at https://hbqdiocese.formstack.com/forms/discerning_gods_will_retreat.

WEEKDAY MASS PARKING – Anyone attending the weekday Masses are asked to park in the lot beside and behind the Church whenever there is snow and ice. This parking area will be made ready first for anyone on the property.

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: Daniel Frey, Abbottstown
Matthew & Danielle Rudisill & family, Abbottstown
Bryan & Louise Cheeseman & family, Dover
Ryan & Melissa Pysher & family, Dover
John Orendorff, Thomasville

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.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Please keep collecting and sending in those BoxTops for Education for St. Teresa School. If you'd like to help out trimming

those BoxTops, please contact kwenger@hotmail.com. All help is appreciated!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND – Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg and visit the grave of St. Patrick, the Diocese's Patron Saint, on a 12 day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Bishop Ronald Gainer. The trip will take place August 28 – September 8, 2018. The group will depart from Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to Washington is available. For more information, contact Mark Totaro, Catholic Charities Executive Director/CEO at 717-657-4804 (ext 276) or visit www.cchbg.org on line.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – It has been noted that some people, who are dropped off or picked up for Mass, are doing so at the steps right along West Canal Road. Especially at night, and given the adjacent hill, it is deemed this is unsafe given the speed and flow of traffic. For accessible and safe access to the Church at all times, please use the side social hall doors. Thank you.

EVENT NOTICE – I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for more than 40 years and employed in the newspaper business for more than 20 years. We have many wonderful events happening here at our parish and we'd like to get the word out to the public. Please feel free to send me any events that would be of interest to our local community – from Lenten dinners to youth events to Bible studies and everything in between! You can send information to: 6fletcher@embarqmail.com. Don't forget to tell me the following: WHAT is the event? WHO is invited? WHEN is the event? WHERE is the event? WHY should people attend? HOW can they get more information? If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me at 717-357-8051. Thank you!

Holly Fletcher

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Accepting Medical Assistance insurance (Medicaid) and County Mental Health funding (York and Dauphin Counties, for low income uninsured people who are determined to be eligible). Other clients can pay fee on a sliding scale. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Not accepting private/commercial insurances. Local offices are York Counseling, 253 E. Market St., York (717-845-2696) and Paradise Counseling, 6156 W. Canal Rd, Abbottstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary). Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

HEARING IMPAIRED – Anyone who is hearing impaired may find it helpful to sit in Pew #9 on the Sacristy side. You will notice “hearing impaired” stickers on the side of the pew to indicate the best place to sit if you are hearing impaired.

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

HANDICAP PARKING – Please note that handicap parking spaces are available for parking near the social hall entrance to the Church. If you are attending the 11:15 AM Mass, in order to avoid the traffic associated with religious education letting out, the following two options are recommended: EITHER come in the EXIT lane BEFORE 11 AM, OR come in the usual entrance way AFTER approximately 11:07 AM.

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.

LOST AND FOUND – Please check our Lost and Found bin in the sacristy for any items you may have left in Church. Any unclaimed items will be discarded.

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. We really want to encourage parents to use this space to tend to their 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.

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.

RUTH'S HARVEST – the next Ruth's Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30th at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. It only requires an hour (or less) of your time, so feel free to join us. Also, please remember to place donations in the Ruth's Harvest boxes. We are collecting individual sizes of rice with chicken and vegetables (Chef Boyardee), beef stew (Dinty Moore), soup and fruit cups.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM – We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propane needs. Immaculate Heart of Mary receives 3 cents per gallon on all propane and oil throughout the heating season. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give to your Church as well as savings for yourself. **NEW this year** is Aero Energy is offering \$50 credit for any member of our Church who becomes a NEW customer to Aero Energy. They are also giving IHM \$50 as well for any new customer. There are brochures on the pamphlet rack or you may call Anita in the parish office with any questions.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL UPDATE – The current enrollment at St. Teresa of Calcutta School is 438 students with the possibility of adding 5 more. Sacred Heart Campus has 168 enrolled in grades K through 3 and McSherrystown Campus has 271 enrolled in grades 4 through 8. The school colors will be dark blue, light blue and orange and will be known as “The Crusaders”. Grades 2, 4, and 8 will have 3 sections and all other grades will have 2 sections. Let us continue to keep the students, teachers, staff and families of St. Teresa School in our prayers in this ongoing time of transition.

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.

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.

CREMATION

Since 1963, Catholics have been allowed to choose cremation over burial as a means of laying a loved one to rest. Cremation is a popular choice since it is less expensive and more manageable than a full burial.

Cremation, like death, is final. But that doesn't mean you won't have second thoughts. Susan Skiles Luke, a marketing consultant in Columbia, Missouri, had her mother cremated and buried in a family plot. Now, she wishes it was her mother's body and not just the cremated remains that was in the grave. "When I go there, which isn't often, I want to feel like her body is under ground, right alongside my grandparents and beloved great aunt, all dressed up in their Sunday best..."

Although cremation is permitted, some Catholics have not been dealing properly with their loved ones remains. Common practices include scattering ashes, parting ashes out to friends and relatives, and keeping the ashes in a common area, such as a living room. While scattering ashes may seem romantic to some (but is also contrary to Catholic teaching), there's something to be said about keeping your loved one in one place, and then marking that place with a name. "We mark the graves of our loved ones with a headstone to memorialize them, so we don't forget them". When visiting that person's grave, just seeing his or her name can give comfort.

To instruct the faithful in this regard, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued updated guidelines. According to these, burial is still preferred, but cremation is an option. When a loved one has been cremated, their ashes must be kept intact, the same as one would treat a body. The ashes may not be separated or scattered. Instead, they should remain in a proper vessel that is interred in a proper place, such as a cemetery or church. Finally, the document stresses that Catholics who choose cremation for reasons contrary to the faith, (e.g., to have their ashes scattered) must be denied a Christian funeral.

In the end, whether cremation or burial is chosen, we await from the grave the second coming of Jesus Christ and the blessed Resurrection of the Dead.