

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

5:00 PM + Adam & Ida Smith Family

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Sr. Marian Frantz

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

9:00 AM + Marie Cusick

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

9:00 AM + Nancy Ennes

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Gambrill

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

5:00 PM + John Potocki

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

8:15 AM + Msgr. Frederick F. Curry

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Proverbs 8:22-31 / Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

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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, Kathy & Russ Brock and Rose Altobelli.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Onrubia, mother of Priscilla Santos, who died recently and for Gerald Pfaff, uncle of Lorraine Pfaff and Syndia Helmers who died last week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

"And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." Pentecost fulfilled this promise. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and nothing has ever the same again.

This event is often referred to as the "birthday" of the church. It took Pentecost -- and the power of the Spirit -- to embolden the apostles to begin their ministry of preaching and baptizing. Conversions began to happen and the early church began to grow. And all of this took place without Jesus' early presence among them.

This is one of the most encouraging elements of the practice of our Christian faith. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us and empowers us. We believe that even though we never walked with Jesus and the apostles, we are nonetheless accompanied by the same Spirit who is *always* available to us! We only need to stir up this Spirit within our souls by praying sincerely, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** What evidence do you see that shows the Spirit dwells in the church today?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:** What do you find most interesting in Luke's narration of the birth of the church?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:** How do you interpret Paul's saying, "the flesh cannot please God"?

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MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun May 21-22

**5 PM Mass:** Regina Walton, Autumn & Madi Kuhn

**8:15 AM Mass:** Mary & Joseph Murphy, Lauren Wicker

**11:15 AM Mass:** Harrison & Landon Smith, Jacob Fleming

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun May 21-22

**5 PM MASS** – Bertie Kuhn

**8:15 AM MASS** – Nick Stollar

**11:15 AM MASS** – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun May 21-22

**5 PM:** Dan & Barb O'Brien, Pat & Randy Slonaker, Janet Todt

**8:15 AM** Liz Kohler, Jeff Seifert, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita

Garcia, John Schlaline, Jr. Pat Spiridonoff  
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### **Pentecost Sunday**

1. Today we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter, **Pentecost**, which in Greek literally means “the fiftieth [day]”. The Greek name, Pentecost, translated the Hebrew title for this Feast of Weeks, called Shavuot. Shavuot was an agricultural celebration, marking the conclusion of the harvest season for the Israelites. More importantly, though, Shavuot was one of the three major festivals of the Jewish religious calendar. It marked the occasion of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. According to tradition, 50 days after the Exodus (the Passover and the crossing of the Red Sea), Moses received the 10 Commandments. In Jewish numerology seven is the number of perfection (as symbolized by God creating the world in six days and resting on the 7<sup>th</sup>). Therefore, 7 times 7 symbolizes the fulfillment of perfection, and thus Shavuot would seem to mark the perfection of God’s Law given to the Israelites.

When applying this understanding to our Christian feast of Pentecost we capture more clearly what God is continuing to do. In the person of Jesus Christ our heavenly Father revealed Himself most clearly – for God became man. And yet, Jesus promised that after He ascended and returned to glory with the Father, He would not leave us orphans, but would send the Consoler, the Paraclete, and that He would lead us into the fullness of truth as first revealed by Christ. Indeed, 50 days after Easter (the great high feast, which itself marked the new Passover from sin and death to divine love and eternal life), the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and those gathered with them, including Mary, the mother of Jesus. The coming of the Spirit ushered in a new era, when God’s revelation first begun with the Israelites now came to fulfillment with the preaching of the Gospel of salvation to all the nations.

For us as Catholics the gift of the Holy Spirit is necessary so that the new life received in Baptism will come to the fullness of life in the Father’s Kingdom. As the third person of the Holy Trinity, the **Holy Spirit** is indeed God, the very life which proceeds forth from the Father through the Son. And just as we seek to grow in our personal relationship with the Father through Jesus, so too should we seek to cultivate a real relationship with the Holy Spirit as well. Ask for the Holy Spirit to be more effective and apparent in your life. Ask for His gifts to be more operative so that you can grow as a disciple of Christ.

2. **IMPORTANT: May 22nd is the “Cultural Festival”** to support our parish mission trip to Jamaica this fall with the Missionaries of the Poor. This is a vital way for you, our parishioners, to support this parish effort to serve our needy brothers and sisters in Christ. Please know that

this day is really going to be something you don’t want to miss: various ethnic food (Mexican, Italian, Filipino, Jamaican, and American – just to name a few), various ethnic dances, performances, and other entertainment. There will be theme baskets, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. And Marty Rotella, a Grammy-nominated music artist will be our MC for the day! The day will go from 12:30 to 4pm, right here on our parish grounds, rain or shine (but, pray for shine)!

