

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

5:00 PM + Nadine Kroft

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

8:15 AM + John Potocki

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 – ASH

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM – People of the Parish

7:00 PM + Jim & Jimmy Drummer

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

9:00 AM + Theron Menges

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

9:00 AM + Helen Dillman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

5:00 PM + Helen Behe

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Frank Burda

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Genesis 9:8-15 / 1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

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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, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Hector & Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, Bernadine Filliben.

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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 Feb. 4, 2018 we sold \$1260 for a profit of \$63.00.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie Kulynych of our parish, who died this week.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Feb. 11th-17th

**Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

**Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**

**Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM**

**Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Part III Christ Life Series in Social Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts, 7 PM**

**Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM**

**Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – PCCW in the social hall, 7 PM**

**Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Dinners from 4:45-6:45 PM**

**Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross at 7 PM**

**Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sharing Christ Retreat in the Social hall, 8AM – 3 PM**

**Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sweetheart Dinner/Fun Night in the social hall, 6:30 PM**

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 17-18

**5:00 PM Mass:** Ben & Sadie Wicker, Hannah Fletcher

**8:15 AM Mass:** Hans Livelsberger, Lauren Wicker, Tyler Raubenstine

**11:15 AM Mass:** Jacob & Molly Fleming, Margaret Mailey

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 17-18

**5 PM MASS** – Mary Margaret Thorne

**8:15 AM MASS** – Barb Bowker

**11:15 AM MASS** – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Feb. 17-18

**5:00 PM:** Dan Landis, Mat & Holly Robinson, Sam Spiese, Amanda Wicker

**8:15 AM:** Doug Barnhart, Bill Bowker, Kristy Bucholtz, Margie & Sam Leese

**11:15 AM:** Kevin Behr, Joyce Menges, Leland Steinke, John Schlaline Jr., Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. This **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** is **Ash Wednesday** – the beginning of Lent. Mass with the imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 9am and 7pm that day. All are invited. Please see today's bulletin for our entire **Lenten Schedule** here at IHM.
2. We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for **Best Lent Ever**, a free email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll get short, inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members that will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? To sign up, visit [www.bestlentever.com](http://www.bestlentever.com)
3. **Want some different ideas of penitential practices for this Lent?** How about: refrain from negative or hopeless comments, saying things only in positive ways; avoid watching TV or movies with negative messages or dialogue; trade the time you usually spend on screens or sports viewing to spend time with family or friends; skip buying desserts or treats and use the money you save to purchase flowers for someone who needs a day-brightener; write cards to family and friends expressing ways they help you feel more hopeful and thanking them for their support; at Mass, introduce yourself to one new person each week; actively watch for someone each day who needs an extra helping hand in your family, in your neighborhood, at work, or at school.
4. Each Friday of Lent (excluding Good Friday), the Knights of Columbus will have their annual **Lenten Dinners** in the social hall from 4:45 to 6:45pm. Then, at 7pm we will have **Stations of the Cross** in the church at 7pm. All are welcome!

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** –“Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him.” Is the Lord touching your heart with an invitation towards service in the consecrated life or priesthood? 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).

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – This year Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day (February 14), a largely secular celebration, particularly in the United States. There have been inquiries if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given. As Catholics, we recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayer, penance, and works of charity. Its spiritual importance is evidenced by the large number of faithful choosing to attend Mass on this day. In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday, the obligations of fast and abstinence are naturally the priority in the Catholic community. Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated on another day, such as Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which happens to be Mardi Gras, a time of celebration prior to the Lenten journey.

### **A LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE EASTER VIGIL**

**Midweek Lenten Services** are held at the following locations on the Wednesday's during Lent from Noon until 1 PM: (see insert for details)  
Feb. 21 – Zwingli UCC, East Berlin  
Feb. 28 – IHM, Abbottstown  
Mar. 7 – St. John's, Abbottstown  
Mar. 14 – St. John's, Abbottstown  
Mar. 21 – Trinity, East Berlin

**DIOCESAN RESOURCES FOR LENT** – Use this Lent to seek Jesus through prayer, fasting and works of charity. A variety of resources to help you are available on the Diocesan website at [www.HbgDiocese.org/lent](http://www.HbgDiocese.org/lent). Visitors will find access to information on the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance; prayer, fasting and almsgiving along with links to helpful information on the CRS Rice Bowl, Penance & Reconciliation, daily readings as well as prayers and devotions. A listing of local parish and school spiritual offerings and fundraisers such as Lenten Fish dinners is also available.

