

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017

5:00 PM + Ray Varela

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

8:15 AM + Dorothy Schlaline

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017

NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

9:00 AM + Kay Wolf

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

9:00 AM + Roger Cline

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

9:00 AM + Bernice Stefanowicz

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

9:00 AM + Frank, Gene & Ray Zalewski

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 / Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-23

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

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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, 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 and Ethan Slagle.

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**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 30, 2017 we sold \$1150 for a profit of \$57.50.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. Jesus takes three of his disciples --- Peter, James and John to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses (both significant figures in the history of Israel) appear and converse with Jesus. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Aug. 12-13

**5:00 PM Mass:** Aaron Oravitz, Bob & Luke O'Brien

**8:15 AM Mass:** Ryan Gebhart, Ethan Aiello, Peyton Duty

**10:15 AM Mass:** Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Aug. 12-13

**5 PM MASS** – Pat Brodbeck

**8:15 AM MASS** – Midge Stokes

**10:15 AM MASS** – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Aug. 12-13

**5:00 PM:** Barbara Reichart, Mat & Holly Robinson, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

**8:15 AM:** Kristy Bucholtz, Liz Kohler, Margie & Sam Leese, John Melhorn

**10:15 AM:** Kevin Behr, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**FLOWERS on the altar** this weekend are in honor of Barry & Shelva Meckley on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – "Lord, it is good that we are here." The apostles saw the glory of the Lord and were strengthened to go out to the world as heralds of what they had seen. Is He calling you to share your experience of Him with others as a priest or sister? Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write:

[frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org)

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

1. Today we celebrate the Feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord**. Did you ever wonder what this event is all about? Sure, the Lord Jesus became dazzling white. Sure, the Old Testament greats, Moses and Elijah, appeared next to Him. Sure, the voice of God amid cloud and thunder and lightning proclaimed this to be His beloved Son in whom He was well-pleased. But, why? Well, the Transfiguration is a theophany – an event in which God manifests Himself in all His glory. This event demonstrated to Peter, James, and John, who accompanied Jesus up Mt. Tabor, that this rabbi they followed, was more than just a man – He was truly God robed in flesh. He was the Son of God, the fulfillment of all Moses and Elijah foretold. And these Apostles had a life-changing experience with Jesus in all His glory. Have you ever had a similar experience, in which Jesus was revealed to you personally in all His glory and majesty? One of those life-changing moments where you know that God, and all we believe, is truly real – that you know that you know that you know? Even still, one day we believe that we will see Him face to face in all His glory – this God who loves us so much that He became one of us.
2. A very special thank you to Daniel Pivorotto for his **Eagle Scout project**, which benefitted the parish cemetery. Daniel and numerous scouts, family, and friends worked on cleaning up some of the oldest tombstones in our cemetery. This work will benefit our parish archivists, Bob and Judy Goley, who are currently working on bringing our parish cemetery records up to date.
3. Also, thank you to Sr. Rosanne, the Knights of Columbus, and the many people who planned and served in one way or another to make our **parish picnic** (on August 6<sup>th</sup>) a great success, as it is each year.
4. Don't forget our **parish yard sale** on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm in the social hall. The Knights of Columbus will have food for sale, and you can pick up your pre-ordered chicken BBQ dinners then too!
5. **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@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frtmarcoe@hbgdiocese.org) with the college student's name and his/her email address.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

**RCIA NEWS**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in the Fall. 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 non-threatening atmosphere of instruction, faith-sharing and prayer. For more information or if you have questions, please call Sister Rosanne at 259-0611, ext. 7.

**“DISCOVERING CHRIST”**

God created us for relationship with himself. We find our purpose in Jesus Christ. **“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 22<sup>nd</sup> and continue till Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information and/or to register, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7. All registrations must be in by Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**IHM YARD SALE** – Come join us on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:eoravitz@comcast.net) or 639-5940 or Suzanne Livelsberger at 309-8795. Setup will be Friday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm. Profits from table fee go to Fusion Youth Group.

