

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017  
5:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017  
8:15 AM + Ben Todt  
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017  
NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017  
9:00 AM + Harry Fletcher

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017  
9:00 AM + Harold W. Stewart, Jr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017  
9:00 AM + Lou Breighner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017  
9:00 AM + Bernadette Miriello

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017  
5:00 PM + John Potocki

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017  
8:15 AM – People of the Parish  
11:15 AM + Nadine Kroft  
+indicates – deceased

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12 / Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

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**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, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Maria Maxwell, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Bob Kline, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Louise Peters, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Scott Hale, Hector Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Dave Lambert, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski and Richard Carlson.

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***In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Altobelli, mother of Andy Altobelli of our parish, who died this week.***

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**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 Dec. 10, 2017 we sold \$1950 for a profit of \$97.50.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Dec. 17-23

- Sunday, Dec. 17th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
- Sunday, Dec. 17th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
- Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Fusion caroling at Brookside, 1-2 PM
- Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
- Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
- Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM
- Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM
- Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Parish Penance Service, 7 PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Advent Luncheon in social hall, 12 Noon – 1 PM
- Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Scout Christmas Party in social hall, 4:30-9 PM
- Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>ST</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Dec. 23-24  
**5:00 PM Mass:** Jonah & Abbi Robinson, Audrey Sell  
**8:15 AM Mass:** Ryan Gebhart, Amelia Gerringer, Mary Murphy  
**11:15 AM Mass:** Sally Earp, Jacob & Molly Fleming  
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Dec. 23-24  
**5 PM MASS** – Margaret Wainwright  
**8:15 AM MASS** – Lauren Wicker  
**11:15 AM MASS** – Evelyn Heiliger  
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Dec. 23-24  
**5:00 PM:** Donna Cassatt, Jen Gentile, Dan Landis, Barbara Reichert, Steve Signorello  
**8:15 AM:** Doug Barnhart, Dianne Giampietro, Liz Kohler, Jeff Seifert, Claire Wentz  
**11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Carmelita Garcia, Bonnie Hensel, John Schlaline, Leland Steinke  
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

1. Our **parish Penance Service** will take place on **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Starting at 7pm that evening, we will begin with a short prayer service, followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation. There will be many priests hearing Confessions that evening. I encourage each of you, especially if it's been a while, to come to Reconciliation as a means of preparing yourself spiritually for Christmas. You'll find guides to making a good Confession on the confessional (reconciliation room) door or on our parish website ([www.ihmparadise.org](http://www.ihmparadise.org)).
2. The last of our **weekday Advent prayer services**, which are sponsored by the Abbottstown-East Berlin churches (ministerium), will take place this coming Wednesday, here at our parish, beginning at 12 noon and ending by 1pm. All are invited to attend.
3. Please see today's bulletin as well for a list of all the **area Penance Services** during Advent. If you are not able to join us here on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, there are lots of opportunities for you to go to **Confession** in preparing for Christmas. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is truly an important way we can make of ourselves a beautiful Christmas present to the Lord Jesus.
4. **Please note that the weekend of December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> the weekend Mass schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent remains the same (5pm on Saturday, and 8:15am and 11:15am on Sunday). Also, the Christmas Mass schedule for December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> remains the same (5pm and 8pm Sunday, and 10 am on Monday).**
5. Did you know that we have a local Catholic store? It's called **A & B Religious Shop**. It's located at Address: 1150 W Elm Ave, Hanover, PA (near Delone). Phone number is (717) 632-7384. And, no, I'm not a paid sponsor – just wanted you to know. There is a great selection of various items there from books to cards to crucifixes and lots more.

God bless you and your week  
Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “The One who calls you is faithful.” Will you be faithful to His call? If God may be inviting you to be a priest or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/[frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org) or check out [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com).

## DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES –

St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg – Monday,  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM (at the church)  
Immaculate Heart of Mary – Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM  
St. Joseph, Hanover – Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** – Envelopes are at the entrances of the Church for anyone who would like to memorialize Christmas Flowers for a loved one/family. Please fill one out, include your contribution and place in the collection basket. All envelopes are due back no later than Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PCCW** – The Parish Council of Catholic Women would like to thank all who participated with the angel tree. It was a success.

## 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](mailto:poakes@hbgdiocese.org)*

\* Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:45 – 2:15PM: Christmas Caroling at Brookside

\* Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8:30PM: Pro-Life Night

## Did You Know?

The Advent wreath is very symbolic. The wreath is made out of evergreens which signify continuous life; laurels signify victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew signify immortality; cedar signifies strength and healing; and any pine cones, nuts, or seed pods signify life and resurrection. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

## ADAMS CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRIES –

The newly formed Adams Christian Prison Ministry is working to expand and deepen the ministry to those incarcerated at the Adams County Adult Complex (ACACC). The former Chaplain of ACACC, Will Olsen, is the Interim Director of Prison Ministries. This great new ministry will be holding celebration banquet that will offer excellent food and a dynamic program. It will be held at Harvest Chapel Church in Abbottstown on January 12, 2018 at 6 PM. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will sponsor a table of 8 at this banquet. The program includes: introductory information about the Adams Christian Prison Ministry which will oversee all the Christian programs at the prison, testimony from a former inmate, a silent auction, and plenty of fellowship. If anyone is interested in attending this dinner, please contact the parish office or see Father Marcoe as soon as possible. Please join us in celebrating and supporting this new ministry.



**ENCOUNTER: A Retreat Experience Especially Designed for College Ages Young Adults and Recent Graduates** will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 310 Hertzler Road, Mechanicsburg. Easter is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information, contact your Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Club or the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at [oyyam@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:oyyam@hbgdiocese.org) or call 717-657-4804, ext. 327.

**BOY SCOUT TREE SALE** – Annunciation BVM Boy Scout Troop #107 is holding a Christmas tree sale at the lot next to 237 Main St., McSherrystown.  
Hours of Operations:  
Monday-Friday      5 PM – 8:30 PM  
Saturday              9 AM – 9 PM  
Sunday                11 AM – 8 PM

**THANKS TO**

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING** – Have you ever prayerfully considered becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, either to serve at Mass or to visit the sick and homebound (or both)? A training program for “NEW” EMHC’s, sponsored by the Diocese, will be held at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Grandview Road, Hanover. The date is Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 beginning at 6:30 PM. Deacon Tom Aumen will present the 2 hour program. The EMHC mandate that one receives lasts for 3 years. If you would like to join this beautiful ministry of service, please contact the parish office to arrange for an interview with Father Marcoe, and to fill out the necessary application. All applications must be sent to the Diocese by December 19<sup>th</sup>. May God guide you in your contemplation. **OUR PARISH IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL EMHC’S.**

**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.

**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.

**PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT [WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG](http://WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG).**

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 44,000.00</b>
<b>Income for Oct. 1st</b>	<b>10,509.32</b>
<b>Oct. 8th</b>	<b>9,356.25</b>
<b>Oct. 15th</b>	<b>7,982.00</b>
<b>Oct. 22nd</b>	<b>8,308.30</b>
<b>Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9,798.50</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 45,954.38</b>
<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS:</b>	
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>1,690.00</b>
<b>Hurricane Maria/Earthquake</b>	<b>2,755.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry Collection</b>	<b>2,084.00</b>
<b>MOP Donations</b>	<b>2,084.28</b>

**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](http://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

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry held on Nov. 1st served 99 families which included 276 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Dec. 6th is [www.volunteersignup.org/LJ7B9](http://www.volunteersignup.org/LJ7B9). 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.

**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.

**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.

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** – Please keep collecting and sending in those BoxTops for Education for St. Teresa School. The first submission is due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you’d like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact [kwenger@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



**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.

**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.

**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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**