

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

5:00 PM + Pat Schwar & Joe Stevens

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + James Drummer

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

9:00 AM + Marilyn Powell

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016-ASCENSION THURSDAY

9:00 AM + Ann Wainwright

7:00 PM – People of the Parish

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

9:00 AM + Ben Daley

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

9:00 AM + Frank Mannarino

5:00 PM + Fred Krepps

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

8:15 AM + Rose & Eugene Zalewski

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60 / Revelation 22:12-20

John 17:20-26

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday.

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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, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Judy Leary, Alice Williams, Donna Cassatt, and Robert Leary, and Kathy & Russ Brock.

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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Can we hear Jesus saying these words to us? It's often easier for us to imagine the apostles hearing this consoling command and following it, than to think of it really applying to us. After all, Jesus was standing right there with them. Can he really expect *us*, two thousand years later, not to be troubled by the cares of life? But the fact is that the gift Jesus was giving to his disciples, he has also given to us: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name."

Jesus told them that peace would be theirs, and it can also be ours. Peace is, in fact, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, along with love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. These fruits come from God straight into our souls through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Through our baptism and confirmation, Jesus gives us the gift of his Spirit. And then his peace and so many other gifts can truly become ours if we open our hearts to them.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** How does the Holy Spirit help you when your heart is troubled?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** Do you agree with the decision of the Council of Jerusalem? Why or why not?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** What do you find most interesting about the description of the heavenly Jerusalem?

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MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun May 7-8

**5 PM Mass:**

**8:15 AM Mass:**

**11:15 AM Mass:**

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun May 7-8

**5 PM MASS** – Margaret Krepps

**8:15 AM MASS** – Carol Morris

**11:15 AM MASS** – Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun May 7-8

**5 PM:** Jen Gentile, Joanne Lauchman, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Steve Signorello

**8:15 AM** Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton

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

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 1) Congratulations to the children of our parish who at the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday received their **first Holy Communion**. Let us continue to pray for them and their families as they together receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ each weekend together.
- 2) This Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> after the 8:15am Mass we will have a special Coffee and Donuts in the social hall to **welcome new parishioners to our parish**. ALL parishioners are invited to join in to welcome our newest members. Also, please note the **new bulletin board** display in the main vestibule, which lists, and in some cases shows photos, of our newest parishioners.
- 3) This Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, is the 40<sup>th</sup> day since Easter Sunday, a feast known as the **Ascension of the Lord**. This is a holy day of obligation, which means that like every Sunday of the year, we are called to Mass to worship our God. Masses will be held at 9am and 7pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> here at IHM, and at 7pm the day before (May 4<sup>th</sup>) at Immaculate Conception in New Oxford.
- 4) Next weekend, May 7/8, **Deacon Brian Olkowski**, a seminarian of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will be briefly speaking at the end of each Mass about the Pentecost Collection, which will be held the weekend of May 14/15. This important collection supports the annual cost of forming the future priests of our diocese as they progress through seminary, which is usually a 6 to 8 year process! We currently have over 30 seminarians for the Diocese of Harrisburg, and the cost to educate and form so many seminarians (a good problem to have) is quite enormous. Deacon Olkowski will be at the main entrance of the church after each weekend Mass to greet you and answer any questions you may have about seminarians or formation for the priesthood! Welcome, Deacon Olkowski.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – will meet on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Room #3 of the Religious Education Center.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The following children from our parish received their First Holy Communion this weekend:

Ava Baughman	Todd Laird	Brandon Shepherd
Dempsey Bodan	Cavian Mailuf	Abigail Simone
Libbi Brewer	Dylan Mailuf	Ella Smith
Audrianna Dusseau	Hailey Rang	Sadie Wicker
Madelyn Galysh	Ethan Riser	
Christopher Wasielewski	Addyson Krug	
Oliver Rumbaugh	Matthew Wonders	

The following children from our parish received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Immaculate Conception:

Julianna Donahue	Keira Slonaker
Madison Small	

Please pray for all these children and their families that they may have a deep love and appreciation for the gift of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

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

### **HERSHEYPARK Discount Tickets**

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

**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 24, 2016 we sold \$1220 for a profit of \$61.00.

**PCCW** – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will be selling carnations after the masses on Mother's day weekend. Cost is \$1.00 each and profits will go to PA Pro-Life Federation.

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

**THE TRIBUNAL OF THE DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG** will be giving a presentation concerning marriage, divorce, and annulment according to Church teaching. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on May 10 at 7 PM at St. Joseph Parish, Danville, in the parish hall. No prior registration is required. For further information please visit [www.HbgDiocese.org/tribunal](http://www.HbgDiocese.org/tribunal) or call (717)657-4804, ext 304 or email: [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** – the Diocese of Harrisburg is blessed and enriched with the presence of many Asian cultural groups within our local churches. May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Let's join our Asian brothers and sisters' celebration by learning about the history of Asian American Catholicism and about some of our Asian Catholic saints.

