**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**

5:00 PM + Jay Spiese

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Theron Menges

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018**

NO MASS

**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018**

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Jonathan Ruffner on his birthday

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018**

9:00 AM + Hector Miranda

**THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018**

9:00 AM + Fred Hopper

**FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018**

9:00 AM + Doreen Oblack

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018**

5:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018**

8:15 AM + Charlie Kulynych

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**


1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

**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, Polly Renaud, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Twayrdy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, Valerie Strine, Robert Despres, John Melhorn, Theresa Staub, Joanne Hallisey, Scott Hale and Nickolas Willis.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to Fr. Marceo or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804 frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Walton, father of Mitch Walton and Donna Dusseau, grandmother of Nathan Dussea.
**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

5th Sunday of Easter

1. Last weekend we hosted “Participation Sunday” in response to our wonderful Ministry Fair (held the weekend of April 14 and 15). At Mass that weekend, you were invited to fill out a Talent & Ministry form after the homily and then return it in the “2nd collection”. If you are still being led by God to respond and fill out this form, copies of it are available on the ledge behind the last pew in church or on our parish website, www.ihmparadise.org. Please return it at your earliest convenience to the parish office or in the collection at an upcoming Mass. Please check any groups you’d like more information on, or ones that you might even like to become part of. Or, if you’d like to receive assistance from one of the groups, please indicate that as well! Then, you’ll be contacted by the coordinator of the group you selected to provide you with further information.

2. This coming Saturday, May 5th at the 5pm Mass, children from our parish will be receiving their first Holy Communion. Congratulations to these children and their families! May the joy of receiving for the first time the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of their Savior, awaken within us the same joy of knowing that Jesus comes to each of us personally to nourish us with His amazing grace.

3. On Sunday, May 6th after the 8:15am Mass, please join us all in the social hall for a special Fellowship Sunday (aka, “Coffee and Donuts”). We’re giving a special welcome to new parishioners who have joined our parish over the past year. Please come and welcome them to our IHM family!

4. On Friday, May 11th, our V.I.V. (Very Important Volunteer) Dinner will take place at 6:30pm here in the social hall. ANYONE who serves (or volunteers) in ANYWAY here at IHM is invited to sign up and join us for this free appreciation dinner for all that you do to make our parish so wonderful. Sign-up sheets are found in the church.

5. On May 13th during the 11:15am Mass, our annual May Crowning of the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will take place. On this weekend that we honor our earthly mothers, we also honor the spiritual mother Jesus gave us – His mother, who reigns with Him in the glory of heaven.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

**PARISH FLOWER BEDS** – We still have a few flower beds in need of adoption! If you are interested in taking one of the flower beds here, please call Anita in the parish office. Also, all those who have been taking care of flower beds in the past, please call Anita and advise if you plan to continue to do so. Mulch has been delivered and anyone working on the flower beds may help themselves.

**VIV DINNER** – Please use the sign-up sheets on the window sills or the ledge behind the last pew to sign up for our Very Important Volunteers (VIV) Dinner to be held here on Friday, May 11th at 6:30 PM. Anyone who volunteers is welcome to join us! Deadline to sign up is Friday, May 4th.

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS** – the deadline for all bulletin submissions is the end of business day on Monday. Anything received after that day will be included in the next week’s bulletin.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Jacob Fleming, one of 35 students, who represented our parish in the Diocesan Faith Bee this past Monday. We are grateful for all the time and the dedication you showed in studying almost 500 questions and answers. We are so very proud of you and this great accomplishment!

**ADVENTURE CLUB**

The Adventure Club is off again! This time to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, July 26th. This experience will help us to learn more about "The Bible, the Greatest Book ever written." The bus will leave the IHM parking lot at 7:30 AM and arrive in DC at 10:00 AM. We will depart from DC at 3:00 PM, stopping in Frederick for a dinner buffet at Golden Coral, which is included in the $75 trip cost. Lunch and driver tip will be on your own. Please plan to join Fr. Marcoe and the Adventure Club on another spiritual and spirit-filled journey. Reservation deadline is June 1st. Call Janet McIntyre @ (717) 633-9384 or (717) 521-4218.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Our Tuesday morning Bible Study Group would like to welcome anyone interested to join them. They meet in the Den on Tuesdays after Mass until 11 AM. Topics discussed are the upcoming Bible readings. Any questions, please call George Severns at 717-292-0328 or email academia2@comcast.net.

