

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

5:00 PM + Adrian Woods

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

10:15 AM + Marie & Charles Hensel, Sr.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017

9:00 AM – Intentions of Dan Melhorn on his birthday

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

9:00 AM + Helen Behe

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

9:00 AM + Ralph Woerner

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Doreen Oblack

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

5:00 PM + Bernadette Miriello

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

10:15 AM + Linda Lonza

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-17

Matthew 13:24-43

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - The stress and anxieties of family life are like “thorns which choke off” any opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in our lives. Notice in today’s gospel Jesus “left the house” so He could connect with His Father. Take five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

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, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Scott Hale, Lucretia Breighner, Hector Miranda, Kai Goley, and Richard Doll.

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 July 9, 2017 we sold \$1550 for a profit of \$77.50.

FLOWERS on the altar this weekend are in memory of Olivette Busbey.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today, Jesus begins a very long discourse in the Gospel of Matthew with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward --- of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium --- the parable --- models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun July 22-23

5:00 PM Mass: Regina Walton, Jonah & Abbi Robinson

8:15 AM Mass: Peyton Duty, Amelia Gerring, Lauren Wicker

10:15 AM Mass: Margaret & Clare Mailey, Nick Steinke
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun July 22-23

5 PM MASS – Barbara Reichart

8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis

10:15 AM MASS – Susan Altobelli

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun July 22-23

5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Steve Hoffman, Barb Redding, Randy & Pat Slonaker

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

10:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John Schlaline, Jr.

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Marty Ontko of our parish who died last week.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Let everyone heed what they hear.” Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

“DISCOVERING CHRIST”

Committing your life to Jesus as Lord provides a new beginning, a new life in the Spirit. How do we move forward and live this new life? Growing in this new life is not automatic. We need to join our efforts to God’s grace. Jesus is the Master Teacher and provides the power and teaching to live the Christian life.

We are personally known and loved by the Father. **“DISCOVERING CHRIST”** can help you experience all that Jesus wants you to know in a more **personal** (heart experience) not just head experience. This seven-week series invites **YOU** to revitalize your faith, to grow in/or develop a **personal relationship with Jesus Christ**, to have fellowship in your faith journey and to explore the meaning of life in Jesus. It provides a **relational** experience in which you are encouraged to bring family, friends and neighbors to hear the **good news** and to personally encounter Jesus Christ! This very inspiring and exciting series will begin on Tuesday, August 22nd and continue till Tuesday, October 3rd from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information and/or to register, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7.

PARISH CARING COMMITTEE – Assists parishioners on an as needed basis, in times of need or stress and provides visitation, care giver relief, meals, errands, light household chores and local transportation. To request assistance or to become a Caring Committee Volunteer, contact Jen Gentile at 717-870-2624.

MEN’S RETREAT – Treat yourself to a retreat this summer. Join the men of our parish on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary’s, Emmitsburg, MD. **WHEN?** Weekend of Friday (evening) August 4 until early afternoon Sunday, August 6. Monsignor Charles Pope, pastor of Holy Comforter – St. Cyprian Church, Washington, DC will talk about the “Journey to the normal Christian life: The life Jesus Christ died to give us.” For more information contact Jess Socrates at 637-3711, ext 4152 or jesssocrates@phikappamu.com.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM –

We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propane needs. Immaculate Heart of Mary receives 3 cents per gallon on all propane and oil throughout the heating season. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give to your Church as well as savings for yourself. **NEW this year** is Aero Energy is offering \$50 credit for any member of our Church who becomes a NEW customer to Aero Energy. They are also giving IHM \$50 as well for any new customer. There are brochures on the pamphlet rack or you may call Anita in the parish office with any questions.

MASS TIMES FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS – Don’t forget to include Mass in your travel plans. When you are planning your travels, go to www.MassTimes.org and enter a zip code, city, state, country or area code for the Catholic Church locations and Mass times.

MORE DAYLIGHT, MORE TIME FOR CATHOLIC RADIO –

With more hours of sunshine we get more hours for WHYF AM 720 Catholic Radio to be on the air. Take advantage of the increase in broadcast hours to give them a listen. The station is an independent effort of Holy Family Radio, a local lay apostolate. Find out more at www.720whyf.com.

