27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE
October 8 – 14, 2017

Sunday, Oct. 8th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30-11 AM
Monday, Oct. 9th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, Oct. 9th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
Monday, Oct. 9th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 10th – AM Bible Study in social hall 9:30-11 AM
Wednesday, Oct. 11th – Prayer Shawl Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg Room 3, 1 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 11th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 11th – PCCW meeting in social hall, 7 PM
Thursday, Oct. 12th – Faith Sharing Group in social hall, 9:30-11 AM
Saturday, Oct. 14th – Knights of Columbus Polish Dinner, 6:15 PM
Saturday, Oct. 14th – Fusion, Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk, 6-9 PM (Emmitsburg, MD)

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Oct. 14-15
5:00 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Bob & Luke O’Brien
8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh
11:15 AM Mass: Margaret & Clare Mailey, Nick Steinke
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Oct. 14-15
5 PM MASS – Pat Renaut
8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker
11:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Oct. 14-15
5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Dan & Barb O’Brien, Barb Redding, Sam Spiese
8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Dianne Giampietro, Kevin Heilman, Liz Kohler, Claire Wentz
11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Kevin Behr, John Schaline, Jr Leland Steinke, Stella Thomas
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Myers, mother of Don Myers of our parish who died this week.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. This week, from Oct 8th in the afternoon through Oct 13th in the afternoon, I’ll be away on our annual Priests Continuing Formation Workshop. This year we have many wonderful presenters, like Fr. Paul Scalia, presenting on topics such as: Medical Ethics, Pastoral Care to the Spiritually Afflicted, Preaching in Contemporary Society, Human Resource Challenges, and Stress and Challenges in Priestly Ministry. Please pray for all of our priests in the diocese, especially those who may be struggling in one way or another.

2. On September 27th all the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania gathered at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg to entrust all of our dioceses to Our Lady of Fatima. I was blessed to attend and concelebrate this amazing Mass. As you may know, this year marks 100 years since the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Next weekend all parishes of the Diocese will pray the Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima that was prayed at the above Mass. This is a powerful way for us as individuals, families, and parishes to more fully belong to Jesus through the intercession of His beloved mother.

3. The children, with help of consolation from Our Lady, were promised a miracle at the final apparition, which would take place October 13 (1917), so that the world would believe. Lucia (the oldest of the shepherd children) described the vision: “After Our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus seemed to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When, a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our Lady; it seemed to me that it was Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady one more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel.” Then came the miracle: the Sun “danced” to eyewitnesses, which were 70,000 in attendance. “Opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected onto the sun itself,” Lucia wrote. “Here...is the reason why I cried out to the people to look at the sun...I was moved to do so under the guidance of an interior impulse.” O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

4. On October 16, at St. Joseph’s, Hanover, Bishop Gainer will confirm 14 young people from our wonderful parish. Please keep these teens and their families in your prayers. Confirmation is a powerful sacrament by which we are confirmed in the very power of the Holy Spirit so that we can live lives for Christ and in Christ, belonging completely to Him through His Church.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE MARIA AND EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO - Next weekend, Oct. 14-15, 2017, the Diocese of Harrisburg will have a collection for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the victims of the earthquake in Mexico. Please be as generous as you can.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “This is the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

REFORMATION PANEL DISCUSSION – A video of the panel discussion held here at IHM on Sept. 27, 2017 can be found on the IHM website as well as https://youtube/1Zc29zXy5Tw.

PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the REC building. If you would like to join the group to make shawls for the sick and shut-ins, please come on the 11th to take part in this Church Ministry.

FALL FESTIVAL – The Charitable Children’s Group is hosting a fun family day on Sunday, Oct. 22nd from 3-6 PM. Come out and enjoy the fun, the food, the games and a hayride. Children may wear tasteful Halloween costumes. Flyers can be found on the ledge behind the last pew. RSVP to Kylee King at 717-858-4472 by Sunday, Oct. 15th.

VETERAN’S DAY DINNER: The IHM Veterans Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 6:15 PM in the social hall. Tickets will be on sale after Masses in October. More details to follow.

