

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

5:00 PM + Dorothy Schlaline

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Patty Zenyuh

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

**NO MASS**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

9:00 AM + Charles Luckenbaugh

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

**NO MASS**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

9:00 AM + Guy Lawrence

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

9:00 AM + Jo Monaco

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

5:00 PM + Frank Schuhart, Sr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

8:15 AM + Sally Thoman

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Isaiah 55:6-9 / Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Unable to forgive one another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

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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, Ethan Slagle, and Dave Lambert.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through this parable we come to understand the depth of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity --- the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The Lesson is clear: if we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Sept. 23-24

**5:00 PM Mass:** Harrison, Landon & Ella Smith

**8:15 AM Mass:** Peyton Duty, Noah Racioppa, Lauren Wicker

**11:15 AM Mass:** Margaret & Clare Mailey, Edie Rumbaugh

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Sept. 23-24

**5 PM MASS** – Margaret Krepps

**8:15 AM MASS** – Carol Morris

**11:15 AM MASS** – Jess Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Sept. 23-24

**5:00 PM:** Jen Gentile, Pat & Randy Slonaker, Janet Todt, Amanda Wicker

**8:15 AM:** Dianne Giampietro, Midge Stokes, Elaine & Mitch Walton, Claire Wentz

**11:15 AM:** Rita Becoski, Joyce Menges, Stella Thomas, John Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.” How is God calling you to live for others? Could it be as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: [frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. From September 6 through 20, I will be away on the **pilgrimage to Italy**. I will be praying for all of you as we visit locations so important in our Catholic faith. This is a special trip for my parents, who celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary earlier this month!
2. A special **appreciation breakfast** to thank our **altar servers** will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 10:30 in the social hall. All altar servers and their families are welcome. Please call the parish office for more information.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

### JULY FINANCIAL REPORT –

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 44,000.00</b>
<b>Income for July 2nd</b>	<b>8,398.75</b>
July 9th	10,356.75
July 16th	9,297.39
July 23rd	8,556.76
July 30th	10,272.97

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME**                      **\$ 46,882.62**

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,391.00</b>
<b>Missionary Co-Op Collection</b>	<b>2,263.75</b>

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry held on Sept. 6th served 100 families which included 280 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> is [www.volunteersignup.org/9KFR3](http://www.volunteersignup.org/9KFR3). 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.

**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 10, 2017 we sold \$1350.00 for a profit of \$67.50.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Life is a journey in which a person is constantly learning, growing and changing. If you want to be a member of the Catholic faith, the RCIA process is a step on that journey, providing you with an opportunity to grow spiritually, learn, ask questions and experience what is meant by being a Catholic Christian. The Catholic Church is always ready to welcome anyone who desires to become a part of our faith community. If you are an un-baptized adult, a member of another Christian faith or perhaps you are just interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Church, please call Sister Rosanne at 259-0611, ext. 7

**RESPECT LIFE** – Come take a stand for Life at the Gettysburg Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:30-3:30 PM at the square in Gettysburg. We hold life affirming signs such as “Abortion kills children” and “Jesus forgives and heals” as we stand along the sidewalk and silently pray for an hour.

### PCCW NEWS –

Have you been married for 5,10,15,20,25 years and so on in this year (2017)? If so, the Parish Council of Catholic Women would like to invite you to attend Mass on Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM. Father will recognize each couple and then give a special blessing. Couples and their families are welcomed to the social hall for cake and drinks. If you would like to attend, you can sign up on the sheets on the window sills or call Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245 by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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).

**FISHERS OF MEN DINNER** – We are faced with a challenge! Many dioceses throughout the United States are facing the challenge of fewer vocations to the priesthood. We in the Diocese of Harrisburg are faced with a different kind of challenge – the need to provide solid seminary formation for an increasing number of men who are studying for the priesthood. What a wonderful challenge to be blessed with! As we have counted on your prayers for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood, so now we need your financial help in providing seminary formation for them. Please consider attending the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017 in the Cardinal Keeler Center at 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. Please find more information in the vestibule of the church or go to the Diocesan website at [www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/fishersofmen) to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

**THE REFORMATION – A panel Discussion** will be held at IHM on Sept. 27, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the parish social hall. In this panel discussion, learn from both the Catholic and Lutheran perspectives about what happened at the Reformation 500 years ago. What was interaction like between Christians of these two churches back then? What has it been like in more recent decades? And what does the future hold for Christian unity? The guest panelists will be Rev. Dr. Maria Erling (Professor of Modern Church History and Global Missions, and Director of Ministry in Practice at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg) and Rev. James Lease (Pastor, St. Joseph Parish in Danville and Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Diocese of Harrisburg). Light refreshments to follow.

