

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

5:00 PM + Stella & John Taylor

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

9:00 AM + Clayton Heiney

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

**9:00 AM** – Special Intention of Fr. James Sterner

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 – HOLY THURSDAY

**7:00 PM** – Special Intention of Patrick Filliben

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 – GOOD FRIDAY

**7:00 PM** – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017 – EASTER VIGIL

**8:00 PM** + Helen Behe

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 AM + Mary Lou Ruttly

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:19-31

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. When bad things happen, God does not abandon us.

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**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, 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, Francis Kuhn, Emily Stewart, Pauline Patrick, Syndia Helmers and Maria Tweardy.

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We welcome Declan Joseph Stone, son of Joseph & Christine Stone, into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

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**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father. In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus.

No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us.

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun April 15-16

**5:00 PM Mass:** Aaron Oravitz, Abbi & Jonah Robinson, Mary Murphy

**8:15 AM Mass:** Reginal Walton, Ryan Gebhart, Autumn And Madi Kuhn

**11:15 AM Mass:** Tyler Raubenstine, Edie Rumbaugh, Jacob & Molly Fleming

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun April 15-16

**5 PM MASS** – Joe Schwar & Betsy Miriello

**8:15 AM MASS** – Lauren Wicker

**11:15 AM MASS** – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun April 15-16

**5:00 PM:** Jen Gentile, Dan Landis, Barbara Reichart, Steve Signorello, Mary Margaret Thorne

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

**11:15 AM:** Rita Becoski, Lorrie Nagy, John & Diane Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sue Duty, mother of Jason Duty, who died recently. Also, Ronald Cameron, Jr., son-in-law of Wanda Keating, who died this week.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 1) Today we begin **Holy Week** – the holiest week of our Christian calendar. See the listing in today's bulletin for all the special Masses and other services that will occur during the week. The more you can attend, the more you will be able to consecrate this week and enter more deeply into Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection for you personally and for all people of all time.
- 2) On Tuesday, April 11th our **Parish Penance Service** will be held starting at 7pm. There will be about 10 priests from our local area here that evening hearing Confessions!! Please plan to attend as a family and make this opportunity for Reconciliation a part of your Lenten journey toward Easter. If you are unable to attend that evening, other penance services in the area are listed in this week's bulletin so you can go to Confession during Lent. Additionally, Confession will be offered April 11th in the morning from after Mass until 10:30am.
- 3) Speaking of Holy Week, allow me to highlight a very special **prayer service on Good Friday** beginning at 3pm. An IHM parishioner has been inspired to prepare a contemporary contemplative service on the Passion of Chris. Two years ago was a first for such a beautiful service. The word has been spreading about it since – all are invited to attend. It will take place in the social hall.
- 4) Please note that on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** there will be NO 5pm Mass (with Confessions prior). Rather, the Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm that evening. Sunday Masses on Easter Sunday follow the usual schedule: 8:15am and 11:15am.
- 5) A very **special thank you** to the Knights of Columbus for organizing the Friday Lenten Dinners and the St. Patrick's Day celebration this year. They were really wonderful events.

God bless you and your week.  
Fr. Marcoe

### **FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 33,600.00</b>
<b>Income for Feb. 5</b>	<b>8,363.12</b>
Feb. 12	9,731.45
Feb. 19	8,351.50
Feb. 26	8,999.70

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME**                      **\$ 35,445.77**

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,430.25</b>
<b>Membership Sunday</b>	<b>1,398.00</b>

**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 2, 2017 we sold \$1390 for a profit of \$69.50.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION** – The contributions made through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection make possible the programs that support Christians in the Holy Land. Last year's collection supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions; helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students; supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers; helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families; provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth; created 1500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians and preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets. Please be as generous as you can to continue this work in the Holy Land.

### **ADAMS DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES –**

April 9 – St. Francis Xavier – 6 PM (Church)  
April 11 – Immaculate Heart of Mary – 7 PM  
April 12 – St. Joseph, Hanover – 7 PM

**CHURCH DECORATING** - We will be decorating the Church for Easter on Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 AM. Anyone who can spare some time is welcome to join us. "Many hands" will make the task go more quickly so that everyone will be able to get home and continue their family preparations for Easter Dinner.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgiocese.org).

**PCCW** – All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend the Parish Council of Catholic Women for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 PM. Please note that it is the third Wednesday and we will be meeting in the Religious Education building, downstairs. The PCCW has a bassinet in the front of church to collect new baby gifts for the Gabriel Project. Items should be wrapped. Gifts will be opened at the baby shower on Wednesday, May 10.

