

MASS INTENTIONS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016

5:00 PM + Fr. Lou Ogden

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

8:15 AM + John Potocki

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

9:00 AM + Michael Curley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

6:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

9:00 AM + Courtney Creager

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Al Polklis

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

5:00 PM + Rose & Eugene Zalewski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

8:15 AM + Ann Wainwright

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

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, Dorothy Schlaline, Kiefer Kuhn, Marilyn Drummer, Kai Goley, Maria Maxwell, Richard Harkenrider, Jay Gary, Louise Snoots, Uriah Vincent Lomenzo, Norma Woerner, Theron Menges, Noreen Kline, Judy Leary, Alice Williams, Donna Cassatt, Scott Hale and Robert Leary.

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. We receive 5% profit on all certificates sold. During the week of Feb. 14, 2016 we sold \$470 for a profit of \$23.50.

EASTER FLOWER envelopes are available at the entrances for use in Memorializing loved ones.

Today's Gospel records the event we call the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this miraculous moment, Jesus' divine nature was revealed clearly to Peter, James, and John. They were able to witness this revelation of Jesus only because they were "fully awake." Had they stayed sleeping, they would have missed out. It's an obvious point but one that may need more attention than we'd care to admit. Of course we have to be "awake" in order to absorb the fullness of our faith. If we are not tuned in, not attentive, not exerting any effort, then we are certainly going to miss out. But the fact is that we don't always realize we are falling asleep.

Just as Peter, James, and John were "overcome" with sleep, we too can slip into this state --- spiritually speaking, we can become numb or lazy and slowly fade away from the fervor of authentic faith. This is why the church, in her wisdom, gives us the season of Lent. This is the time to refocus, to clear away the cobwebs, and to become "fully awake." Ultimately, we pray that these efforts will allow us to truly see "his glory" come Eastertide.

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Gospel Question: What distracts you from listening to Jesus?

1st Reading Question: What do you find most puzzling about the encounter between God and Abraham?

2nd Reading Question: Paul warns against being occupied with "earthly things." How do you avoid that trap?

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Feb. 27-28

5 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Audrey Sell, Regina Walton

8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Nathan & Emma Maysilles

11:15 AM Mass: Jacob Fleming, Noah Racioppa, Tyler Raubenstine

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Feb. 27-28

5 PM MASS – Margaret Krepps

8:15 AM MASS – Midge Stokes

11:15 AM MASS – Wendy Behr

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Feb. 27-28

5 PM: Donna Cassatt, Syndia Helmers, Steve Hoffman, Pat & Randy Slonaker

8:15 Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Margie & Sam Leese, Jeanne Maysilles

11:15 AM: Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John & Diane Schlaline, Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2nd Sunday of Lent

1. As you may know by now the in-pew pledge process of the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal** has begun. At Masses this weekend and next, we will take a few moments following the homily for this important activity. Although you may be quite familiar by now with the routine of this process, others new to our diocese and parish may not be. Please note that our assessment this year is \$56,100. This is a slight increase from last year. Remember the Corporal Works of Mercy I spoke about last week? This is one extended way of sharing the mercy and favor with which God has blessed us with those less fortunate or in particular need. Please know that I am extremely grateful to all of our parishioners for their generosity to the Bishop's Appeal. Also, I express my gratitude to Bill Bowker, president of the parish finance council, for again conducting the in-pew pledge process. He makes it as easy as possible to be a cheerful giver!
2. Last Friday night, even with the threat of snow, the **Knights of Columbus** had an amazing turn out for the opening night of the **Lenten Dinners** – over 100 dinners served! You are all welcome to join us in the social hall each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) from 4:45 to 6:45pm for a great meal and joyful fellowship. Stations of the Cross will then be prayed up in the church at 7pm.
3. Our next **youth ministry event** is this afternoon, Sunday, Feb. 21st, downstairs in the social hall from 12:30 to 2:30pm. All 8th-grade through high school teens are invited to join us! This month's theme is love – a great topic not to be missed! Food will be provided.
4. The **Abbottstown-East Berlin ministerium** is hosting our annual **Lenten Lunches**. This Wednesday, Feb. 24th, we'll be hosting here at IHM! A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon in the social hall. At 12:30, a short service starts, and a sermon is given by an area pastor. By 1pm, we're all finished. Popular Lenten hymns and prayers are part of the service. All are invited to join in – perhaps on your lunch break.

