

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

5:00 PM + Bernadette Miriello

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

10:15 AM + Linda Lonza

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017

9:00 AM + Carl Lee Heiney

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

9:00 AM + Rose & Gene Zalewski

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

5:00 PM – Special Intentions of Joe & Kathy Schwar
for milestone birthdays

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

8:15 AM + Sue Duty

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many.

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.

FLOWERS on the altar this weekend are in memory of Linda Lonza.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernice Stefanowicz, mother of Ellen Oravitz, who died last week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed --- the smallest of all seeds --- will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs in the Kingdom.

In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the kingdom of Heaven.

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun July 29-30

5:00 PM Mass: Jakob, Ben & Sadie Wicker

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

10:15 AM Mass: Tyler Raubenstine, Margaret & Clare Mailey

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun July 29-30

5 PM MASS – Kathy Schwar

8:15 AM MASS – Jeanne Maysilles

10:15 AM MASS – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun July 29-30

5:00 PM: Dianne Giampietro, Dan Landis, Mat & Holly Robinson, Claire Wentz

8:15 AM: Kristy Bucholtz, Kevin Heilman, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes, Carol Stroud

10:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Lorrie Nagy, Diane & John Schlaline, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

“DISCOVERING CHRIST”

Our encounter with Jesus Christ is meant to be the beginning of a whole new life. God’s plan is that this new life is nourished by the Church. The sacraments and relationships with other Christians is vital to our spiritual growth. “*Discovering Christ*” is just the beginning. “**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.

STEEPLE REPAIRS - the scaffolding for the steeple repairs will be set up beginning Monday, July 24. The work will last approximately two months. We will have access to the Church for weekend Masses, however, all weekday Masses will be held in the chapel on the second floor of the Religious Ed Building until work is completed on the steeple.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on July 5th served 105 families which included 299 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Aug. 2nd is www.volunteersignup.org/8CXQ8. 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.

RUTH’S HARVEST UPDATE: We are continuing to collect individual servings of stew, soup, and fruit cups. The packing schedule has changed with the July date canceled and the August date yet to be determined. Thanks are extended to all who are supporting this ministry by their donations and/or their time packing the bags. For more information, please contact Pat Renaut at 637-1110 or patrenaut@hotmail.com.

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 16, 2017 we sold \$540 for a profit of \$27.00 .

IHM YARD SALE – Come join us on Saturday, August 12th from 8 AM to 1 PM in our hall for our parish yard sale. The Knights of Columbus will be selling food. There are 6’ tables available for \$10 and 8’ tables for \$15. Table space is limited so please contact Ellen Oravitz at eoravitz@comcast.net or 639-5940 or Suzanne Livelsberger at 309-8795. Setup will be Friday, Aug. 11th from 5-8 pm. Profits from table fee go to Fusion Youth Group.

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.

“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

PARISH CARING COMMITTEE would like to thank all those who have generously signed up as volunteers. As requests come in, you will be contacted. A special thank you to our volunteers who responded so generously and quickly to a recent request; may God bless your caring hearts! We appreciate the donation of your time, energy and resources. Requests for assistance can be made to Jen Gentile at 717-225-5059.

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:
James & Laurette Lewis, New Oxford
Robert & Lorrie Boyer, Dover

THANK YOU – The staff and students from the Paradise Summer Camp would like to thank everyone that made our plant sale a success! We truly appreciate your generosity. God Bless!

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 Sunday, July 23rd, **Dynamic YOU** continues with **Lesson 8: Marriage**.

On Friday, July 28th, Fusion is taking a field trip to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, Pennsylvania. We'll leave from IHM at 9AM and return around 5PM. *Please bring along a bag lunch and a drink.* Since we'll be coming back through Lancaster, we'll have dinner at one of the restaurants up there. If you would like to attend, please RSVP with Paul by **Tuesday, July 25th**. On Friday, August 18th, from 7 to 9PM, Fusion will be returning to Hickory Falls! We'll meet up at Hickory Falls to play Laser Tag and race Go-Karts. The price is: *\$12 a person*. If you plan on attending, please have the money & RSVP with Paul by **Friday, August 11th**.

Did You Know?

Jesus' first miracle was changing water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. When he told the servants to fill 6 stone purification jars, each containing 20 to 30 gallons, that means he made 120 to 180 gallons of wine.

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT – Immaculate Conception Church is sponsoring John Michael Talbot in Concert on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017 at 7 PM at New Oxford High School, 130 Berlin Rd., New Oxford. For more information, call 717-521-3137 or to purchase tickets online, visit www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP ON THE SACRED LITURGY

All interested parishioners are invited to attend the Annual Diocesan Liturgical Workshop. The workshop, "Unlocking the Power and Influence of the Sacred Liturgy", will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. It will be at the Cardinal Keeler Center. There is NO registration fee but registration is required to ensure that we have sufficient materials. Please reply by Aug. 5h. The registration form with reply information is available on the diocesan website: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/annual-workshop-sacred-liturgy/>. Direct any questions to Connie Egan at cegan@hbgdiocese.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) is a weekend dedicated to your marriage, helping husbands and wives to communicate more fully, renew your romance, and bring yourselves closer to God and to each other. Led by seasoned leaders who have experienced the magic and success of the weekend themselves, the weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging you to focus on each other and your relationship. Rediscover the best friend that you had on your wedding day!

Time: Friday evening, Sept. 29th - Sunday morning Oct. 1st

Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg PA

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Please go to www.yourmarriageisworthit.org for more information or to register, or call 412-635-7775.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE – Patients' Rights Action Fund (PRAF) is a secular group doing vital work educating the public and advocating against assisted suicide. Assisted suicide is a growing issue throughout the world. PRAF has released a new video "Physician Assisted Suicide: The Real Effects". Featuring Dr. Brian Callister of Nevada, it addresses one of the most compelling dangers of legalizing assisted suicide – the denial of life-extending, lifesaving care and the concurrent "offer" to cover the cost of lethal drugs for suicide. His experience is disturbing – and should be made known far and wide. Here is the link for the above-mentioned video: https://youtube/CWrpr_5e4RY. PRAF's website: www.patientsrightsaction.org features a number of other helpful videos and resources as well.

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.

HEALING MASS – Fr. John Szada, Jr. will say a Mass with prayers for healing on Tuesday, Aug. 8th at 7 PM at St. Vincent DePaul Church in Hanover.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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 717-225-5059.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.