**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.

**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

**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** – This year's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 2 PM at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Anyone celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year should contact Anita in the parish office no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>! Order Forms can be found on the ledge behind the last pew. If you have questions, please contact Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7

**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](mailto:poakes@hbgdiocese.org).

On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Fusion is be sponsoring a movie night in the Social Hall from 6:30 to 9 PM. They’ll be showing the movie *Risen*. All are welcome to come and watch the movie. Drink and refreshments will be provided.

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Did You Know?**

Lent, which comes from the Teutonic (Germanic) word for springtime, can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our relationship with Jesus Christ and our service to him.

**CHRISM MASS – St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg – Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** At this special Mass, the Bishop will bless the holy oils used in the Sacraments and the sacramental of the Church. The oil is distributed to all the parishes for use in blessings and anointings during the year. The three types of oils are: The Oil of Catechumens, The Oil of the Sick and the Sacred Chrism. Also at this Mass, the priests of the diocese formally renew their commitment to priestly service. All are welcome.

**HOLY FAMILY RADIO BENEFIT DINNER** – Support Evangelization and Catholic Radio – On Friday, May 5, Holy Family Radio, AM720 WHYF presents Dr. Steven Smith of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. He will keynote a Benefit Dinner that will be emceed by Tom Russell of CBS21 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](http://www.720whyf.com) or via mail to Holy Family Radio, PO Box 6028, Lancaster, PA 17607-6028.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR** – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM at Annunciation BVM Church in McSherrystown. Confessions from 1-2 PM. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Image and Benediction. Light refreshments to follow in the school hall.

**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@ssiphila.org](mailto:dhughes@ssiphila.org) by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ANNUNCIATION BVM SCHOOL – 13<sup>TH</sup> SILENT AUCTION & DINNER.** Ticket orders are now being accepted for our 13<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction & Dinner. The Auction & Dinner will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 in the Annunciation BVM School Auditorium, located at 316 North St., McSherrystown. Doors open at 5 PM, with dinner beginning at 6 PM. Dinner, catered by Bay City Restaurant, will include chicken parmesan, salad, bread, wine and dessert. Cost is \$20 per person. Auction items include Disney Park Hopper passes, golf packages, sports tickets, theater tickets, kid’s activities, gift cards and much more! Plus, we will be raffling off an Xbox OneS, a Coach bag with accessories and a stay at a local bed & breakfast. Please be assured that all monies raised at our Silent Auction & Dinner will continue to benefit Catholic education in our community. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Melissa Guy at 673-3135 or visit our school website [www.abvmschool.org](http://www.abvmschool.org).

**FREE!** Two electric single beds available. Please call Dawn Henry at 637-1890 or St. Vincent DePaul Church at 637-4625.

**BULLETIN HUMOR** – *It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. “People waved them as Jesus walked by”, his father responded. “Wouldn’t you just know it?” Sammy complained, “The one Sunday I don’t go and He shows up.”*

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after their passing from this world. Invoking the redeeming love and consolation of the Divine Mercy, the celebration will begin with Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament following the 12:15 PM Mass. At 3 PM Bishop Gainer will lead those gathered in the solemn praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 4 PM a solemn mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of William Cardinal Keeler. All services are open to the public.

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL** – The 2017 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal is off to a great start. Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's appeal. To date, we have received gifts/pledges totaling \$60,925 towards this year's goal of \$60,100. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us. There are blank envelopes on the ledge behind the last pew. Please fill it out and return it in the collection or by mail.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** – Travel with Father Timothy Marcoe on Proximo Travel's Rome, Assisi, Padre Pio & Shrines of Italy pilgrimage. Where: Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Lancia, 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](http://www.proximotravel.com).

**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. 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.

**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.

**WILLIAM CARDINAL KEELER** – Bishop Gainer invites the clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg to remember prayerfully William Cardinal Keeler with the traditional Month's Mind Mass on Sunday, April 23 at Saint Patrick Cathedral. This custom remembers the faithful departed one month

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA** Elementary School in Thomasville is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**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](http://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 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT** for Post Abortion Healing – This is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many struggle with after abortion. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, as well as persons who have been involved in the abortion industry have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. The weekend is a lot of work but yields a fruitful harvest for all who are willing to labor there. Please accept this gift of healing as only our Lord can offer. Come and let the healing

begin: April 21-23, 2017. Please contact Becky at [Undeateadccourage@gmail.com](mailto:Undeateadccourage@gmail.com). All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential.

**RUTH'S HARVEST** – anyone willing to help pack the backpacks at the Fire House in Abbottstown on Wednesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 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 world-renowned 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](http://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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 be 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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.