

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

5:00 PM + Phil Aumen

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + George Abraham

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

9:00 AM + Charles Luckenbaugh

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

9:00 AM + Fred Krepps

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

9:00 AM + Fr. Lou Ogden

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

9:00 AM + Rick Stefanovich

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

5:00 PM + Adam & Ida Smith Family

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Pauline Cassatt

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

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, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Louise Peters, Shannon Duff, Ken Jacoby, Judy Goley, Syndia Helmers and Addie Mannarino.

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 30, 2017 we sold \$840 for a profit of \$42.00.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday. Throughout John's Gospel, the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, **Jesus**. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called the sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun May 13-14

5:00 PM Mass: Liam Miriello, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

8:15 AM Mass: Peyton Duty, Noah Racioppa, Anastasia Galysh

11:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Margaret Mailey

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun May 13-14

5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur

8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM MASS – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun May 13-14

5:00 PM: Barbara Reichart, Mat & Holly Robinson, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM: Liz Kohler, Margie & Sam Leese, John Maysilles, John Melhorn

11:15 AM: Kevin Behr, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – On this Good Shepherd

Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, especially for our Diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, call Father Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write:

frbwayne@hbqdiocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

4th Sunday of Easter

1. On May 13th during the 5pm Mass, our annual **May Crowning** of the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will take place. On this weekend that we honor our earthly mothers, we also honor the spiritual mother Jesus gave us – His mother, who reigns with Him in the glory of heaven. Also, May 13th is the 100th anniversary of the start of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother in Fatima, Portugal – an event that changed the world. Following Mass this evening, we will have a **special movie night** in the social hall to watch the movie, *Finding Fatima*. Light refreshments will be provided. Please plan to attend!
2. Thank you to all who responded so very generously to the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**. Towards our goal of \$60,100 current pledges have totaled **\$66,385.00** to date!!! This year's appeal has been a success because of each and every contribution we received – in short, because of your generosity! Please note that all monies raised above our goal, come back to our parish to assist with the continuing growth and needs of our parish. Your support is greatly appreciated by me, as pastor, as well as by Bishop Gainer, on behalf of the entire Diocese of Harrisburg. Please know that your financial gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal helps subsidize some 47 important ministries and programs, which serve more than 250,000 of our neighbors in need throughout the Diocese. For those who may have not yet contributed to this appeal, know that there is still time. Simply visit our parish website or call the parish office.
3. **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.
4. From the book, *Jesus Always* (a companion book to *Jesus Calling*): "I am training you to look for Me where you are, in all situations. There will be times when you have to look *through* your circumstances to find signs of My radiant Presence. Imagine gazing through a dirty window into a gorgeous, sun-drenched garden. If you focus on the dirt that's on the glass, you'll miss the exquisite beauty of the garden. Just as you can train your eyes to see the splendor beyond the window, you can learn to look through your circumstances and "see" *My Face shining upon you*. Seek to find Me everywhere."

God bless you and your week.
Fr. Marcoe

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT –

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| Monthly Budget | \$ 33,600.00 |
| Income for March 5 | 9,834.00 |
| March 12 | 10,110.91 |
| March 19 | 7,213.75 |
| March 26 | 9,731.94 |

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 36,905.60

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

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| Black & Indian Mission | 1,603.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | 1,572.00 |

TRINITY DOME COLLECTION – The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This great Marian shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics and Clergy, the prayers of the faithful and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it nearly one hundred years ago. A one-time collection for the Trinity Dome will be taken next weekend. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following children from our parish who received the *Sacrament of Confirmation* this weekend:

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| Avery Kuntz | Julia O'Brien | Zoe Sanchez |
| Alayna Schwartz | | Harrison Smith |

We congratulate the following children from our parish who received their *First Holy Communion* this weekend:

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| Jonathan Aiello | Adam Geringer | Alondra Palomares |
| Cora Anderson | Gregory Grudovich | Jorge Palomares |
| Aubree Berwager | Alex Kuhn | Emily Rivera |
| Xavier DeRienzo | Gabrielle Long | Maya Shah |
| James Downey | Yolanda Lopez | Anthony Tako |
| Chase Ferguson | Nora Mailey | Benjamin Willis |