God bless you and your week
Fr. Marcoe

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sister Rosanne will be offering a Lenten Morning of Reflection here at IHM on Saturday, February 27th from 9 AM until Noon. The theme of "God's Unconditional Mercy" will be explored and reflected upon in two significant Gospel passages. Consider giving yourself the gift of peace and quiet time with the Lord during this sacred season of Lent and this "Jubilee Year of Mercy." Please call Sister Rosanne by Tuesday, February 23rd if you are able to attend so she knows how many to plan for.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father Brian Wayne at 717-657-4804, ext. 282 or email ftrwayne@hbgdiocese.org.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 42,000.00
Income for Jan. 3rd	10,713.00
Jan. 10th	9,164.10
Jan. 17th	9,239.10
Jan. 24th	0000.00
Jan. 31st	12,417.05

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 41,533.25**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Jan. 1st Collection	2,580.00
Central & Eastern Europe	1,424.00
Capital Improvements	3,351.33

BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL – Today is Commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Hopefully everyone has taken time to reflect upon all the information that has been shared. I ask that all parishioners prayerfully consider the opportunity today to offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. We would like everyone to participate and help our parish reach its financial goal of \$56,100. Those who have given before know we are grateful. We need your help again this year. Those who have not given before, please make this year your first gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Everyone's help is needed. Please also remember that any amount raised above our goal stays in our parish. Thank you for being a part of the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal.

JOIN THE CHOIR! Starting February 21st, the choir will start rehearsing for the Easter season. All rehearsals are in the chapel (Religious Education Bldg.) at 9:40 Sunday mornings. We warmly welcome anyone who likes to sing. This is your chance to join us as we prepare to sing Holy Week. Please call Roy (792-3408/586-8412) or Sister Rosanne at the office if you have questions. Don't let your singing talent go unused!

PARISH SURVEY – Survey #2 has been mailed or emailed to all parish families last week. We ask that you please fill this out and return no later than Feb. 29th.

MARCH FOR LIFE – The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who were planning the trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC and donated the money to IHM. This money will be used for Project Rachel.

BUS TRIP TO CHRISM MASS – Please join us on a bus trip to the Chrism Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral on March 21, 2016. This is a wonderful experience for the Year of Mercy. Cost is \$20 per person. Call Loretta Gambrill at 624-1653 for more information.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER sponsored by the K of C will take place on Saturday, March 12th from 6-9 PM in the parish hall. Once again, "Seasons" will be performing their traditional Celtic music as well as an all-you-can-eat Irish buffet. Ticket cost is \$20 per adult, \$15 per teen and \$5 per child 6-11 and can be obtained from any K of C member or by calling Leo Hare at 717-676-6621. Advance tickets only. None sold at the door.

LENTEN QUESTIONS REGARDING MASS – The following important questions were recently raised by a parishioner. I'd like to take the time here to answer them: Will you please explain why we are using Latin in Mass? Isn't it better to understand what we are praying? Also, music has always been a favorite part of worship for me. There are so many beautiful hymns. Why can't we sing a recessional hymn during Lent?

As Christians, who are members of the Roman Catholic Church, Latin is a part of our heritage. From the 300's, Latin began to replace Greek, which was up until that time the "English" of the time – meaning the universal language that was used in trade and international communication. By the 300's the Roman Empire covered most of the known world, the official language of which was Latin. Even St. Jerome in the late 300's began translating the entire Bible into Latin. All the way up until the mid-1900's, Latin was part of the Roman Catholic Mass. Fortunately, in order to make the Mass (and our whole faith) more accessible to people at that time, the vernacular came to be used in the liturgy (for us, English). Some of us have only known English in the Mass, whereas, more senior Catholics will remember the Latin. Latin is not some magical language. Rather, it is the one, singular language that unites us as Catholics throughout the world. In other words, just as we are "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, so Latin, in a symbolic and functional way, expresses that unity. I must admit that Latin in the Mass is not something that's easy for many Catholics to appreciate during the Mass. However, the liturgy is meant to stretch us up to God, and a "foreign" language is one way this can be done. I have tried to make the Latin Mass parts as easy to integrate as possible, meaning, the cantor has shared with parishioners where they can follow along in the hymns so as to participate as fully as possible.