3. Congratulations to all our **graduating high school seniors** from our area high schools! May God bless you and continue leading you as you discern your path in life.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “The Spirit gave them ability.” Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord’s mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

**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.

**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 May 8, 2016 we sold \$1410 for a profit of \$70.50.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioner to IHM Parish:  
Mrs. Kristy Bucholtz, East Berlin

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – The IHM Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank all parishioners who donated yard to our ministry during the past year. We made prayer shawls for home-bound parishioners, items for Homespun for the Homeless, Hanover Hospital Maternity Dept., Rachel’s Vineyard, Meals on Wheels, Military Veterans and our parish Cultural Festival. We will begin meeting again in September. Please continue to donate yarn that is in nearly new condition in the boxes located at the church entrance and social hall door.

**POSITION AVAILABLE – Help High School**

**Students live their Catholic Faith.** IHM Parish is seeking the right **Parish Youth Ministry Leader**, a part-time qualified position. Needed to assist in directing our growing high school youth ministry, which began two years ago, and to inspire continued future growth. IHM Youth Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry, currently serving high school students in a parish environment. Together with the adult core team of volunteers and a supportive pastor, the Youth Minister images the presence of Jesus in a special way for teens looking to connect with God through the Catholic Church in a constantly-changing world. Responsibilities include: coordinating the youth ministry; collaborating with and directing the adult core team; developing a systematic and intentional plan for youth ministry and catechesis that utilizes a creative variety of formats, settings, and time frames; providing resources (both at and away from the parish) for effective programming; fostering the involvement of young people in the life of the parish; managing the outreach to and evangelization of all young people in the parish; creating innovative ways to bring people together. We offer competitive salary, along with the opportunity to mold and shape the present-day and future faithful of the church. All interested, qualified applicants should submit a basic resume and simple cover letter (via email or mail) by June 6, 2016 to:

Fr. Timothy D. Marcoe, Pastor  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
6084 W. Canal Rd.  
Abbottstown, PA 17301  
[frtmarcoe@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frtmarcoe@hbgdiocese.org).

\*A response will be given as soon as possible after application is received.

**ORGAN DEDICATION –** St. Joseph Parish, 5125 Grandview Rd, Hanover in conjunction with the Buch Organ Company of Ephrata is pleased to announce a Dedication Concert of their new 4-manual Buch Organ to be performed by one of the brilliant young stars of the organ world, Gregory Zelek.

Mr. Greg Zelek is increasingly recognized as one of the most exciting young organists in the American organ scene. He is a native of Miami, FL, a graduate student of Paul Jacobs at the Juilliard School, where he received his Bachelor of Music degree. He is the Music Director and Organist at the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew and St. Timothy in New York City. Greg, who is a Cuban-American and a native Spanish speaker, was the Music Director of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Miami, and has served as the summer organist for San Pedro Apostol Church in Ramales de la Victoria, Spain.

Admission is free, though a free-will donation will be accepted. A reception to meet Mr. Zelek will follow in the social hall.

ENCOURAGEMENT IN SUFFERING

If you, impatient, let your cross slip,  
you will not find it in this world again;  
Or in another: here and here alone  
is it given to you to suffer for God's sake.

In other worlds we may more perfectly Love Him and  
serve Him, praise Him,  
go nearer and nearer to Him with delight.  
But then we will no more  
be called to suffer, which is our appointment here.

Can you then not suffer one hour or two?  
If He should call you from your cross today,  
saying: "It is finished – that hard cross of yours  
from which you pray for deliverance,"

Do you not think some passion of regret  
would overcome you? You would say,  
"so soon? Let me go back and suffer yet a while  
more patiently. I have not yet praised God.

Whenever it comes, that summons that we look for,  
it will seem soon, too soon. Let me take heed in time  
that God may now be glorified in us.

Translated, Author Unknown

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**APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 33,600.00</b>
<b>Income for Apr. 3rd</b>	<b>10,569.95</b>
<b>Apr. 10th</b>	<b>9,758.01</b>
<b>Apr. 17th</b>	<b>8,281.99</b>
<b>Apr. 24th</b>	<b>10,969.36</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 30,579.31</b>
<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS:</b>	
<b>Capital Expense Collection</b>	<b>1,495.25</b>
<b>Catholic Home Missions</b>	<b>1,315.00</b>

**FIAT DAYS** – Attention all Catholic young women ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiat Days vocation discernment retreat. Activities include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, sports, games, great food, talks and more. Fiat Days will be held July 5-8, 2016 at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary. There is a \$50 registration fee, all other expenses funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

**QUO VADIS DAYS** – Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual quo Vadis Days vocation camp. Activities include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, hiking, sports, games, great food, talks and more. QVD is staffed by the Diocese of Harrisburg's priests and seminarians. QVD will be held from June 19-23, 2016 at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary. There is a \$50 registration fee, all other expenses funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Registration forms can be found on [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org). You may also contact the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on May 4th served families which included individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, June 1 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 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.

**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.

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

**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)

**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).

