

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 29 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

9:00 AM + Howard Arnold, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

9:00 AM + Joan Caprarola

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

9:00 AM + Blanch Budwash

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

MASS AT IC at 9 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

5:00 PM + Frank, Gene & Ray Zalewski

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

8:15 AM + Deceased Members of the Joseph

Smith Family

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Wisdom 9:13-18 / Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** – Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

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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, Doris Pohlman, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Alice Williams, Rose Altobelli, Kathleen Krepps and Carl Ramskow.

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**MASS TIME CHANGE** – The Summer Mass schedule ends on Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Our regular Sunday Mass schedule of 8:15 AM and **11:15 AM** will begin again on Sunday, **September 11, 2016.**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without expecting repayment --- at least, without expecting to be repaid *in this life*. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises. Really, what better investment could there possibly be?

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** Do you think the host of the party ("the leading Pharisee") regretted inviting Jesus to his banquet in light of the parable?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Why do you think God favors the virtue of humility?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** What would you say is the point of the contrasts offered by the author of Hebrews?

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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 Sept. 3-4

**5 PM Mass:**

**8:15 AM Mass:**

**10:15 AM Mass:**

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Sept. 3-4

**5 PM MASS** – Pat Brodbeck

**8:15 AM MASS** – Kevin DePaulis

**10:15 AM MASS** – Evelyn Heiliger

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Sept. 3-4

**5 PM:** Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn, Dan Landis, Mary Margaret Thorne, Amanda Wicker

**8:15 AM:** Jason Duty, John Maysilles, Mat Robinson, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, Pat Spiridonoff, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “An attentive ear is the desire of the wise.” Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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. 21, 2016 we sold \$820 for a profit of \$41.00.

**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

**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.

**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?** Were you married 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 etc. years and so on? The Parish Council of Catholic Women would like to invite you to a special mass on Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at the 5 PM Mass. Couples and their families can sit together in the front of church for a blessing from Fr. Marcoe, and then after Mass, cake and refreshments will be served in the social hall. If you would like to participate, contact Pat Slonaker at 624-3245 before Oct. 1 or you can sign up on the sheets on the window sills of the Church.

**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).

**A MEDICAL MORAL ISSUES WORKSHOP** will be held on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM until 1 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Three speakers will address topics such as caring for the sick and vulnerable, end of life issues, and assisted suicide. This presentation is offered by the Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization and is open to all. It is ideal for health care ministers, parish nurses, pro-life advocates, disabilities advocates and anybody who takes care of a loved one. For additional information or to register visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/evangelization](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/evangelization) or email [icurran@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:icurran@hbgdiocese.org).

**ANNUAL WHITE MASS** – The Harrisburg Diocesan Build of the Catholic Medical Association invites all Catholic physicians, healthcare workers, medical students, residents and their families to attend their Annual White Mass on Sept. 25, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The Mass will be at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg with Bishop Ronald W. Gainer as the celebrant and homilist. Please RSVP for reception to [CathMedHbg@aol.com](mailto:CathMedHbg@aol.com).

**FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Diocesan Institute schedule of Fall adult education offerings is now available. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) and click on the Diocesan Institute icon on the homepage to access the schedule and registration information. Numerous courses and sessions are also available via webinar, allowing you to participate from home. Contact Ryan Bolster at [rbolster@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) or 717-657-4804, ext. 225.

**ADAMS DEANERY CHAPEL** – The House of Nazareth Adoration Chapel, 9 N. Third St., McSherrystown is in desperate need of adorers for the following hours: Sunday @ 4AM, Monday @ 11AM, Tuesday at 12PM, Wednesday @ 10AM, Thursday @ 10AM, Friday @ 6AM, 6PM & 7PM, and Saturday @ 6PM. Contact Gloria Murren at 637-8635 or 479-1071.

**FOR THOSE SEEKING TO LEARN AND DEFEND THE FAITH**

– We live in confusing days. We live a secular age. People are searching for truth, but many do not know where to go to find it. Might I suggest the *Catholic Answers* website, [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com) for those wanting to learn and defend the Faith. **Catholic Answers** is a reliably Catholic site that can help us to combat what Pope Emeritus Benedict referred to as “A Dictatorship of Relativism”.

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Cost is \$15. If you wish to attend, please contact Pat Slonaker before August 24<sup>th</sup> at 624-3245.

**CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL** – This year’s theme, A Day of Healing & Mercy with the Keynote Address by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer on “The Healing Ministry of Jesus” will be held Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Registration includes lunch and is \$20 at [www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal).

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

Our theme this year is “Witness of Mercy” being held at Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD. The dates of the Conference are Oct. 7, 8, and 9, 2016. Our powerful line-up includes Fr. Chris Alar from the famous Shrine of Mercy in Stockbridge, MA with Archbishop William Lori, and Sr. Tracey Dugas, a powerful speaker and Pauline Sister who specializes in media evangelization. More details on the website. Register now at [www.marylandcatholicwomen.com](http://www.marylandcatholicwomen.com) or call Jeanne at 443-324-8487. Cost is \$75 or \$60 for Saturday only.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES “COME AND SEE DINNER”**

will be held Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. The evening includes a reception and auction, buffet dinner and remarks by Ms. Linda Schaefer. All proceeds from the Dinner will benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing-Evergreen House, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. All are welcome! RSVP deadline is Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [www.cchbg.org/events](http://www.cchbg.org/events) online or contact Christopher Meehan at [cmeehan@cchbg.org](mailto:cmeehan@cchbg.org) or 717-657-4804.

**“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).

**JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT –**

Monthly Budget	\$ 33,600.00
Income for June	9,654.18
June	9,521.00
June	8,680.75
June	8,686.55

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME**                      \$ 36,542.48

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

Capital Expense Collection	1,095.50
Catholic Communication	1,220.00

**CONEWAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC**

**WOMEN** cordially invites all women of the parish to attend their annual Mass and Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation, McSherrystown with Mass starting at 6 PM with the meal to follow in the school hall. Guest speaker will be Deacon Thomas Aumen.

**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.

House of Worship Program. Any questions, please call Anita in the parish office.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:  
David & Suzanne Livelsberger & family,  
Seven Valleys

**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.

**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

**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.