As for the recessional hymn, the rubrics (rules) governing the celebration of Mass do not explicitly call for a closing hymn. In other words, the priest has dismissed us: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life", and yet we still stick around for a closing hymn. Mind you, I really like the closing hymn, as it's a way to send us forth joyfully. However, Lent is a time that calls us to soberly reflect on our lives as sinners – calling us to compunction and conversion. So, I think not having a closing hymn during this time helps us pause from our usual routine to help us (hopefully) reflect on what is "different" about this holy season.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – Registration for the March 12, 2016 Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg is now available. To register, click www.hbgdiocese.org/men. The site includes on-line registration and downloadable registration brochure, as well as workshop descriptions plus other essential conference information. Last year over 800 men attended. We hope for 1,000 this year. Theme is: **Jesus I Trust In You: Men Called to the Ocean of God's Mercy**. Keynote speaker is **Tom Peterson**, founder and president of *Catholics Come Home*. **Bishop Ronald W. Gainer** is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass. We have a blue-ribbon group of workshop presenters on outstanding topics .. 30 choices over three sessions. Presenters include nationally renowned author, speaker and frequent EWTN guest, **Father Michael Gaitly, MIC**. Join us for the Annual Men's Conference. Please bring a friend, or three .. for uplifting workshops, Mass, Holy Hour, Confession, Vendors, Fellowship, and more. For "Early Bird" discount, register by February 23 at www.hbgdiocese.org/men. The Men's Conference is geared to help men become the best husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, friends, co-workers .. the best Catholic-Christian men we can be! Don't miss the grace!

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 7 – Cardinal Keeler Center, 7 PM
March 9 – St. Joseph Parish, York, 7 PM

No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804 extension 304 or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

BINGO AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – IC Church will hold a bingo fundraiser on March 6. Prizes will be *Thirty One* bags stuffed with goodies, memo boards filled with local gift certificates, and much more. Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and prizes! Doors open at 12:30 and bingo begins at 1:00 in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For ticket information, contact Rosemary Lowas at 825-1922.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – In our society today there exist many strong forces that challenge our faith, social structures and Catholic identity. Fortunately the issues that we face as a church, parents, workers, employers and voters are given clarity through the social teachings of the Catholic Church. A Symposium entitled, Catholic Social Teaching: Living the Gospel Today, will help you to apply these principles in your daily life. It will be on Saturday, March 19th at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. Details at www.hbgdiocese.org. Sister Donna Markham, Ph.D., President of Catholic Charities USA will keynote and a wide variety of experts will present on issues such as immigration reform, religious freedom, the environment and in this election year; seeing the issues of the day in light of our Catholic values.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – Were you married in 1966? We are beginning preparations for this year's 50th Anniversary Mass, which will celebrate the love and commitment of couples who were married in 1966. In addition to the Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, there will be a reception for the couples and their families. Each Jubilee couple will also be presented with a commemorative certificate; those unable to attend the event will receive one in the mail. **Please contact Anita in the parish office no later than April 18, 2016** if you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary this year.

VNA SCHOLARSHIPS – The VNA of Hanover and Spring Grove Inc. is now accepting applications for the Florence deHaven Stick Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships are offered to both graduating high school students and post high school applicants. Any student living in the areas surrounding Hanover or Spring Grove or in any part of Adams County is eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited nursing program or accepted for classes beginning in the fall of 2016 for a career as an RN or LPN. Applications are due by March 18th and may be obtained at www.vnahanover.org or by contacting Brenda Kempa at 637-1227.

OPEN HOUSE - Polly Renaut's rescheduled 90th birthday open house is Sunday, Feb. 21st from 1:30 to 3:30 at 70 Pine Court Dr., Abbottstown.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE – If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. IHM will begin *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* on March 29th at 6:30 PM. For more information, please call the parish office.

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded *Bible Timeline*. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You'll see how the bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice.

