

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

5:00 PM + Lucretia Breighner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

8:15 AM + Guy Lawrence

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017 – THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BVM

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

7:00 PM – People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

9:00 AM + John Caughy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017

9:00 AM + Carroll & Almeda Brady

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017

9:00 AM + William Kroft, Sr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

5:00 PM + Ronald Shrader

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

8:15 AM + John Potocki

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:13-15

Matthew 15:21-28

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

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, Hector Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, and Dave Lambert.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today in our Gospel Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray. The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. The disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Peter's example teaches us that *true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.*

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Aug. 19-20

5:00 PM Mass: Nathan & Emma Maysilles, Hannah Fletcher

8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Ava Simone, Lauren Wicker

10:15 AM Mass: Brielle Baughman, Nick Steinke, Tyler Raubenstine

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Aug. 19-20

5 PM MASS – Margaret Krepps

8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar

10:15 AM MASS – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Aug. 19-20

5:00 PM: Jen Gentile, Steve Hoffman, Dan Landis, Barb Redding, Steve Signorello

8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Jeff Seifert, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton

10:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, John Schlaline Jr., Pat Spiridonoff, Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "Get hold of yourselves!

It is I. Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, call

Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write:

frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Thank you to Jeff and Terry Seifert and Don and Nikki Davis for speaking about their amazing experiences at Marriage Encounter. I would like to highly encourage you to participate in a **Marriage Encounter weekend**. The next ones locally coming up are as follows: 1) 9/29/2017 in Mechanicsburg, PA (call Terry & Beth Gillis at (412) 635-7775 for more info); and 2) 10/27/2017 in Gaithersburg, MD (call Don & Wink Flanders at (301) 541-7007 for more info). Also, visit the Marriage Encounter website for more info at www.wwme.org.
2. This Tuesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into heaven, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. On this day, we celebrate the teaching that the Mother of God is already united fully – body *and* soul – with her divine Son in heaven. This teaching of Catholic Tradition is a venerable dogma held from the earliest days of the Church. In fact, during the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon in 451 (An Ecumenical Council is a gathering of all the world's bishops – Vatican II was the most recent Ecumenical Council), the Bishop of Jerusalem, St. Juvenal, "made known to the Emperor Marcian, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; where from the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven." What God has accomplished marvelously in Mary in the Assumption is the inheritance He promises to each of us at the end of time when our bodies and souls are gloriously reunited in the Resurrection of the Dead at the Last Judgment. Mass at IC, New Oxford is at 7pm on Monday and here at IHM at 9am and 7pm on Tuesday.
3. A special thank you to Ellen Oravitz and Suzanne Livalsberger for organizing our **parish yard sale** on August 12th.
4. **Are you a college student getting ready to go back to college? Are you the parent of a college student getting ready to send your child back to school?** Well, first of all, God's blessings upon you as you prepare for a new academic year! Secondly, I'd like to keep in touch with you from time to time throughout the school year. Every month of the school year, I'll send out a little email. I know what a unique time college is, and sometimes that connection with your faith and your parish back home is just really helpful. And, if you have any questions along the way, you're welcome to ask me too. Just send me an email at frtmarcoe@hbgiocese.org with the college student's name and his/her email address.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for June 4	9,088.00
June 11	8,205.00
June 18	9,363.40
June 25	9,065.25

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 35,721.65

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	1,497.40
Pentecost Collection	3,119.26

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 Aug. 6, 2017 we sold \$570 for a profit of \$28.50.

"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**. This very inspiring and exciting series will begin on Tuesday, August 22nd and continue till Tuesday, October 3rd from 6:30-8:30 PM.

RCIA NEWS

You have heard the saying, "Keep the Faith." Our Lord Jesus tells us not to just keep the faith, but to spread the faith. He continually traveled about, calling many to "Come and See." Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in the Catholic Church? Follow Jesus' example and invite them to come and see the beautiful richness and truth of our Catholic Faith. Maybe if you offered to come to the classes with this person, he or she would feel more comfortable, and both of you would profit by the effort. RCIA will begin in the Fall. Please consider coming to see what we are all about. If you wish to find out more about the RCIA Process, please call Sister Rosanne at 259-0611, ext. 7

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Please join us for the 3rd annual IHM Movie Night on Saturday, Aug. 26th at 7:30 pm. We will be showing National Treasure. Hot dogs will be grilling and the popcorn will be popping. Free admission and free refreshments. The movie will be outside so bring a chair or blanket. Everyone welcome!

"SWING FOR THE SISTERS"

The 10th Annual "Swing for the Sisters" Golf Tournament, which benefits the Sisters of Saint Joseph, will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Flatbush Golf Course in Littlestown. Golfer registration is \$75 per golfer/\$300 per foursome. For more information, or to register, please call 1-800-482-6510 or email: development@ssiphila.com

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.

