**MSS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017**
5:00 PM + Ethel Schuhart

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017**
8:15 AM – People of the Parish
10:15 AM + William L. Kroft, Sr.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017**
NO MASS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017**
9:00 AM + Devina Spiritu

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017**
9:00 AM – Living & Deceased Members of the Wykpisz family

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017**
9:00 AM + John Potocki

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017**
9:00 AM + Thomas Kolakowski, Sr.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017**
9:00 AM – Special Intention of Fred Staub
5:00 PM + Ray Varela

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**
8:15 AM + Deceased Members of the Joseph Smith family
10:15 AM – People of the Parish
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**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**
Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Like Jesus, in today’s gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

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**SICK OF THE PARISH** – Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers.
Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen & Laverne Lawrence, Keira Slonaker, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Maria Maxwell, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Bob Kline, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Michelle Starcher, Louise Peters, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Scott Hale, Hector Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, and Dave Lambert.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Alonso of our parish who died last week.**

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the “rock” upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for “rock.” Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

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

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Sept. 2-3
5:00 PM Mass: Kayla Bream, Hannah Fletcher, Liam Miriello
8:15 AM Mass: Ethan Aiello, Ryan Gebhart, Ava Simone
10:15 AM Mass: Brielle Baughman, Jacob & Molly Fleming
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Sept. 2-3
5 PM Mass – Betsy Miriello
8:15 AM Mass – Barb Bowker
10:15 AM Mass – Susan Altobelli
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Sept. 2-3
5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Jen Gentile, Steve Hoffman, Bertie Kuhn, Amanda Wicker
8:15 AM: Doug Barnhart, Kristy Bucholtz, John Maysilas, Jeff Seifert, Carol Stroud
10 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, Leland Steinke, Stella Thomas
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Who has known the mind of the Lord?” Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, call Fr. Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804 or write: frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org
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. 20, 2017 we sold $1590 for a profit of $79.50.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process 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 non-threatening atmosphere of instruction, faith-sharing and prayer. For more information or if you have questions, please call Sister Rosanne at 259-0611, ext. 7.

You are invited to check us out! Your attendance and participation in these sessions will not be interpreted as a “hard and fast” decision to become a Catholic. Our primary objective in offering these instructions is to answer your questions and to help you deepen your faith in God. For more information about RCIA, please call Sister Rosanne @ 259-0611, ext. 7.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Aug. 2nd served 105 families which included 301 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Sept. 6th is www.volunteersignup.org/JB8CM. 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.

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.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS – Dennis Hallisey will begin the Adult Enrichment Class on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 11 AM on Sept. 24, 2017. The first two weeks, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, they will meet in the Den on the second floor of the Religious Ed Center. After that, they will meet as usual in the social hall.

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 717-857-4804, ext. 225.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS – The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all Catholic physicians, healthcare workers, medical students, residents, and their families to attend the Annual White Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Harrisburg on Sunday, Sept. 17th, 9:30 AM at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Please RSVP for the reception to kneri@hbgdiocese.org.

RED MASS – The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, will be the principal celebrant at the Red Mass on Monday, Sept. 18, 2017 at 5:30 PM at The Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick, 212 State St., Harrisburg. The homilist will be the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh. All who attend the Red Mass are invited to greet Bishop Gainer and Bishop Zubik after Mass. At the Red Mass, lawyers, judges, lawmakers, and public officials gather together to pray for God’s wisdom and guidance in their pursuit of justice.

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. 7 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org.

On Sunday, August 27th, from 6 to 8:30PM, Fusion will be having Fun and Games Night! Among the games, we’ll be playing Backyard Battleship. So, feel free to bring a towel and a change of clothes.

On Saturday, September 9th, from 6 to 8:30PM, Fusion will celebrate Kick-Off Night! During the upcoming school year, we’ll be meeting in The Den. We’ll view and discuss Chosen, Lesson 9: When did my journey begin?

On Saturday, September 16th, from 9AM to Midnight, Fusion will be attending the Uprise Christian Music Festival. The cost is $45 a person/ if you pay $30, the parish will pay $15. Families and teens are welcome to join us. If you would like to attend, please have the money and RSVP with Paul by Saturday, Sept. 9th.

Did You Know?
The saint of the day for Sunday, August 27th, is St. Monica (also known as Monica of Hippo). She is the mother of St. Augustine. For seventeen years, he resisted her attempts to convert him to Christianity. Preferring instead to lead a life of parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. But Monica never stopped pursuing Augustine, praying for his conversion. Augustine was eventually won over. He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, a founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints who ever lived.

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners to IHM Parish:
James & Laurette Lewis, New Oxford
Robert & Lorrie Boyer, Dover

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 brothers in Christ. Contact Pete Socks at 521-3137 or pete.socks@gmail.com.

TREKKING SPAIN – Fr. Mark Weiss recently made a spiritual pilgrimage of over 170 miles in 10 days across Spain. He will present on his journey, its spiritual richness and the long tradition behind the Camino de Santiago at Theology on Tap, Tuesday, Sept. 26th at The First Post, 3691 E. Market St., York. The Happy Half Hour is at 7 pm and the talk is at 7:30 followed by Q&A. All young adults (20's and 30's) single, married, Catholic or not, are invited to attend.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK
God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

PILGRIMAGE TO JAMAICA – Join the Pilgrimage to Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica Oct. 15-23. Work with the Brothers serving the poor, then experience retreat with Fr. Ho Lung Friday-Sunday.
Contact Roy Wainwright at 717-586-8412 or email roywainwright3@gmail.com.

