PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS — “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, sister or brother? Call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

SUNDAY, Nov. 12th – Religious Education from 9:30-11 AM
SUNDAY, Nov. 12th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30-11 AM
MONDAY, Nov. 13th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
MONDAY, Nov. 13th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
MONDAY, Nov. 13th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM
TUESDAY, Nov. 14th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM
TUESDAY, Nov. 14th – Part II of Christ Life Series in social hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 15th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 15th – Parish Pastoral Council 7 PM
THURSDAY, Nov. 16th – Faith Sharing Group in the den, 9:30-11 AM
FRIDAY, Nov. 17th – Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 – 10:30 AM
SATURDAY, Nov. 18th – Christmas Bazaar in social hall, 8:00 AM – 2 PM
SATURDAY, Nov. 18th – Fusion meeting in Den 6-8:30 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Nov. 18-19
5:00 PM Mass: Keira Slonaker, Ben & Sadie Wicker
8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Nathan & Emma Maysilles
11:15 AM Mass: Margaret & Claire Mailey, Nicholas Steinke
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Nov. 18-19
5 PM MASS – Mary Margaret Thorne
8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker
11:15 AM MASS – Jess Socrates
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Nov. 18-19
5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Barbara Reichart, Mat & Holly Robinson, Sam Spiese
8:15 AM: Kristy Bucholtz, Liz Kohler, Margie & Sam Leese, Midge Stokes
11:15 AM: Kevin Behr, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, Lorrie Nagy, Leland Steinke
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Thank you to the Boy Scouts and the DePaulis family for organizing our annual Veteran’s Day dinner and celebration.

2. This Sunday and Monday several of us will be travelling out to St. Emma’s Benedictine Monastery in Greensburg, PA for a mini mission trip. We’ll be assisting the nuns in cleaning up after their all-important Christmas Shoppe fundraiser. The Benedictine Sisters are wonderful women. I have had many a retreat at St. Emma’s over the years. It’s wonderful that we can give back to them.

3. Most often when we think of making a gift to the church, we think of our weekly offering, which is considered to be a sacrificial percentage of one’s income. Here at IHM, we have many families who take seriously the call to “sacrificial giving”, for which I am so very grateful. However, there are other options of financial giving that can be a means of assisting our parish monetarily, which you may not have considered. In this regard, you might prayerfully consider leaving our parish a bequest in your Will or Living Trust. Additionally, you might consider a notation in an obituary for memorial contributions to be made to our parish. For further information on advanced options such as making a gift of stock, IRA charitable rollovers, Charitable Gift Annuities, or various types of trusts, please contact the Diocesan Office of Development at (717) 657-4804 or development@hbgdioocese.org. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our parish!

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

COOKIES FOR WORLD HUNGER – The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger is in its 20th year of selling cookie trays and 100% of the proceeds from the sale supports Cross International’s Haiti School Feeding Program. Last year the sales efforts fed over 2.6 million people in Haiti. Here’s how we help – Buy a Gift Tray, then sell a few to friends. There are 8 each of chocolate chip, sugar and peanut butter cookies in the attractive gift trays that make excellent gifts. The proceeds from 1 gift tray provides at least 375 meals! All order forms must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Cookies will be here for pickup Dec. 9th-10th weekend. All checks to be made payable to Cross International. Contact Anita in the Parish Office with any questions.

CHANCE DRIVE
50/50 chances will be sold after all the Masses next weekend to benefit the retired Sisters of Saint Joseph who live at Saint Joseph Villa. Chances are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. Thank you in advance for your continued support of and generosity to the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

ANGEL TREE – We will again be putting up an Angel Tree to help those in need. This year we will do things a little differently as we will be working with New Hope Ministries. Any gift donated should be unwrapped as part of their “Christmas Blessing Express” where the guests are able to shop for the whole family and then, if they desire, volunteers wrap the gifts for them. We look forward to being part of this wonderful program and help those in need in our local area. You can also go on line at www.nhm-pa.org to check out the Christmas Wish List if you would like to give a gift this Christmas.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN
It's that special time again when we come seeking out our children (ages 4 and above) who would like to be part of the Children’s Choir at the 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:15 PM on the following Sundays: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. If your child (children) would like to participate in the choir, please call (717-259-0611, ext. 7) or email Sr. Rosanne by Friday, December 1st.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Just a reminder that our annual HOLIDAY BAZAAR will be held next Saturday, November 18th from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We have 14 vendors who have beautiful crafts. Come out for a day of fun, food, and an opportunity to begin/finish your Christmas shopping.

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 Nov. 5, 2017 we sold $1080 for a profit of $54.00.

