

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Varela

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

9:00 AM + Deceased Members of the Seymore family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

9:00 AM + Jo Monaco

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

9:00 AM + James Drummer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

5:00 PM + Frank Schuhart, Sr.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

8:15 AM – Special Intention of Carol Stroud on her 70th birthday

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Amos 6:1, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE – Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

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, Carl Ramskow and Mark Schlaline.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND ARE IN HONOR OF CAROL STROUD'S BIRTHDAY.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts!

It seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something *right* and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: What surprises you about the parable of the dishonest steward?

1st Reading: Where do you see the exploitation of the poor in today's pursuit of wealth?

2nd Reading: What do you like about the author's advice on prayers and petitions?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Sept. 24-25

5 PM Mass: Regina Walton, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

8:15 AM Mass: Joseph & Mary Murphy, Noah Racioppa

11:15 AM Mass: Erich Steinke, Landon Smith, Jacob Fleming

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Sept. 24-25

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

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. 24-25

5 PM: Jen Gentile, Syndia Helmers, Pat & Randy Slonaker, Janet Todt

8:15 AM: Jeanne Maysilles, Midge Stokes, Holly Robinson, Elaine & Mitch Walton

11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Kevin Behr, Joyce Menges, John Schlaline, Jr. Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. **Wondering what God is calling you to in your life?** Do you know that each of us has a unique vocation? The Ministry Potential Discerner (MPD) Vocational Self-Assessment Survey can help. Go to www.testyourcalling.org. This survey is not a psychological test, but an online personal evaluation instrument that can be used to help you learn more about yourself, your spiritual life and your future.
2. This Sunday is **Catechetical Sunday**. In a special way, we show appreciation to our CCD catechists (teachers) who form and inform our children in the ways and teachings of our beautiful Catholic faith. Thank you to Sr. Rosanne, our parish Director of Religious Education, and to all the volunteer catechists who serve!
3. Please continue to keep in your **daily prayers** our parish mission trip to Jamaica with the Missionaries of the Poor, as well as our growing parish youth ministry.

God bless you and your week.

Fr. Marcoe

WE WELCOME the following members into our parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Quincy Patrick Brewer, son of Rachel & Lee Brewer and Owen James Morris, son of Lynn & Richard Morris.

NATURAL DISASTER COLLECTION – The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) has called for an emergency collection to be taken in September to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to the impacted Catholic dioceses. The funds collected next weekend, Sept. 24-25, is a one time appeal for the 2016 Louisiana Floods to support these efforts. Please put your donation in an envelope marked Disaster Relief. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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. 11, 2016 we sold \$1090 for a profit of \$54.50.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS – The IHM Knights of Columbus Council #13692 are once again offering scholarships for the 2016-17 school year for both elementary and high school students, awarded on a financial-need basis. Applications are available on the ledge behind the last pew and must be returned to the Council no later than October 30, 2016.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Veterans Day Dinner and Program will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5th starting at 6:15 PM. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

WHY SHOULD I VOTE/DOES THE CHURCH TELL ME WHO TO VOTE FOR? In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is considered a virtue, and participation in political life – especially voting – is considered a moral obligation. In their document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Bishops note, “The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith.” Being a faithful citizen requires a well-formed conscience, aided by reading Scripture, reflecting on Church teaching, examining the issues and praying. The Catholic Church neither endorses nor opposes specific candidates for public office or political parties, nor does it tell Catholics for whom to vote. Rather, each Catholic must prayerfully reflect on the candidates’ positions in light of teachings of Christ and His Church, and participate in the privileged opportunity to promote the common good as they cast their vote. Use that opportunity on November 8. For more information, visit www.Hbgdiocese.org/vote.

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.

DIocese OF HARRISBURG WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

Ladies, this one is for you! When was the last time you took a day to rest awhile, to refresh your spirit, to wrap yourself in God’s merciful love so that you have more to share with your children your grandchildren, your husband, your parents, your co-workers, and your neighbors? On Saturday, October 15th, the Diocese of Harrisburg will offer our 2nd Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme this year is **“Wrapped in God’s Merciful Love.”** Our Keynote Speaker will be Kimberly Hahn. Her keynote address 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. Please contact Sister Rosanne.

75TH JUBILIEE – Recently Sr. Maria Wrubel who taught at Delone Catholic High School for 23 years, celebrated her 75th Jubilee. If anyone would like to send her a card her address is Mercy Center, Box 370, Dallas, PA 18612.

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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. 8th 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.

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.

A MEDICAL MORAL ISSUES WORKSHOP will be held on Sept. 30th 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 or email icurran@hbgdiocese.org.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Who will entrust to you the true riches?” The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG.

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT –

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
Capital Expense Collection **1,500.50**

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

THAT MAN IS YOU – Year 2 Update: That Man Is You returns on Saturday, Sept. 17th. 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 or Tim Riley at tim.riley63@yahoo.com.

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

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. 7th 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.

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

6th 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 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

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 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 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-8th grade)
101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061
www.icsbvm.org.

Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)
140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969
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 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.