

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016

5:00 PM + Fred Krepps

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

10:15 AM + John Potocki

MONDAY, AUGUST 22 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

9:00 AM + David Staub

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

9:00 AM + Mary Ridings

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016

9:00 AM + Guy Lawrence

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Gambrill

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

5:00 PM + Ethel Schuhart

SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2016

8:15 AM + Frank Mannarino

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Sirach 3:17-18, 20-29 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** – The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge the gap.

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**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, Dorothy Schlaline, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Alice Williams, Donna Cassatt, Kathy & Russ Brock, Rose Altobelli, Kathleen Krepps and Carl Ramskow.

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**WE WELCOME** Oliver Ryan King, son of Todd & Kylee King, into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

"Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." For Jesus' original audience, this reference was meant for those Jews who presumed their salvation while judging others as being unworthy of entering the kingdom of God. But we should not assume that this Gospel was only for those people in that time and place. Today, there is perhaps a different stratum of first and last. In our Christian era, we can be tempted to have the same presumptuous attitude that afflicted too many of the Jewish contemporaries of Christ. We can think that our salvation is assured just because we bear the title Christian. This simply isn't true. God's mercy is available to everyone who humbly recognizes one's need for it. The minute we become complacent or overconfident, we close ourselves off to the gift of mercy God offers to the repentant sinner. Jesus tells us today that we must "strive to enter through the narrow gate." This means that we must not take the easy road of presumption, assuming that we are in good shape because we look like most of the people around us.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** Why do you think Jesus so often spoke of reversals in the kingdom of God?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** What do you find most challenging in Isaiah's vision of the age to come?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** When do you find yourself with "weak knees" in your faith journey?

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**PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT [WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG](http://WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG).**

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Aug. 27-28

**5 PM Mass:** Regina Walton, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

**8:15 AM Mass:** Mary & Joseph Murphy, Jade Kent

**10:15 AM Mass:** Edie Rumbaugh, Noah Racioppa, Harrison Smith

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Aug. 27-28

**5 PM MASS** – Joe Schwar

**8:15 AM MASS** – Barb Bowker

**10:15 AM MASS** – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Aug. 27-28

**5 PM:** Sharon & Leo Hare, Syndia Helmers, Pat & Randy Slonaker

**8:15 AM:** Dianne Giampietro, Margie & Sam Leese, Jeanne Maysilles, Claire Wentz

**11:15 AM:** Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John & Diane Schlaline, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Make straight paths for your feet.” Will your path of holiness be as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

**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. 14, 2016 we sold \$1200 for a profit of \$60.00.

**RCIA NEWS**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin in September. This Process is designed for non-Catholics who may be thinking about joining the Church, or who just want to learn more about the Catholic religion. Those who attend RCIA will be pleased to find a casual but stimulating and non-threatening atmosphere of instruction, faith sharing and prayer. Parishioners are encouraged to ask a non-Catholic spouse or friend if they would be interested. For more information about RCIA, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Our 2016-2017 Religious Education Classes (CCD) will begin in September on Sunday morning from 9:30-11:00 AM. If you have children ages 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade who are not in a Catholic School and you would like them to receive religious education and prepare to receive the Sacraments, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7 by Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – the food pantry held on August 3rd served 91 families which included 244 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> is <https://www.volunteersignup.org/TTDFA>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

**MOVIE NIGHT – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Covered dish dinner starting at 6:15 PM following Mass. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Outdoor movie, featuring “Night at the Museum” starting at 7:30 PM by the scout lodge. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Free refreshments. Invite your family & friends.

**MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS** – The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 3 presentations concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching.

- Sept. 12 – Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg 7 PM
- Sept. 22 – St. Joseph Parish, Hanover, 7 PM
- Sept. 26 – St. Philip Parish, Millersville, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For more information, call 717-657-8404, ext. 304.

**DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference. The conference will be held at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is “Wrapped in God’s Merciful Love.” Keynote Speaker is renowned Catholic author and speaker, Kimberly Hahn. Conference includes outstanding workshops, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for Confession, beautiful music, and celebration of Mass by Bishop Gainer. Conference information, including online registration is available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women).

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE**

Planned from St. John the Baptist Church, New Freedom. A 24 hour pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA is being planned for Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016. Bus to leave St. John’s at 3:30 AM and arrive at the Shrine approximately 11:30 AM, and leaving 4:30 PM and arriving back at St. John’s approximately 2:30 AM. Cost is \$126. Questions or information contact Grace Looney at 717-993-2898 or [GJL415@zoominternet.net](mailto:GJL415@zoominternet.net).

**“SWING FOR THE SISTERS”**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual “Swing for the Sisters” Golf Tournament, to benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Flatbush Golf Course, Littlestown. For more information and/or to register, please call 1-800-482-6510 or email [development@ssjphila.org](mailto:development@ssjphila.org).

**ST. ALOYSIUS FRIENDLY GROUP** is taking a trip to New York to visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial on Oct. 6, 2016. We will leave St. Aloysius Parking lot (29 S. Queen St., Littlestown) at 7:15 AM and return at 10:45 PM. The cost will be \$70 per person, no refunds. We will make a half hour food stop en route, 12:30 to 5:30 Museum and Memorial. Lunch on own (arrive 12:15). There will be a half hour food stop en route home. If interested please contact Rosalie Gamm either at 717-359-9558 or email [rmgamm@comcast.net](mailto:rmgamm@comcast.net). Cancellations must be made by Sept. 22, no later. This is also a firm cut-off date.

*“You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.”*

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION** – Are you considering a Catholic School education for your child/children? If so, please consider checking out the following:

**Immaculate Conception School (preK-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061

[www.icsbvm.org](http://www.icsbvm.org).

**Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)**

140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969

[www.delonecatholic.org](http://www.delonecatholic.org).

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAYS** – We are currently looking for a volunteer or two to help with our monthly coffee and donut social after the 8:15 AM Mass. This would involve making the coffee and setting up and making sure everything is cleaned up afterwards. If interested, call Anita in the Parish Office.

**MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA** – Fr. Marcoe will lead a week long mission trip/work retreat to serve with the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica on Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2016. This missionary pilgrimage is a response to the invitation of Pope Francis during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to extend God's merciful love to others, especially the needy and the marginalized. Missionary pilgrims will perform Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy with the religious brothers as they minister to the poorest of the poor, the homeless and the abandoned. If interested, email Luz Socrates at [luzvsoc@hotmail.com](mailto:luzvsoc@hotmail.com) or call 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.

**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.