

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

5:00 PM + Fred Krepps

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

8:15 AM + Rose & Eugene Zalewski

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

9:00 AM + Michael Salata

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Gambrill

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

9:00 AM + James Drummer

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Varela

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

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Jesus tells us today, "you are my witnesses" and guarantee the "promise of the Father" to clothe us with the power to accomplish this mission. It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.

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.

PARISH SURVEYS – We would like to thank everyone for taking the time to fill out our parish surveys. We appreciate all your input and will be using the information to serve the needs of our parishioners.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In his beautiful and heartfelt prayer to God the Father, Jesus expresses his deep desire for unity. He prays that "those who will believe in me...may all be one." When we are filled with the love of God, we can truly be united in one another. God's love sees the dignity of every human person, made in his own image. God's love does not allow room for grudges and schisms. It is always ready to forgive and embrace.

But, alas, we get into fights. We argue, we criticize, we take revenge. We cause division where there ought to be unity. It's especially tragic when this happens among Christians. Instead of finding fault in others, we would do well to ask ourselves how open we truly are to God's love. Have we, like Jesus, prayed that this divine love would be in us? Have we tried to look upon others with the loving eyes of God? When we approach the inevitable conflicts in life with a heart full of God's love, we can begin to serve as ambassadors of the unity that Christ so deeply desired.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: In what areas are Christians unified today?

1st Reading Question: Why do you think Luke introduces Saul (Paul) into the storyline of Acts at the stoning of Stephen?

2nd Reading Question: What "recompense" from Christ do you anticipate for your deeds in this life?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun May 14-15

5 PM Mass: Liam Miriello, Jakob & Ben Wicker

8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Amelia Gerringer & Jade Kent

11:15 AM Mass: Tyler Raubenstine, Noah Racioppa, & Brielle Baughman

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun May 14-15

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

8:15 AM MASS – Midge Stokes

11:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

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

5 PM: Donna Cassatt, Syndia Helmers, Bertie Kuhn, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM Kim Leese, Jeanne Maysilles, John Maysilles, John Melhorn, Mat Robinson

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

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

7th Sunday of Easter

1. This weekend, May 7/8, **Deacon Brian Olkowski**, a seminarian of the Diocese of Harrisburg, is 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.
2. A very happy **Mother's Day** to all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers in our parish. May the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our spiritual mother in heaven, intercede for all of you and the families you love and are devoted to.
3. On May 8th during the 8:15am Mass, our annual **May Crowning** of the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will take place. On this day 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.
4. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 127 (of our parish), which conducted a **road clean-up** on Canal Road. There is a road sign towards the intersection with Route 30 that states the youth of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish maintain this road by cleaning it up.
5. **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)!

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His 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.

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 1, 2016 we sold \$1660 for a profit of \$83.00.

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 9th 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 12th 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. You may also contact the Office of Vocations at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

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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 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-8th grade)
101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061
www.icsbvm.org.

Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)
140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969
www.delonecatholic.org.