

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

9:00 AM + Suzanne Valerio

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017

9:00 AM + Harry Fletcher

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Rosanne McGowan

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017

9:00 AM + Lucretia Breighner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

5:00 PM + Ethel Schuhart

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

10:15 AM + William L. Kroft, Sr.

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 22:19-23 / Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

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.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Devina Spiritu, sister of Carmelita Garcia, who died this week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today in our Gospel we hear an exchange taking place between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dogs." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heals her daughter.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Aug. 26-27

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

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

10:15 AM Mass: Sally Earp, Margaret & Claire Mailey
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Aug. 26-27

5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur

8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker

10:15 AM MASS – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Aug. 26-27

5:00 PM: Bertie Kuhn, Randy & Pat Slonaker, Sam Spiese, Janet Todt

8:15 AM: Dianne Giampietro, Margie & Sam Leese, Midge Stokes, Claire Wentz

10:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John & Diane Schlaline, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "Woman, you have great faith." It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. You may have noticed the **scaffolding** on the steeple of the church (how could you not!). The work being done is not structural. Rather, the façade and trimming needed to be repainted. It was decided that wrapping the various parts with a special white aluminum would preserve the decorative contours as well as keep us from having to repaint it until all of us have gone to the Lord (i.e. a very long time)!
2. A very special thank you to the teens and adult core team members of Fusion who painted the **“Den”** on the second floor of the Religious Education Center. The Den is the meeting room for Fusion, as well as for RCIA, our small Christian Communities (prayer groups), and others. The room really needed a refurbishing to make it more functional for all of these groups and to spruce it up too. In addition, new carpeting, couches, and lighting are being installed to make this a nice meeting space here at IHM.
3. A very special thank you to all of our **Parish Pastoral Council members**. In a special way I'd like to thank Kristy Bucholtz, Mark Scharlau, Nick Stollar – our newest members – who are installed at the 10:15am Mass this weekend.
4. This Tuesday, Aug 22, **Discovering Christ** begins here at IHM. Please continue to keep this very important opportunity in your prayers for all the fruit that God wants to be born in the lives of the participants to come to fruition.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

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. 13, 2017 we sold \$1700 for a profit of \$85.00.

“DISCOVERING CHRIST”, this very inspiring and exciting series which will invite us to grow in/or develop a **personal relationship with Jesus Christ** will begin this Tuesday, August 22nd. We ask that you please come early so that you can sign in, pick up your book and find your table so that we can begin as close to 6:30 PM as possible.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Some of you reading this parish bulletin were never baptized; some were raised as members of another Christian denomination. Some were baptized Catholic, but never instructed in the Faith; some of you married a Catholic and you have felt some kind of attraction to Catholicism. Some of you have been attending Mass, at least occasionally with Catholic family members or friends. You have listened to many homilies, but you still have questions concerning Catholicism. Perhaps you were once ready to inquire, but you did not know

how to go about it. Is the Lord urging you to learn more? This year, Immaculate Heart of Mary will continue RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) --- a series of basic instructions in the Catholic Faith.

You are invited to check us out! Your attendance and participation in these sessions will not be interpreted as a “hard and fast” decision to become a Catholic. Our primary objective in offering these instructions is to answer your questions and to help you deepen your faith in God. For more information about RCIA, please call Sister Rosanne @ 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@ssjphila.com

THAT MAN IS YOU – ALL men are invited to join us for the new program of That Man Is You. This year we will explore *The Revelation of the Father*. Lives are being transformed by this exciting program across the nation, in the Harrisburg Diocese and right here in your very own parish. Come join us Saturday mornings at 8 AM in the Immaculate Conception BVM, New Oxford cafeteria beginning Sept. 16th. You are not required to attend all sessions. Join us as together we build our faith as brothers in Christ. Contact Pete Socks at 521-3137 or pete.socks@gmail.com.

VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION – Tuesday, Sept. 12th from 9:30 AM-11:00 AM at the Gettysburg Library, 3rd floor meeting room, 140 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, the VNA Hospice program is hosting a Meet and Greet for individuals who would be interested in becoming volunteers but wonder what it's really like to be a hospice volunteer. We will have a panel of current volunteers and staff members present to answer questions and to address any fears and misconceptions about hospice volunteering. Any questions, call Teresa Lawyer at 637-1227.

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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.

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.

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>

**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.

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

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.

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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

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.

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/CW/rpr_5e4RY. PRAF's website: www.patientsrightsaction.org features a number of other helpful videos and resources as well.

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.

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 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.

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.