**ANNUNCIATION BVM CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is now accepting registrations for the 2016-17 school year. We are accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools – Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS) and are the first school in the country to be awarded a MSA-CESS Program of Distinction in STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Our students benefit from a challenging academic program and hands-on learning. We offer a high quality education at an affordable price. Starting with the 2016 school year, Annunciation BVM will offer on-site Before School Care. We also participate in the U.S.D.A. Breakfast and Hot Lunch Program. Parish Discounts and Tuition Assistance are available. For more information, please visit the school website at [www.abvmschool.org](http://www.abvmschool.org), or contact the school office at 637-3135.

**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-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061  
[www.icsbvm.org](http://www.icsbvm.org).

**Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)**  
140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969  
[www.delonecatholic.org](http://www.delonecatholic.org).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** – Registration is now open for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Henny Noel Memorial Golf Tournament presented by Smith & Company Certified Public Accountants. The tournament takes place Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Ridge Golf Course with a 9 AM shotgun start (rain or shine). Visit [www.DeloneCatholic.org](http://www.DeloneCatholic.org) or call 717-637-5969, x211.

**MASON DIXON LINEMEN CLINIC WITH COACH PAT FLAHERTY '74** – the former New York Giant's and now St. Francisco 49er's Offensive Coach, Pat Flaherty'74, is offering the Mason Dixon Linemen Clinic on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Delone Catholic High School's J.T. Flaherty Field from 9 AM to 1 PM. Young men in grades 7 through 12 from all surrounding schools are invited to attend. Coach Flaherty will personally run drills and teach offensive line techniques to attendees. Registration available at [www.DeloneCatholic.org](http://www.DeloneCatholic.org). Registration is due by Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**WEEKEND RETREAT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S** - June 24-26, 2016. The weekend retreat is being created to help folks in this Year of Mercy release themselves from any obstacles that might be in their way that keeps them from experiencing the healing forgiveness of the love and Mercy of Christ. Immaculee Iibagiza and Kathleen McCarthy will be the Retreat Leaders. Basic Retreat Package is \$157 and Overnight Guest Retreat Package is \$237. Check-in begins at 3 PM on Friday. Registration is open! Visit [www.aliveinthespirit.net](http://www.aliveinthespirit.net).

**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.

*A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."*

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held July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8:30 PM.  
Registration Forms can be found on the ledge behind  
the last pews. For more information, call Sr. Rosanne.

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

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

**MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT –**

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

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME**                      **\$ 35,576.65**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

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

**PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH  
INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT  
[WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG](http://WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG).**

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – We have a really fun  
Vacation Bible School planned for this summer! If your  
children attend “BARNYARD ROUNDUP” they will  
learn so much about Jesus, our “Good Shepherd” who  
in his compassion and mercy feeds 5000 people;  
welcomes home the “Lost Son”; sows seeds of love  
and goodness in our hearts; and meets Mary at the  
empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning. VBS will be

**MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA** – Fr. Marcoe will lead a  
week long mission trip/work retreat to serve with the  
Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica on  
Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2016. This missionary pilgrimage is a  
response to the invitation of Pope Francis during the  
Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to extend God’s  
merciful love to others, especially the needy and the  
marginalized. Missionary pilgrims will perform Corporal  
and Spiritual Works of Mercy with the religious brothers  
as they minister to the poorest of the poor, the homeless  
and the abandoned. If interested, email Luz Socrates at  
[luzvsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:luzvsoc@hotmail.com) or call the parish office.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** – We here at IHM have several  
pieces of medical equipment for parishioners to borrow  
when needed. They include: crutches, walkers,  
commode boosters, shower chairs, a cane and a  
wheelchair. Also, a parishioner has items that are no  
longer needed and if someone would like to have them,  
please contact the parish office for more information.  
They include 16” wheelchair, walker, SpOx fingertip

meter, toilet seat side rails, toilet seat lifts, automatic blood pressure meter, shower chairs, bathtub handrail, short bedrail, women's depends L. There are also two items for sell; a bathtub lift and a Go-Go electric scooter.

Call Anita in the parish office at 259-0611, ext. 5.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING** – Sister Maggie Moore (aka “Sister James”), who was at Paradise School for 37 years is now at the Villa for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Maggie is quite sick and I know she would appreciate hearing from you, the good parishioners at IHM, whom she loves dearly. Perhaps you can take a minute to send her a Christmas card and let her know you are praying for her. Sister Maggie's address is Saint Joseph Villa, 110 W. Wissahickon Ave., Flourtown, PA 19031-1898.

**HIPPA LAWS** – Please note that HIPPA (health care privacy laws) prevent hospitals from automatically notifying the parish office when you are in the hospital. Therefore, we ask you to please give consent (permission) for the parish office to be notified. If you would like Fr. Marcoe to know of your hospitalization, please inform the parish office before going into the hospital OR once hospitalized, ask the nurse or hospital chaplain/pastoral care staff person to notify the parish.

**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)