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 Oct. 1, 2017 we sold $1340 for a profit of $67.00.

PCCW – the Parish Council of Catholic Women will meet this Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 7 PM in the social hall. We will be working on Christmas angels. Come join the fun.
PARISH SERVICE PROJECT – the Parish Council’s Mission for Social Concerns and Outreach is offering an opportunity for parishioners to participate in a service mission project to help out the elderly Benedictine Sisters at their beautiful St. Emma’s Monastery and Retreat Center in Greensburg, PA. Mother Mary Ann Noll, OSB, the Prioress has appealed for a team of 8 volunteers to clean up after their annual “Christmas Shoppe” fundraising event on Sunday, Nov. 12 and Monday, Nov. 13. There is no charge for the 2 night stay at their retreat center and participants are invited to join the sisters in their prayers and vespers. Serving and reaching out to those in need are concrete ways we grow deeper in our Catholic faith as an individual and as a parish family. If interested, please call or text Luz Socrates at 717-873-3650 or email at luzvsoc@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COME AND SEE DINNER will take place on Monday, Oct. 30th at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. We are pleased to welcome Cardinal F. Edwin O’Brien, Grand Master of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, as our guest speaker. The evening includes a reception/auctions, buffet dinner and remarks from Cardinal O’Brien. All proceeds benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing: Evergreen House (for women recovering from addiction), Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. All are welcome! For more information about the event, including links to download/print an invitation and to register online, visit www.cchb.org.

ADAMS DEANERY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL – We are in desperate need of adorers for the following hours:
- Monday @ 8 am & 6 pm
- Tuesday @ 3 am, 5 am & 1 pm
- Wednesday @ 9 am
- Thursday @8 am & 10 am
- Friday @ 3 pm & 7 pm
- Saturday @6 pm & 9 pm

Hours that are in bold are in desperate need of coverage. This is a Deanery Chapel, which means it is a 24 hour Adoration Chapel for the 8 parishes in the Adams Deanery. We need your help to keep this devotion alive. Contact Gloria Murren at 717-479-1071.

LARC EVENTS MARK 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION – Our annual Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) Vespers will be on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 4 PM at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg Campus Chapel. Our LARC Day of Dialogue will be Monday, Oct. 23 from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. These events will take special note of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as well as our progress on the path to Christian Unity. The speaker for the Day of Dialogue will be Bishop Emeritus Donald J. McCoid, who had a key role in creating the document Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist, which summarizes Lutheran-Catholic dialogue since 1965. Information & Registration available at www.hbgdiocese.org/larc or call 717-657-4804 ext. 265 by Oct. 18th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AUTUMN HARVEST DANCE will be held Saturday, Oct. 28th from 6:30 – 10:30 PM in the St. Vincent’s Gym, 65 South St., Hanover. Tickets are $15 each. Music supplied by “This We Dance” Disc Jockey. Contact Joyce Smith at 717-637-0366 or Pat Hubbard at 717-637-0121.

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE – The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, MD is sponsoring a 12 day pilgrimage to the shrines of France. The trip includes Paris, Lisieux, Caen, Normandy, Bayeux, Mont St. Michel, Chartres, Tours, Nevers, Paray le Monial, Ars, Lyon and Lourdes. The cost is $3699 from Washington, DC. Dates of the pilgrimage are March 5-16, 2018 and deadline to register is October 15, 2017. For a brochure with complete details, please contact Ms. Jessica Root at 301-447-5484 or email jroot@msmary.edu.

OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE MONTH
Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

THANKS TO
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.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT –

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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.

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. 4th is 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.

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. Registration deadline is Oct. 7th. Registration fee is $10. Make checks payable to Conewago District CCW.

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 to RSVP or send a donation to this worthy cause. Let us meet this challenge together!

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. 16th. You are not required to attend all sessions. Join us as together we build our faith as
PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG.

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.

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Diocesan Institute schedule of Fall adult education offerings is now available. Visit 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@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext. 225.

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.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM –
We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propene 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. 29th - Sunday morning Oct. 1st
Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg PA
Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Please go to 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 worshiping.

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. 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 be 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.