HEARING IMPAIRED – Anyone who is hearing impaired may find it helpful to sit in Pew #9 on the Sacristy side. You will notice “hearing impaired” stickers on the side of the pew to indicate the best place to sit if you are hearing impaired.

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. 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.

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.
DELONE CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL –
Congratulations to those who achieved Honor Roll status.
FIRST HONORS: Avery Kuntz, Abigail Sell, Audrey Sell and Harrison Smith.
SECOND HONORS: Liam Mirello and Julia O’Brien
COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Christian Powell

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.

Fusion News
Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; 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

Saturday, November 18th: Youth Night

Did You Know?
November 2017 is the Month of the Holy Souls. During this month, we are meant to remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory, as well as our departed loved ones.

HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY – Celebrate Catholic Schools’ Week with the Hershey Bears Hockey team vs. Charlotte Checkers at the Giant Center in Hershey, for the Annual Catholic Diocesan of Harrisburg Night on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at 7 PM. Tickets are discounted to $15 each for all ages from the regular admission price of $23. For tickets get an order form from your school or contact Janet Dise at jdise@HersheyPA.com. The deadline for orders is Monday, Jan. 29, 2018.

“NAVIGATING THE YOUNG ADULT YEARS” is the topic for Theology on Tap in York. They will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 28th at The First Post (2nd floor), 3691 E. Market St., York. Happy hour begins at 7 PM followed by the speaker at 7:30 PM. The presenter will be Katie Lundstrom, founder and President of Firm Foundations, an Executive Coaching firm. Katie holds an MBA from Univ. of North Carolina. She lives in Arlington, VA and serves on non-profit boards and is active in her church. All young adults (20’s and 30’s, single, married, Catholic or not) are welcome to attend. For more information check out www.facebook.com/YorkTheology or visit www.HbgDiocese.org/tot.

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.’” Kevin turned to his younger brother and said “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Please keep collecting and sending in those BoxTops for Education for St. Teresa School. The first submission is due on November 1st. If you’d like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact kwenger@hotmail.com. All help is appreciated!

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) weekend. WME is a weekend dedicated to your marriage, helping husbands and wives to communicate more fully, renew their romance, and bring themselves closer to God and to each other. Led by seasoned leaders who have experienced the magic of a WME weekend, the retreat provides a peaceful environment for couples to spend time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. Rediscover the best friend that you had on your wedding day!
Time: Friday evening, Dec. 1st to Sunday, Dec. 3rd
Location: Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg PA 17055
Early registration is advisable as space is limited. For more information or to register, please go to www.yourmarriageisworthit.org or 412-635-7775.

“Did you know?”

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MEDICAL BED – St. Vincent de Paul Church in Hanover has a medical bed available. Please contact Dawn Henry at 717-637-1890.
HANDICAP PARKING – Please note that handicap parking spaces are available for parking near the social hall entrance to the Church. If you are attending the 11:15 AM Mass, in order to avoid the traffic associated with religious education letting out, the following two options are recommended: EITHER come in the EXIT lane BEFORE 11 AM, OR come in the usual entrance way AFTER approximately 11:07 AM.

HOMESPUN PROJECT – The Homespun Project has donated blankets to families in need as well as items for our Troops through “for the love of a Veteran”. The time you put into a crocheted, knitted or quilted blanket have shown the receivers the love you share. We are asking for donations of Homespun blankets (50x60, afghan or twin size). The organization, “For the love of a Veteran” will be doing a fundraiser in November and collecting cookies, candy and many other items listed on the site to send to our troops for a Merry Christmas. Check their website www.fortheloveofaveteran.com.
100% of all donations go to our veterans and their families. Contact Lori Ann Ziolkowski at 717-633-5135 for details and to make arrangements for your donation to drop off. A&B Religious Shop and Nature’s Illusions Religious Shop will accept donations too.

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES – The annual Mass Celebrating the Gifts of People with Disabilities will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 at 5 PM at St. Joseph Church, 400 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist. A light reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Saint Joseph Church is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. A sign language interpreter and assistive listening devices are available. Requests for materials in Braille, large print, other accommodations and RSVP’s should be made to Larry Kiley at 717-657-4804 ext 322 or LKiley@hbgdiocese.org before Nov. 12th.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Oct. 4th served 109 families which included 331 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Nov. 1st is www.volunteersignup.org/DDRB3. 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.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –
Monthly Budget $ 35,200.00
Income for Sept. 3rd  9,739.00
Sept. 10th     8,977.00
Sept. 17th  9,186.50
Sept. 24th  9,165.31

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME  $37,067.81

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
Capital Improvements  1,487.00
Peter’s Pence         1,655.10
Hurricane Harvey     6,020.35
Hurricane Irma        4,143.00

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.

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.

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.

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.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE – In October 2015, Father Marcelo 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.

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.

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.

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.