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP** – Any items that were still on the graves from the winter/Christmas have been removed and placed behind the Church. If you want to keep any items, please pick them up. Anything left there after one week will be discarded. Thank you!

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** – My name is Tyler Raubenstine and I am holding a memorialization fundraiser for my Eagle Scout Project this summer. The fundraiser will involve a set donation amount that will roughly cover the cost of one paver and part of the price of the plaque. This can be a way for parish members to memorialize a loved one through this Rosary Garden in front of the Blessed Mother Statue, or any generous individuals willing to donate towards my endeavor. I will be outside the parish doors after every Mass starting Saturday, April 28th to answer any questions, hand out forms to complete and to accept any orders or donations. All forms and money are due on Sunday, May 13th after the 11:15 AM Mass. Thank you for your generosity!
DESIGNER PURSE BINGO – The IHM Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on May 5, 2018 at Delone Catholic High School, 140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown. Doors open at 5:30 PM and the games start at 7 PM. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door if available. The Knights are soliciting contributions for Door Prizes and Raffles. Please contact John Schaline at 717-699-4534 or Bill Zimmer at 717-292-4870 for additional information.

HELP NEEDED! Anyone who would like to offer their assistance at the Gettysburg Battlefield for cleanup at the Peace Light, please contact Don Myers at 717-965-2617. Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND – Please check our Lost and Found bin in the sacristy for any items you may have left in Church. Any unclaimed items will be discarded.

SPRING CLEANING? Please remember to donate any used clothes to the COMMUNITY AID BIN located in the IHM parking lot. Proceeds from the donations benefit Boy Scout Troop 127.

FUSION NEWS - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.

Did You Know? April 28th is the feast day for the martyr St. Peter Chanel. He was part of a small band of missionaries sent to the island of Futuna in the South Pacific. While at first well received by the pagans, their king Niuliki quickly became jealous after the missionaries learned their native language and began to evangelize the people. After his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king became enraged and had St. Peter clubbed to death. However, within five months of his death, the entire island converted to Christianity.

Fridays, April 6th – May 11th, 7 – 8:30PM – Bible Study
Saturday, April 28th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night with Adoration
Tuesday, May 1st – Deadline to sign up for Seton Retreat
Tuesday, May 8th – Deadline to sign up for “Mission Territory”
Saturday, May 12th, 6 – 9PM – Game Night in the Social Hall
Saturday, May 19th, 6 – 9PM – “Laudate” Open Mic Night
Saturday, May 26th, 9AM – 3PM – Seton Retreat
Sundays, June 3rd – August 5th, 6 – 8:30PM – “Mission Territory” Summer Teen Program
Monday, June 4th, 6:30 – 9PM – Healing Mass

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND – Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg and visit the grave of St. Patrick, the Diocese’s Patron Saint, on a 12 day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Bishop Ronald Gainer. The trip will take place August 28 – September 8, 2018. The group will depart from Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to Washington is available. For more information, contact Mark Totaro, Catholic Charities Executive Director/CEO at 717-657-4804 (ext 276) or visit www.cchbg.org on line.

THANKS TO
ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on April 4th served 88 families which included 216 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, May 2nd is www.volunteersignup.org/EM933. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, as well LAUNDRY DETERGENT, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church:
Rosemary Connelly, East Berlin
Mark McIntyre & Sasha Cutchall, New Oxford
Dorothy Neiderer, New Oxford
John & Melissa Juelich & family, East Berlin
Michael & Debbie Winkelspecht, East Berlin
Margaret Barra, New Oxford
Matthew & Sharon Weaver, Hanover
Justin Weaver, New Oxford
Peter & Janeann Kakalecz, Dillsburg
ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA STEM CAMP – St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School will be hosting a Summer STEM Camp for students entering Kindergarten – Grade 6. The camp will run from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday, June 11–Friday, June 15, 2018 and will take place at our McSherrystown Campus (316 North Street). Cost of $150 for 1st camper and $100 for each additional sibling. Limited space available! Registration and payment due by May 11th. For more information, please visit the “Student Life” tab on our website: www.stck8schoo.org. Please note that you do not have to be enrolled in our school to participate in our camp. However, due to space limitations, all registered campers must be a member of an Adams Deanery parish to attend.