ADAMS DEANERY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

is in need of adorers for the following hours: Monday @ **1am**, 8am & 6pm, Tuesday @ 10am, Wednesday @ **12am**, **1am**, & 10am, Thursday @ 8am, Friday @ **1am**, 7 pm, & **8pm**, **Saturday @5pm**, 6pm, **7 pm & 9pm**. (hours that are in bold are in desperate need of coverage). Contact Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071. The Chapel is closed Sundays from 7 AM till noon for cleaning. Please make your visit after Noon.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THRIFT SHOP is holding a clothing sale; buy two items and get the third one free. The third item must be equal to or less in value. (excludes school apparel). Shop hours are Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm. Questions call 624-1272.

MALVERN RETREATS –

Stop Worrying & Start Living, **August 4-6**. Retreat Director/Author Gary Zimak. Dorothy Day Retreat, **Sept. 26-28**. Designed for retreatants who love animals, the land and all of God’s creations. Walking in Confidence, Trusting in God’s Promises – 24 Hour Women’s Retreat, **Sept. 29-30**. Speaker Jennifer Hubbard.

LITTLE HUMOR – FOR PETS AND PRIESTS

One Sunday morning, I was standing in the back of the chapel with the priest when a family came in with two small boys. The younger one could not take his eyes off the priest’s collar. The priest reached up and pulled the white plastic collar out of the front of his shirt and asked the boy, “Do you know what this is?” Without hesitation, the boy said, “My puppy has one too – kills fleas for up to three months.”

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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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ANNUAL DIOCESAN LITURGICAL WORKSHOP – An invitation is extended to all interested parishioners to attend this workshop. The workshop, "Unlocking the Power and Influence of the Sacred Liturgy" will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. It will be at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. There is NO registration fee but registration is required to ensure that we have sufficient materials. The registration form is available on the diocesan website events calendar at www.HbgDiocese.org. Direct any questions to Connie Egan at cegan@hbgdiocese.org.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on June 7th served 98 families which

included 283 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, July 5th is www.volunteersignup.org/8F7FT. 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO JAMAICA – Join the Pilgrimage to Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica Oct. 15-23. Work with the Brothers serving the poor, then experience retreat with Fr. Ho Lung Friday-Sunday. Contact Roy Wainwright at 717-586-8412 or email roywainwright3@gmail.com.

RUTH'S HARVEST – As a mission of the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry, we collect items for Ruth's Harvest, which, for our area helps supplement meals and healthy snacks for income-eligible students at Bermudian Springs Elementary School. Our CCD students have greatly supported this ministry during the school year, and now we are asking everyone else to consider participating over the next few months since this is a year-round commitment. There are boxes near the church/hall entrances for your donations of single servings of beef stew, fruit cups, and soup cups. Donations for the next pickup should be in the boxes by June 25. Please forward any questions to Pat Renaut at patrenaut@hotmail.com. Also, if you would like to help with the packing, come to the Abbottstown Fire Hall on Wednesday, June 28th at 10 AM.

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for May 7	11,491.45
May 14	9,118.20
May 21	8,392.62
May 28	9,673.45
 TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	 \$ 38,675.72
SECOND COLLECTIONS:	
Capital Improvements	1,410.00
Trinity Dome Collection	1,485.00
Ascension Thursday	1,441.00

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:
 Matthew & Jessica Waltersdorff, Abbottstown
 Richard Collier, York
 Andrew & Sarah Eyster, Seven Valleys
 William & Helen Billman, Abbottstown
 Tennyson Dobbins, Thomasville

“SWING FOR THE SISTERS”

Time to mark your calendars! The 10th Annual “Swing for the Sisters” Golf Tournament, to benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Flatbush Golf Course, Littlestown. For more information and/or to register, please call 1-800-482-6510 or email development@ssiphila.org

PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG.

FAITH FORMATION RETREAT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Join us Aug. 26th as well-known Catholic author Mike Aquilina returns to Immaculate Conception of BVM, New Oxford. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. The day begins with Mass at 8 AM and runs until 3 PM. There will be three talks with the opportunity to purchase Mike's books and meet the author. Visit our website for complete details at www.icbvmnewoxford.org. Contact Pete Socks to register at pete.socks@gmail.com or 717-521-3137.

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.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL UPDATE –

The current enrollment at St. Teresa of Calcutta School is 438 students with the possibility of adding 5 more. Sacred Heart Campus has 168 enrolled in grades K through 3 and McSherrystown Campus has 271 enrolled in grades 4 through 8. The school colors will be dark blue, light blue and orange and will be known as “The Crusaders”. Grades 2, 4, and 8 will have 3 sections and all other grades will have 2 sections. Let us continue to keep the students, teachers, staff and families of St. Teresa School in our prayers in this ongoing time of transition.

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.

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.

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

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 worshiping.

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.

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.