We also remember the children from our parish who received their *First Holy Communion* with their class at **Immaculate Conception** last weekend:

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| Amanda Lambert | Wyatt Lambert |
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PARISH MOVIE NIGHT 6:30 Saturday May 13th right after evening Mass, downstairs in the social hall.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first Blessed Mother's apparition in Fatima which occurred May 13th, 1917, IHM parish will be showing a documentary film called "Finding Fatima". You are encouraged to learn more about what is considered to be most important miracle of the 20th century. Even if you know a lot about the miracle you will learn more and if you have never heard about it before you will be amazed at what you will learn. Everyone is welcome, light refreshments will be available.

THANK YOU! I would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness with cards and best wishes on my recent retirement. It is greatly appreciated!

Dan Seymore

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through those who have completed 6th grade, will be held July 17th through July 21st from 6:00-8:30 PM. Our theme this year is "Come, Let Us Adore Him." If you would like your child/children to attend, please pick up a Registration Form on the ledge behind the last pew, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket by **Sunday, May 21st**. If you have any questions, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – the Parish Pastoral Council, which is established as an advisory board to the pastor, will have three member's terms ending this year. We will be holding elections for those positions during this summer. Eligibility is open to parishioners of good standing who are 18 years of age or older, have been an IHM parishioner for at least one year, and are willing to grow in understanding of the Catholic Church. Length of service in these positions is three years. Anyone wishing to run for one of these positions needs to pick up a nomination form in the church office and have it back to Anita by 5 PM June 1. Nominee's pictures and their background information will be posted during the month of July, and secret ballot voting will take place during masses the first two weekends in August. More specific information is available in the parish office.

PCCW – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will be selling carnations after all the masses on Mother's day with the profits going to PA Pro-Life Federation.

Attention all bakers, the PCCW will be having a bake sale after ONLY the Sunday Masses on May 21, profits benefiting the Catholic Relief Services-Water for Life. Donations may be dropped off in the kitchen before the masses, labeled and priced.

QUO VADIS DAYS – What is God's plan for your life? All Catholic young men ages 15-25 are invited to our **Quo Vadis Days** vocations discernment retreat. It's a great opportunity to know Jesus more deeply and help you to discern your vocation in life while having a lot of fun with other Catholic young men. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 25-28, 2017 at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary. There is a \$50 registration fee; all other expenses are funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Registration forms can be found on the website at www.hbgdiocese.org. You may also contact the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org with questions or for a registration packet.

FIAT DAYS – What is God's plan for your life? All Catholic young women ages 15-25 are invited to our **FIAT DAYS** vocations discernment retreat. It's a great opportunity to know Jesus more deeply and help you to discern your vocation in life while having a lot of fun

with other Catholic young women. Fiat Days will be held July 5-7, 2017 at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary. There is a \$50 registration fee, all other expenses funded by the Diocese of Harrisburg. Registrations forms can be found on the website at www.hbgdiocese.org. You may also contact the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext 282 or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org with questions or for a registration packet.

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.

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.

A special thank you to all the teens who signed up for Dynamic YOU last weekend. At the moment, we have 16 enthusiastic young people registered. If you would like to join us, please register before Wednesday, May 24th.

Did You Know?

The month of May is referred to as the Month of Our Lady. It is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. During this month Christians both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance." (Pope Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May)

TEACHERS NEEDED – The Diocese of Harrisburg is seeking dedicated Catholic educators for our Catholic Schools who are rooted in their faith and prepared to share the message of the gospel. Positions are available for September 2017 from Pre-K through 12th grade. For more information contact the Diocese of Harrisburg, Secretariat for Education, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg PA 17111-3710, 717-657-4804 or visit our website www.hgdiocese.org.

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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 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.

TRAINING FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC):

The Diocese has scheduled a training session for anyone who wishes to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. The session will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Grandview Road in Hanover, Tuesday June 13th, beginning at 6:30 PM. Those who desire to become an EMHC must register with the Diocese at least 10 days prior to this session. Interested persons should contact the parish office for the application form.

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.

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, 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-

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

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.