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, August 13th, Fusion will celebrate the Closing Night of **Dynamic YOU**. We'll view and discuss **Lesson 10: Friendship, Dating, and Family**. Please note that our program will run from 6 to 9PM, because we'll be awarding prizes at the end. Also, be sure to thank the Knights of Columbus for providing dinner!

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. Adults, teens, and families are welcome to join us. If you plan on attending, please have the money & RSVP with Paul by **Tuesday, August 15th**.

Did You Know?

Fusion is getting t-shirts made! There are order forms at the back of the church on the corkboards. The cost is **\$10 a shirt**. If anyone is interested in purchasing a Fusion T-shirt, please return the form along with either the money or check (make payable to **Immaculate Heart of Mary - Fusion**) to Paul by **Tuesday, August 22nd**.

CONEWAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN invite all women of the parish to attend the 80th annual Mass and Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 4th at 6 PM starting with Mass at St. Vincent's in Hanover, the meal will follow in the parish hall. The meal is turkey and the trimmings, cost is \$14. There will be a guest speaker. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 1. Please contact Pat Slonaker at 624-3245.

DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ASSOCIATE – Full time vacancy: Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services is looking for a highly-motivated individual to work in a fast-paced, close knit team environment. You must enjoy working with numbers and possess excellent data entry speed with a high level of accuracy to be able to manage a high volume of weekly transactions within strict deadlines. Responsible for addressing routine inquiries from vendors as well as assisting in-house and outside customers. Excellent Customer Service skills and Microsoft Office skills are required. High school diploma or GED preferably with a business major. One/two years related accounts payable experience helpful, on the job training is provided. Competitive salary & benefits offered. Please send resume & cover letter to: employment@hbgdiocese.org. More details at www.HbgDiocese.org/jobs.

DIOCESAN SURVEY – Young and Young Adults - In conjunction with Pope Francis and the 2018 Synod of Bishops on the topic of *Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the Diocese of Harrisburg is surveying young adults (ages 15-39). Both those who

identify as Catholic and those who do not are encouraged to complete an online survey. The results will be used to answer questions of the Synod of Bishops and to better serve youth and young adults within our diocese.

To participate: Young Adult Survey (19-39) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youngadultsSynod>
Youth Survey (15-18) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthSynod2018>

MIKE AQUILINA RETREAT – Mike Aquilina is returning to Immaculate Conception of BVM in New Oxford for a retreat day on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Registration deadline is 8/16/17. Register in advance by contacting Pete Socks via email at pete.socks@gmail.com or 717-521-3137. Cost is \$20 and includes your choice of sub for lunch.

MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 7TH ANNUAL RETREAT - Register now! Oct. 6-8, 2017 at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. Our powerful line-up includes: Sister Helena Burns, International speaker, radio host and EWTN guest. Opening Mass with Archbishop William Lori. Jon Leonetti, Catholic speaker, author and radio host. Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan. Cost is \$65 full weekend (or Saturday only \$55). Scholarships are available to help those in need. Details on the website. Register now at www.marylandcatholicwomen.com. Contact us at marylandcatholicwomen@gmail.com or call Jeanne Link at 443-324-8487.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – Please join Fr. Luis Rodriguez, Pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Chambersburg for a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Our Lord in Israel. Jan. 24-Feb. 2, 2018 is a cool season in the Holy Land. We will depart Newark to Tel Aviv and after our first day of rest visit Galilea, Capernaum, the home of Mary Magdalene, Mount Tabor, Nazareth, Cana, Mount Carmel, Jerico, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Calvary, the Empty Tomb and other sites. Land and air, \$2995 dbl occupancy. We are traveling with the highly reputable Select International. Please call Fr. Rodriguez for more information or a registration brochure at 717-264-6317. Valid US Passport or Permanent Residents only.

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HARRISBURG DIOCESAN CHRISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL – Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. From 8 AM to 4 PM. Speaker: Rev. William “Bill” Cosgrove. \$20 Registration by Sept. 5, 2017 includes lunch. \$20 Registration at the door does not include lunch. Checks can be made payable to Diocese of Harrisburg. To register or for more information, www.aliveinthepirit.net or www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal or call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709.

DIOCESAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE – Oct. 14th. Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference, Sat. Oct. 14th at Bishop McDevitt High School. Theme: *“Lead All Souls to Heaven”*: *Mary’s Message to Us from Fatima*. Keynote speaker: Susan Brinkmann. The Conference includes 36 workshops from a blue-ribbon list of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, opportunity for Confession available, beautiful music, good food, a wide variety of exhibitors and celebration of Mass by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer. Conference information, including Online Registration is currently available at www.hbgdiocese.org/women. Registration brochures are also available on the ledge behind the last pew.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – Jan. 10-19, 2018 will be led by Father Michael Reid, Pastor at St. Vincent, Hanover. Review the pilgrimage itinerary at www.selectinternationaltours.com. For more information, contact Annette at Select International Tours at 800-842-4842 or Annette@select-intl.com.

events calendar at www.HbgDiocese.org. Direct any questions to Connie Egan at cegan@hbgdiocese.org.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.