**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.

**DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Women of the parish, please mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Women's Conference, which is being held on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Bishop McDevitt High School. The Theme is: "Lead All Souls to Heaven": Mary's Message to Us from Fatima. The Keynote Speaker is Susan Brinkmann, award-winning Catholic author and noted speaker. Brochures can be found on the ledge behind the last pew. Online registration is currently available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/event/womens'conference](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/event/womens'conference)

**CONEWAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** invites you to the Annual Harrisburg Diocesan Marian Day on Oct. 21, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. It will be held from 9 AM to Noon. Please register in advance with Harriet Glass at 717-677-4303 or by email at [hrglass@embarqmail.com](mailto:hrglass@embarqmail.com). Registration deadline is Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$10. Make checks payable to Conewago District CCW.

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CALENDAR RAFFLE –**

The Home and School Association will be selling calendar raffles beginning the weekend of Sept. 9-10 and concluding the weekend of Sept. 23-24. The cost is \$25 per raffle which gives you 100 chances to win! You can pickup calendar raffles at the McSherrystown Campus parish office or you may contact Andrew Stoner at 717-624-0074.

**CATHOLIC RADIO** – AM 720 WHYF, your Catholic radio station will be conducting a pledge drive Monday, Sept. 25 through Friday, Sept. 29. They would like to share stories on the air during this time of how the station has helped people in their faith journey. If you have a story to share, no matter how brief, please send it to [contact@720whyf.com](mailto:contact@720whyf.com) or call 717-525-8110. The station can be heard on the air, and 24/7 on line at [www.720whyf.com](http://www.720whyf.com) and via an app.

**EPIC: A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY**

This course will begin Sept. 28, 2017 at Sacred Heart Basilica Parish. It is open to ALL and is designed to discuss the major people, places, events and issues of the world and the Catholic church. It will identify the twelve historical time periods of the Church; find out why the Church has held 21 ecumenical councils; learn about the heresies, schisms and apostasies of the ages; see how the liturgies and sacraments have evolved; and discuss the apostolic succession and the anti-popes and much more. Please enroll prior to Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a cost of \$30 per person for materials. The course will cover twenty weeks – ten this Fall and ten in the Spring. Contact John Barrett at 717-633-1082 or the parish office at 717-637-2721.

**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 Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6 to 8:30PM, Fusion will present **Stop Bullying!** This Youth Night will be devoted to discussing different kinds of bullying and how to counter it. This program is open for all teens. We'll meet in The Den and will end the evening in Eucharistic Adoration.

Once again, Fusion will be attending Fan the Fire in York. This year's theme is: **Fire Fall Down**. The price is: \$20 a person. The deadline to turn back in the registration forms, along with the money, is **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**.

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Fusion will take a field trip out to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We'll leave from IHM at 6PM. There, we will participate in **Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk**. Groups will be led on a guided tour through the cemetery, where actors portraying different saints will appear and tell the group about how they lived and/or died. Each tour takes about forty minutes, and it takes place outside (so dress warmly). Afterwards, the tour group is allowed to spend time in the Basilica for quiet meditation. We'll return to IHM at 9PM. Teens and families are welcome to join us on this spiritually-uplifting experience!

**Did You Know?**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, they have expanded in size to reach more than 120 million people in over 100 countries. Their mission is "to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person." In the wakes of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, CRS has been helping out in Haiti, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. Please don't forget to contribute to, and pray for, these relief workers.

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**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. 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:pete.socks@gmail.com).

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

**RUTH'S HARVEST** – the next Ruth's Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. It only requires an hour (or less) of your time, so feel free to join us. Also, please remember to place donations in the Ruth's Harvest boxes. We are collecting individual sizes of rice with chicken and vegetables (Chef Boyardee), beef stew (Dinty Moore), soup and fruit cups.

**FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
The Diocesan Institute schedule of Fall adult education offerings is now available. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/institute](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/institute) 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@hbgiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgiocese.org) or 717-657-4804, ext. 225.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.