### **DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – March 10, 2018**

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg may now register online at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men), for the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Conference**, Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Bishop McDevitt High. Theme: *Men of Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Keynote Speaker: Father Chris Alar, MIC, noted speaker and expert on Divine Mercy. The title of his keynote address is *Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Besides the keynote, the conference includes 34 workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction, many Priests available for Confession, beautiful music, good food, Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to a thousand men from around the diocese. Last year we had 1,100 men attend. We expect another large crowd this year. We'd love to see you there! Please register now.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** – Thanks to everyone who contributed to our parish's third year of participation. This year we collected 753 soup/other, 80 condiments, and 47 laundry detergent for a total of 880 items (last year 804, previous year 500). And as far as the friendly competition, we finished sixth. Bermudian Church of the Brethern was first and St. John's Lutheran was second. Also thanks to the volunteers who helped get all those items from the hall to the truck.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** – "The memory of this long history of service to the sick is cause for rejoicing on the part of the Christian community, and especially those presently engaged in this ministry. Yet we must look to the past above all to let it enrich us. We should learn the lesson it teaches us about the self-sacrificing generosity of many founders of institutes in the service of the infirm, the creativity, prompted by charity, of many initiatives undertaken over the centuries, and the commitment to scientific research as a means of offering innovative and reliable treatments to the sick. This legacy of the past helps us to build a better future, for example, by shielding Catholic hospitals from the business mentality that is seeking worldwide to turn health care into a profit-making enterprise, which ends up discarding the poor."

Pope Francis Message for World Day  
Of the Sick 2018

Gentle and loving God, we are grateful for the call to serve you in your healing ministry. We first ask your blessing on those who are sick, especially those across the world without access to health care. Bless those who care for sick family members in their homes, comfort them all with the peace of your presence. We know that as you call us to ministry in your name, you also grace us with the gifts we need to accomplish your work. Strengthen us to provide care, when we cannot cure. Inspire us to reject a mentality that diminishes people into diagnosis or procedures. Renew in us the compassion and tenderness you showed as you cared for others. We ask this of you, our creator, our healer and our hope, now and forever. Amen. (Prayer from Catholic Health Association of the United States).

**PCCW NEWS** – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the social hall.

**FUSION NEWS - Did You Know?** Mount 2000 is a Catholic retreat for high school students. The name "Mount 2000" came from the celebration of the Jubilee in 2000. It is coordinated by the Seminarians of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The weekend retreat consists of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, talks from guest speakers, music concerts, and Mass. On average, 1500 high school students come every year to participate in Mount 2000. Please pray for the members of Fusion who will be attending.

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> –**  
*Mount 2000*

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 9PM –** *Movie Night*

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 6:30PM –** *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 4PM –** *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8:30PM –** *Youth Night with Adoration*

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 4PM –** *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

**ANNUAL LENTEN REFLECTION** – The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and the St. Thomas More Society of Central PA invite all physicians, health care workers, medical students and members of the legal profession to the Annual Lenten Reflection on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 12 PM at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Penance Service, Reflection and Mass by the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L. Please RSVP for planning purposes to Kate Neri at [KNeri@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:KNeri@hbgdiocese.org).

**MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS** – The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends.

March 12 – St. Joseph, York – 7 PM

March 19 – Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext 304, or email [tribunal@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:tribunal@hbgdiocese.org).

**ADAMS DEANERY ADORATION CHAPEL** are in desperate need of adorers for the following times:

Monday @ 6 PM, Tuesday @ **3 AM, 5 AM & 1 PM**,  
Wednesday @ **1 AM & 9 AM**, Thursday @ **12 AM & 10 AM**, Friday @ 7 PM and Saturday @ 1,6,7, & 9 PM.

Hours that are in bold are in desperate need of coverage. When there is an upcoming storm, please call the Chapel Announcement line (717-632-2154) concerning any closings and when the chapel will reopen.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church:  
Daniel Frey, Abbottstown  
Matthew & Danielle Rudisill & family, Abbottstown  
Bryan & Louise Cheeseman & family, Dover  
Ryan & Melissa Pysher & family, Dover  
John Orendorff, Thomasville

**SENIORS HONORS CHOIR – Mark your calendar!**

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> here at IHM. The concert will begin at 7 PM and last approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. More information to follow in future bulletins.

**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.

**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. If you’d like to help out trimming those BoxTops, please contact [kwenger@hotmail.com](mailto:kwenger@hotmail.com). All help is appreciated!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND –**

Celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cchbg.org) on line.

**CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS –** The Harrisburg Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, with the sponsorship of Knights of Columbus Council 14081, invites you to attend an afternoon full of fun activities. You will learn about Father Michael McGivney and how he can inspire all of us to put our faith into action.

