

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

5:00 PM + Edward Hoffheins, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

9:00 AM + Mary Bushey

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

9:00 AM + John Potocki

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

9:00 AM + Fred & Magdalena Brandt

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

5:00 PM + Thelma Litwin

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

8:15 AM + Jim Boylan

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** – Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a widow to the Divine.

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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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**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:

Michael & Keegan Woods, Abbottstown  
Jessica & Marcelo Sanchez & family, Spring Grove

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Today's Gospel gives a powerful lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message. The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: *rejoice* don't *reject*. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is a cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate. Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.

**QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Gospel Question:** Who among your family and friends would you consider "lost" in their relationship with God?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** When do you offer prayers of intercession?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** What does Paul's life story tells us about God?

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Sept. 17-18

**5 PM Mass:** Regina Walton, Jonah & Abbi Robinson

**8:15 AM Mass:** Amelia Gerring, Jade Kent, Lauren Wicker

**11:15 AM Mass:** Clare & Margaret Mailey, Tyler Raubenstine

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Sept. 17-18

**5 PM MASS** – Margaret Krepps

**8:15 AM MASS** – Midge Stokes

**11:15 AM MASS** – Luz Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Sept. 17-18

**5 PM:** Bertie Kuhn, Steve Hoffman, Dan Landis, Steve Signorello, Sam Spiese

**8:15 AM:** Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Liz Kohler, Kim Leese, Jeff Seifert

**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Carmelita Garcia, Bonnie Hensel, Lorrie Nagy, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “This brother of yours was dead and has come to life.” Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org).

**PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION** – In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous.

**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 Sept. 4, 2016 we sold \$770 for a profit of \$38.50.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – We have started the Tuesday morning Bible Study again after the 9 AM Mass. Anyone is welcome to join us in the social hall.

**PARISH MISSION TRIP** – the Parish Mission Trip to the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica is fast approaching. The funds raised from the Cultural Festival this past May have been used to purchase medicine and supplies that Fr. Marcoe and a group of parishioners will take to Jamaica. In addition to that, the Brothers have made an appeal for sneakers or athletic shoes, sizes 8-11, that they use for their sports nights. If you have any spare that you can donate that are still in decent condition, they will be gratefully accepted. A box will be provided in the main entry where you can drop off the shoes. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity and continued support of our mission trip.

**PCCW** – All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Parish Council of Catholic Women on Wed., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the church social hall.

Calling all bakers, the Parish Council of Catholic Women will be having a bake sale on Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> after Sunday Masses only. Baked goods should be labeled, priced and may be dropped off in the church social hall before the Masses. Any questions, please call Pat Slonaker at 624-3245.

**THAT MAN IS YOU – Year 2 Update:** That Man Is You returns on Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Immaculate Conception School cafeteria starting at 8 AM until approximately 9:30 AM. There is no need to have attended Year 1 to take part in Year 2: The Spirit of Nazareth. Contact Pete Socks for more details via [pete.socks@gmail.com](mailto:pete.socks@gmail.com) or Tim Riley at [tim.riley63@yahoo.com](mailto:tim.riley63@yahoo.com).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** – We have DVD’s available on the presentation that was held here at IHM on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Anita in the Parish Office if you would like a copy.

**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**

Ladies, this conference is for you! On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> the Diocese of Harrisburg will offer our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme this year is “*Wrapped in God’s Merciful Love.*” Kimberly Hahn’s Keynote is entitled: **Rome Sweet Home: How the Mercy of God led me to Become a Catholic.** There will be Workshop Sessions, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Holy Mass and fellowship with hundreds of women, which will refresh your soul as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Come and see what God’s love can do in your life. For more information, or to register, go to [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women). Registration brochures are also available in the parish. Please contact Sister Rosanne.

**BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK** – The 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 contact Rosalie Gamm at 717-359-9558 or email [rmgamm@comcast.net](mailto:rmgamm@comcast.net). Cancellations must be made by Sept. 22, no later. This is a firm cut-off date.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

**JULY FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 42,000.00</b>
<b>Income for July 3</b>	<b>10,733.85</b>
July 10	8,881.61
July 17	9,881.33
July 24	7,578.24
July 31	8,861.55
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 45,936.58</b>

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

**Capital Expense Collection           1,500.50**

**ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS –** The Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg is hosting a night for young adults ages 21 to 35ish from throughout the region called *Get Connected* on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016. The evening will begin with the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Ronald Gainer, followed by a dinner and social taking place at Saint Leo the Great Parish in Lancaster. Registration and detailed information may be found at [www.hbgdiocese.org/getconnected](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/getconnected).

**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 [jcurran@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:jcurran@hbgdiocese.org).

**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.

**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).

**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

**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.

#### **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.

#### **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”.

**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.

**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).

**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.