

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017

5:00 PM + Robin Weaver

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

10:15 AM + Peggy Hamilton

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017

9:00 AM + Caroll & Almeda Brady

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017

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

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017

9:00 AM + Rich Reichart

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intentions of Fr. Sterner

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

5:00 PM + Eleanor Wykpisz

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

8:15 AM + Lori Brown

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-10 / Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - The gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially with the "lowly ones." What has been freely given needs to be shared freely! No strings attached.

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, and Kai Goley.

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 June 25, 2017 we sold \$1200.00 for a profit of \$60.00.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel today may seem harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth --- choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective.

For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family. Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun July 8-9

5:00 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Hannah Fletcher, Keira Slonaker

8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh

10:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun July 8-9

5 PM MASS – Pat Renaut

8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker

10:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun July 8-9

5:00 PM: Rose Deitz, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Barb Redding, Amanda Wicker

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Liz Kohler, John Melhorn, Mitch & Elaine Walton

10:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, John Schlaline, Jr Leland Steinke, Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of Ronald and Arlene Fries on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY, THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4TH.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Could God be calling you to follow after Him in this life and into the next? Contact Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Thank you to all those who helped make our parish celebration of **40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions** truly a celebration. A special word of thanks goes out to all those who helped in any way with the evening liturgies, in a special way to Sr. Rosanne; to all those who spent time in prayer and adoration in the church; and to the Knights of Columbus and those who helped prepare and serve a delicious meal for clergy and religious of the Diocese and our parish staff on Tuesday evening before the closing service.
2. This week **Fiat Days** is taking place at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. It is a multi-day opportunity for young women ages 15-25 to get together, pray, have fun, and learn more about what it means to be a consecrated religious. This year we had 2 young ladies sign up for Fiat Days. Let us continue praying for more women to serve in the Lord's vineyard as religious sisters and nuns!
3. On July 9th at 4pm, choirs from various local churches in the Abbottstown – East Berlin area will be joining together at Trinity Lutheran Church for **Singing Salvation's Story Together**. This event is an ecumenical gathering to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (which takes place this year). This is a community event, and all are invited and encouraged to attend. In addition to the choral selections performed, there will be congregational singing as well!
4. Remember when you are away on **vacation** not to forget about God – He doesn't forget about us! Make the effort to attend Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening) – visit www.masstimes.org for churches and Mass times at your vacation destination.
5. Mark your calendars – our annual **parish picnic** will be held on **August 6th** here at IHM.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

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.

“DISCOVERING CHRIST”

Have we ever stopped and truly asked ourselves, “*Why is Jesus’ Resurrection Important?*” Jesus’ resurrection: validates all that He said and did; promises us new life here and now; empowers us to share this new life with others; and is the promise of everlasting life and our own bodily resurrection. Jesus’ death and resurrection makes it possible for us to be restored to a personal relationship with God the Father. **“DISCOVERING CHRIST”** can help you experience all that Jesus wants us 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.

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.

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@hbqdiocese.org.

On Sunday, July 2nd, **Dynamic YOU** continues with **Lesson 5: Truth and Freedom.**

Did You Know?

Patriotism, or love of one’s country, was taught by Christ, who said we should give our country its due. St. Paul wrote that we should be obedient to just authority. Patriotism is related to justice and an ally of charity, which requires us to love our fellow countrymen. To learn more about Catholics in American history, go to: <http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/history/the-catholic-church-in-the-united-states-of-america.html>

PARADISE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP PLANT SALE

Thursday, July 13th after the 9 AM daily Mass. Please help us earn \$\$ for a pizza party. Plants available (\$3 each) are spider plants, snake plants, Rose of Sharon. There will be a table setup outside the main entrance of the church on this day. Thank you for your support!

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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@hbgiocese.org.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 42,000.00
Income for April 2	9,955.00
April 9	13,233.25
April 16	4,990.00
April 23	10,144.70
April 30	7,999.00
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$ 46,321.95
EASTER COLLECTION	\$ 11,137.68
SECOND COLLECTIONS:	
Holy Thursday Collection	1,267.00
Holy Land Collection	1,139.00
Capital Improvements	1,846.25
Catholic Home Mission	1,358.77
Easter Flowers	1,491.00

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.

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

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.

“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@ssjphila.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, Lanciano, 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 worshipping.

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.