**You’ll also receive a free patch!**

When: March 18, 2018 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM  
Where: Holy Name of Jesus Church (social hall)  
6150 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg  
Cost: \$0, though we ask everyone to bring at least one Canned food item to donate

Registration: Den/Pack leaders should contact Patrick McCormack at [Patrick.a.mccormack@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.a.mccormack@gmail.com). At least one registered leader for every eight Scouts will be required to remain on site during this activity. Annual Health and Medical Records, Parts A and B, must be completed for each participant and brought to the event. **Registration is required by February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**ENCOUNTER RETREAT –** for college aged young adults and recent graduates. Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,

310 Hertzler Road, Mechanicsburg. The season of 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 Office or the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Diocese, 717-657-4804, ext. 327. On line registration is also available at [https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/young\\_adult\\_retreat](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_retreat).

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Discerning God’s Will**

20’s, 30’s, married or single – Retreat Dates Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12. Registration 4-6 PM on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Held at Refreshing Mountain, 455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA. Cost before 3/9/18 is \$75 and after 3/9/18 is \$90. Based on 5 person occupancy, four full meals. Retreat Directors are Rev. Brian J. Wayne and Sr. GERALYN SCHMIDT. For registration and other questions, contact Mr. Rob Williams, Director of Youth and Young Adults at 717-657-4804, ext. 328 or [rwilliams@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rwilliams@hbgdiocese.org). You can also find online registration at [https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/discerning\\_gods\\_will\\_retreat](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/discerning_gods_will_retreat).

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONTHLY DINNER –**

the Immaculate Conception BVM Church of New Oxford will hold their monthly “All-You-Can-Eat” Turkey Dinner on February 18<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall, located behind the church, from 11 AM until 2 PM. Ticket prices are \$9 for adults, \$4 for children (6-12) and under age 6 are free.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THRIFT SHOP** is having

a great clothing sale, buy two and get one free. The third item must equal in value. Any questions call 717-624-1272.



**THANKS TO**

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**BEST LENT EVER** – Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the best version of ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter.

This year, you can change that with BEST LENT EVER. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real life stories to encourage you in your journey. Simply sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent).

**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.

#### **IHM ADVENTURE CLUB**

The Adventure Club of IHM is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit the tomb of Christ. Please plan to travel with us to share the experience. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is \$76.00, which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre (717) 633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry held on Jan. 3rd served 96 families which included 269 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 7th is [www.volunteersignup.org/JFP8E](http://www.volunteersignup.org/JFP8E). 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.

**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 – from Lenten dinners to youth events to Bible studies and everything in between! You can send information to: [6fletch@embargmail.com](mailto:6fletch@embargmail.com). Don't forget to tell me the following: WHAT is the event? WHO is invited? WHEN is the event? WHERE is the event? WHY should people attend? HOW can they get more information? If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me at 717-357-8051. Thank you!  
Holly Fletcher

**DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 35,200.00</b>
<b>Income for Dec. 3rd</b>	<b>10,470.95</b>
<b>Dec. 10th</b>	<b>10,357.07</b>
<b>Dec. 17th</b>	<b>9,722.75</b>
<b>Dec. 27th</b>	<b>10,189.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 40,739.77</b>

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>2,030.84</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>1,721.85</b>
<b>Religious Retirement</b>	<b>2,897.17</b>
<b>Christmas Collection</b>	<b>16,785.68</b>

**NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO – MOUNT ST.**

**MARY'S UNIVERSITY – listing of upcoming events:**

- Our Lady of Lourdes – Feb. 11, 2018 – includes rosary  
Adoration, Reconciliation, Procession and Mass
- Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14, 2018 – includes Adoration,  
Reconciliation and Mass
- Annunciation of the Lord – March 25, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass
- Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass
- Good Friday – March 30, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Homily of the  
the  
Last Seven Words and Liturgy of Good Friday
- Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018 – includes Sunrise Ecumenical Service, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE –**

Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Accepting Medical Assistance insurance (Medicaid) and County Mental Health

funding (York and Dauphin Counties, for low income uninsured people who are determined to be eligible). Other clients can pay fee on a sliding scale. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Not accepting private/commercial insurances. Local offices are York Counseling, 253 E. Market St., York (717-845-2696) and Paradise Counseling, 6156 W. Canal Rd, Abbottstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary). Visit [www.cchbg.org](http://www.cchbg.org) for more information.

**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@hbgiocese.org](mailto:poakes@hbgiocese.org)*

**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).**

**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.

**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.

**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.