WOMEN’S RETREAT – The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the Eighth Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD. It is from Friday evening on June 8th until noon on Sunday, June 10th. The Retreat Master is Very Reverend Neil Sullivan. The registration deadline is May 21, 2018. Contact Barbara McCarthy at 717-534-1858 or FranBarbMc@aol.com with questions or to register.

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT –

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SECOND COLLECTIONS:
Catholic Relief 1,598.00
Foundation Gift 1,500.00

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students at Delone Catholic High School for achieving honor roll status:
FIRST HONORS: Julia O’Brien, Audrey Sell and Harrison Smith
SECOND HONORS: Christian Powell
COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Abigail Sell

WEEKDAY MASS PARKING – Anyone attending the weekday Masses are asked to park in the lot beside and behind the Church whenever there is snow and ice. This parking area will be made ready first for anyone on the property.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Please keep collecting and sending in those BoxTops for Education for St. Teresa School. If you’d like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact kwenger@hotmail.com. All help is appreciated!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – It has been noted that some people, who are dropped off or picked up for Mass, are doing so at the steps right along West Canal Road. Especially at night, and given the adjacent hill, it is deemed this is unsafe given the speed and flow of traffic. For accessible and safe access to the Church at all times, please use the side social hall doors. Thank you.

EVENT NOTICE – I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for more than 40 years and employed in the newspaper business for more than 20 years. We have many wonderful events happening here at our parish and we’d like to get the word out to the public. Please feel free to send me any events that would be of interest to our local community –
We really want to encourage children when they get fussy and need extra attention. Appropriate place in the church for babies and young welcome here at Mass, and so it’s important to have an parish family, we want children and families to be 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. We really want to encourage parents to use this space

to tend to their 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.

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.

RUTH’S HARVEST – the next Ruth’s Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30th 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.

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.

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.

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. 14th 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.

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.

CREMATION
Since 1963, Catholics have been allowed to choose cremation over burial as a means of laying a loved one to rest. Cremation is a popular choice since it is less expensive and more manageable than a full burial. Cremation, like death, is final. But that doesn’t mean you won’t have second thoughts. Susan Skiles Luke, a marketing consultant in Columbia, Missouri, had her mother cremated and buried in a family plot. Now, she wishes it was her mother’s body and not just the cremated remains that was in the grave. “When I go there, which isn’t often, I want to feel like her body is under ground, right alongside my grandparents and beloved great aunt, all dressed up in their Sunday best…”
Although creation is permitted, some Catholics have not been dealing properly with their loved ones remains. Common practices include scattering ashes, parting ashes out to friends and relatives, and keeping the ashes in a common area, such as a living room. While scattering ashes may seem romantic to some (but is also contrary to Catholic teaching), there’s something to be said about keeping your loved one in once place, and then marking that place with a name. “We mark the graves of our loved ones with a headstone to memorialize them, so we don’t forget them”. When visiting that person’s grave, just seeing his or her name can give comfort.
To instruct the faithful in this regard, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued updated guidelines. According to these, burial is still preferred, but cremation is an option. When a loved one has been cremated, their ashes must be kept intact, the same as one would treat a body. The ashes may not be separated or scattered. Instead, they should remain in a proper vessel that is interred in a proper place, such as a cemetery or church. Finally, the document stresses that Catholics who choose cremation for reasons contrary to the faith, (e.g., to have their ashes scattered) must be denied a Christian funeral.

In the end, whether cremation or burial is chosen, we await from the grave the second coming of Jesus Christ and the blessed Resurrection of the Dead.