

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 2016 – LABOR DAY

9:00 AM + Sister Maggie

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstein

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

9:00 AM + Deceased Members of the O'Brien family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

9:00 AM + Charles Wykispiz

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

9:00 AM + Ray Varela

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

+indicates - deceased

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

Luke 15:1-32

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE – Today's gospel is clear: Commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan very carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

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.

MASS TIME CHANGE – Our regular Sunday Mass schedule of 8:15 AM and **11:15 AM** will begin again on Sunday, **September 11, 2016.**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 5TH FOR LABOR DAY.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

It's a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists that God *must* be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our "father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life. It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to prefer something --- or *Someone* ---else, namely God, to these important relationships. In putting God first, inevitable something else must take second place. It means putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: Which of the three conditions of discipleship would you find easiest to fulfill?

1st Reading: Who is the wisest person you know or have encountered?

2nd Reading: How do you think Philemon reacted to Paul's request?

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

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Sept. 10-11
5 PM Mass: Liam Miriello, Hannah Fletcher, Audrey Sell
8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia & Sophia Galysh, Ryan Gebhart
11:15 AM Mass: Autumn & Madi Kuhn, Edie Rumbaugh
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Sept. 10-11
5 PM MASS – Mary Margaret Thorne
8:15 AM MASS – Jeanne Maysilles
11:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Sept. 10-11
5 PM: Sharon & Leo Hare, Joanne Lauchman, Dan & Barb O'Brien
8:15 AM: Margie & Sam Leese, John Melhorn, Elaine & Mitch Walton
11:15 AM: Kevin Behr, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, Diane & John Schlaline
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. A special thank you to the DePaulis Family, the Cub/Boy Scouts, and those who assisted them in making our 2nd family movie night on Aug. 27th a great success!
2. From Sept. 1st through 8th I'll be away from the parish on a trip with the priests of my Emmaus group.

God bless you and your week.

Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “None of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Wayne at (717)657-4804 ext. 282 or email frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION – Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

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. 28, 2016 we sold \$1,110 for a profit of \$55.50.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING – will be held Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 7 PM in Room 3 of the Religious Ed Building. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting is encouraged to attend.

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.

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.

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.

DIocese OF HARRISBURG WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, this conference is for you! 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*." 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. Registration brochures are also available in the parish. Please contact Sister Rosanne.

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 jcurran@hbgdiocese.org.

THE HARRISBURG CURSILLO MOVEMENT: All are invited to the Grand Ultreya Celebration on Oct. 8th from 9 AM till 3 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. Mass starts at 9:15 AM, lunch will be provided. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the main celebrant. Fellow Cursillistas, this is a great opportunity to live your Fourth Day. For those that have not made their Cursillo weekend, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the Cursillo movement. Registration is \$15. To register, contact Phil Talarico at 717-691-0604 or email at bstala1@gmail.com.

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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.

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

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.