**“SWING FOR THE SISTERS”**

The 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:development@ssiphila.com)

**MENTAL ILLNESS PROGRAM** – The National Alliance on Mental Illness will be holding the Family-to-Family Education Program for Fall 2017, beginning Sept. 7 and continuing every Thursday through Nov. 16 from 6:30 PM to 9 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 117 W. King St., East Berlin. RSVP by Aug. 25 to [ddennis.nami@gmail.com](mailto:ddennis.nami@gmail.com). For more information, call 717-848-3784.

**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.

**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](mailto:poakes@hbgdiocese.org).

On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be no **Dynamic YOU** due to the Parish Picnic. **Dynamic YOU** will resume on August 13<sup>th</sup>. And please come out to the picnic!

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?**

The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public ministry. This glorious event was covered in detail by Saints Matthew (17: 1 - 6), Mark (9: 1 – 8), and Luke (9: 28 – 36). Two of the witnesses, Saints Peter (2 Peter 1: 16 – 18) and John (1: 14) make allusions to it in their writings. The event took place about a week after Christ and his Apostles were in Caesarea Philippi, when he took Saints Peter, James, and John up to the high mountain (commonly believed to be Mount Tabor) where his body began to shine brightly with his Divinity.

**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.aliveinthespirit.net](http://www.aliveinthespirit.net) or [www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal) or call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709.

**MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS** – The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 3 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those parishioners who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends.

Sept. 11 – Cardinal Keeler Center, 7 PM  
Sept. 14 – St. Joseph, Hanover – 7 PM  
Sept. 25 – St. Philip, Millersville – 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For further information, call 717-657-4804, ext 304 or email [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Women's Conference, Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com). For more information, contact Annette at Select International Tours at 800-842-4842 or [Annette@select-intl.com](mailto:Annette@select-intl.com).

**JOHN GASTLEY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** golf outing on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> – registration starts at 7 am. Each year our selection committee awards a four year tuition scholarship of approximately twenty thousand dollars to a Catholic 8<sup>th</sup> grade student from any school in the region to attend Delone. We awarded nine scholarships to date and the application for our milestone tenth will start early in the school year. More information at [info@gastleyfoundation.com](mailto:info@gastleyfoundation.com) or Pat Bethas at 717-479-1202.

**DELONE CLASS OF '65** will hold their 52<sup>nd</sup> Reunion Luncheon at Noon on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 at Inn 94 on Carlisle Pike, New Oxford. If you can join us, please contact Judy (Bennett) Sieg at 632-3482, [signalji@yahoo.com](mailto:signalji@yahoo.com) or Jean (Eline) Timmins at 632-6433, [jeantim@embarqmail.com](mailto:jeantim@embarqmail.com).

**A FATHER WAS AT THE BEACH WITH HIS CHILDREN WHEN THE FOUR-YEAR OLD SON RAN UP TO HIM, GRABBED HIS HAND, AND LED HIM TO THE SHORE WHERE A SEAGULL LAY DEAD IN THE SAND. "DADDY, WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?" THE SON ASKED. "HE DIED AND WENT TO HEAVEN," THE DAD REPLIED. THE BOY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT AND THEN SAID, "DID GOD THROW HIM BACK DOWN?"**

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**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](mailto:roywainwright3@gmail.com).

**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](http://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, Lancia, 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](http://www.proximotravel.com).

**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](mailto: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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.HbgDiocese.org). Direct any questions to Connie Egan at [cegan@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:cegan@hbgdiocese.org).

**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](mailto:patrenaut@hotmail.com). Also, if you would like to help with the packing, come to the Abbottstown Fire Hall on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

#### **MAY FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 33,600.00</b>
<b>Income for May 7</b>	<b>11,491.45</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>9,118.20</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>8,392.62</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>9,673.45</b>

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME** **\$ 38,675.72**

#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,410.00</b>
<b>Trinity Dome Collection</b>	<b>1,485.00</b>
<b>Ascension Thursday</b>	<b>1,441.00</b>

**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](http://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](mailto: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. 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday morning Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg PA**

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Please go to [www.yourmarriageisworthit.org](http://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](https://youtube/CWrpr_5e4RY). PRAF’s website: [www.patientsrightsaction.org](http://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](http://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](http://WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG).**

**FAITH FORMATION RETREAT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION –** Join us Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.icbvmnewoxford.org). Contact Pete Socks to register at [pete.socks@gmail.com](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.