**DIOCESAN SURVEY** – Young and Young Adults - In conjunction with Pope Francis and the 2018 Synod of Bishops on the topic of *Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the Diocese of Harrisburg is surveying young adults (ages 15-39). Both those who identify as Catholic and those who do not are encouraged to complete an online survey. The results will be used to answer questions of the Synod of Bishops and to better serve youth and young adults within our diocese. To participate: Young Adult Survey (19-39) [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youngadultsSynod](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youngadultsSynod) Youth Survey (15-18) [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthSynod2018](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youthSynod2018)

**MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE 7TH ANNUAL RETREAT** - Register now! Oct. 6-8, 2017 at Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD. Our powerful line-up includes: Sister Helena Burns, International speaker, radio host and EWTN guest. Opening Mass with Archbishop William Lori. Jon Leonetti, Catholic speaker, author and radio host. Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan. Cost is $65 full weekend (or Saturday only $55). Scholarships are available to help those in need. Details on the website. Register now at [www.marylandcatholicwomen.com](http://www.marylandcatholicwomen.com). Contact us at [marylandcatholicwomen@gmail.com](mailto:marylandcatholicwomen@gmail.com) or call Jeanne Link at 443-324-8487.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** – Please join Fr. Luis Rodriguez, Pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Chambersburg for a 10 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Our Lord in Israel. Jan. 24-Feb. 2, 2018 is a cool season in the Holy Land. We will depart Newark to Tel Aviv and after our first day of rest visit Galilee, Capernaum, the home of Mary Magdalene, Mount Tabor, Nazareth, Cana, Mount Carmel, Jerico, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Shepherd’s Field, Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Calvary, the Empty Tomb and other sites. Land and air, $2995 dbl occupancy. We are traveling with the highly reputable Select International. Please call Fr. Rodriguez for more information or a registration brochure at 717-264-6317. Valid US Passport or Permanent Residents only.

**JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT –**

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**HARRISBURG DIOCESAN CHRISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL** – Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. From 8 AM to 4 PM. Speaker: Rev. William “Bill” Cosgrove. $20 Registration by Sept. 5, 2017 includes lunch. $20 Registration at the door does not include lunch. Checks can be made payable to Diocese of Harrisburg. To register or for more information, [www.aliveinthespirt.net](http://www.aliveinthespirt.net) or [www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/renewal) or call Mary Ann at 717-564-7709.

**DIOCESAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE** – Oct. 14th. Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference, Sat. Oct. 14th at Bishop McDevitt High School. Theme: “Lead All Souls to Heaven”. Mary’s Message to Us from Fatima. Keynote speaker: Susan Brinkmann. The Conference includes 36 workshops from a blue-ribbon list of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, opportunity for Confession available, beautiful music, good food, a wide variety of exhibitors and celebration of Mass by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer. Conference information, including Online Registration is currently available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women). Registration brochures are also available on the ledge behind the last pew.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** – Jan. 10-19, 2018 will be led by Father Michael Reid, Pastor at St. Vincent, Hanover. Review the pilgrimage itinerary at [www.selectinternationaltours.com](http://www.selectinternationaltours.com). For more information, contact Annette at Select International Tours at 800-842-4842 or [Annette@select-intl.com](mailto:Annette@select-intl.com).

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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.

RUTH’S HARVEST UPDATE: We are continuing to collect individual servings of stew, soup, and fruit cups. The packing schedule has changed with the July date canceled and the August date yet to be determined. Thanks are extended to all who are supporting this ministry by their donations and/or their time packing the bags. For more information, please contact Pat Renaut at 637-1110 or patrenaut@hotmail.com.

RUTH’S HARVEST – As a mission of the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry, we collect items for Ruth’s Harvest, which, for our area helps supplement meals and healthy snacks for income-eligible students at Bermudian Springs Elementary School. Our CCD students have greatly supported this ministry during the school year, and now we are asking everyone else to consider participating over the next few months since this is a year-round commitment. There are boxes near the church/hall entrances for your donations of single servings of beef stew, fruit cups, and soup cups. Donations for the next pickup should be in the boxes by June 25. Please forward any questions to Pat Renaut at patrenaut@hotmail.com. Also, if you would like to help with the packing, come to the Abbottstown Fire Hall on Wednesday, June 29th at 10 AM.

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.

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.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE – Patients' Rights Action Fund (PRAF) is a secular group doing vital work educating the public and advocating against assisted suicide. Assisted suicide is a growing issue throughout the world. PRAF has released a new video “Physician Assisted Suicide: The Real Effects”. Featuring Dr. Brian Callister of Nevada, it addresses one of the most compelling dangers of legalizing assisted suicide – the denial of life-extending, lifesaving care and the concurrent “offer” to cover the cost of lethal drugs for suicide. His experience is disturbing – and should be made known far and wide. Here is the link for the above-mentioned video: https://youtube/CWrpr_5e4RY. PRAF’s website: www.patientsrightsaction.org features a number of other helpful videos and resources as well.

FAITH FORMATION RETREAT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Join us Aug. 26th as well-known Catholic author Mike Aquilina returns to Immaculate Conception of BVM, New Oxford. Cost is $20 per person and includes lunch. The day begins with Mass at 8 AM and runs until 3 PM. There will be three talks with the opportunity to purchase Mike’s books and meet the author. Visit our website for complete details at
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.

PRAYERshawls – 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.

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.

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.

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.