The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Davins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You can sign up for the study by calling the parish office at 259-0611, or by emailing Anita in the parish office at asmith@hbgdiocese.org. The cost to register is only \$10. You will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart, a Bible study workbook and the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience. If you'd like more details first, there will be an information session on Feb. 21st at 9:30 AM in the social hall. The deadline to register is March 14th. I hope you can join us. You'll love it.

DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – On Saturday, March 19, 2016 plan to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and Catholic Charities USA's President, Sister Donna Markham along with other presenters as they explore the principles of Catholic social teaching as they apply to social, political and cultural conditions in this country and around the world. From 9 AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg.

THIRD ANNUAL 22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE – Luke 22:32 "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." This conference will be held at the Warner Theatre in Erie on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Registration is \$40/ person or \$25/student and includes lunch and free parking. Master of Ceremonies will be Fr. Larry Richards. Tim Staples, Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers presents the Faith with vigor, love and enthusiasm. Matt Birk, former NFL player speaks on the topics across the country about the value of true inspiration, lasting leadership principles, the dynamics of teamwork and fulfilling potential. Deacon Ralph Poyo is an energizing and powerful speaker and founder of New Evangelization Ministries. For more information and to register visit <http://2232men.com/#> or call 814-455-7364.

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES – On Saturday, March 5, 2016 the Cardinal Keeler Center is hosting a LENTEN RETREAT FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. To register, contact Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, ext. 317 or kneri@hbgdiocese.org.

CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND OTHER DISABILITIES – The Diocese of Harrisburg is presenting Partners in Faith Formation of Children with Autism and Other Disabilities on Saturday, April 23 at the Cardinal Keeler Center. Catechists, parish leaders, teachers, parents

and interested individuals are invited. This presentation will review the meaning and current definition of Autism Spectrum Disorder and how it is identified, the Church's response to autism and developmental disabilities and challenges faced by the individual, his/her family and the parish in the catechetical setting and identify the strategies for engaging individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities both in individual instruction and in a typical classroom. There will also be a demonstration of the Adaptive Finding God Program, a curriculum for 1st-8th grade, published by Loyola Press. RSVP by April 15th. Call Kate Neri at 717-657-4804, ext. 317 or email kneri@hbgdiocese.org.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOL WOMEN'S 91ST CONVENTION will be held Monday, April 11th from 9AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. Bishop Ronald Gainer is the Principle Celebrant and Homilist. The keynote speaker is Caroline Brennan. Cost is \$25 and includes registration fee, continental breakfast and lunch. Registration deadline is March 28, 2016. Contact Linda at 717-939-3629 or linda.hartzell@comcast.net.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – the food pantry held on Jan. 6th served 109 families which included 305 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd is <https://www.timetosignup.com/nhm/sheet/34297>. Please remember to drop off health/beauty aid items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA – Fr. Marcoe will lead a week long mission trip/work retreat to serve with the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica on Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2016. This missionary pilgrimage is a response to the invitation of Pope Francis during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to extend God's merciful love to others, especially the needy and the marginalized. Missionary pilgrims will perform Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy with the religious brothers as they minister to the poorest of the poor, the homeless and the abandoned. If interested, email Luz Socrates at luzvsoc@hotmail.com or call the parish office.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – the Beginning Experience Team for the Harrisburg Diocese announces that they have booked Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA for a Beginning Experience Weekend, April 29th-May 1st. The Beginning Experience weekend is an approved Roman Catholic Program designed for those suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Search Beginning Experience on the Diocesan website, www.hbgdiocese.org or check www.beginningexperience.org. Information can also be obtained by contacting the Harrisburg Beginning Experience Team at 717-512-2718 or harrisburgbe@gmail.com.

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.

CHRISTMAS GREETING – Sister Maggie Moore (aka "Sister James"), who was at Paradise School for 37 years is now at the Villa for the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Maggie is quite sick and I know she would appreciate hearing from you, the good parishioners at IHM, whom she loves dearly. Perhaps you can take a minute to send her a Christmas card and let her know you are praying for her. Sister Maggie's address is Saint Joseph Villa, 110 W. Wissahickon Ave., Flourtown, PA 19031-1898.

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER – We are happy to welcome the following new parishioner to IHM Parish: Cecilia Shibley of Spring Grove

LENTEN APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS – The Diocesan Office of Development has mailed the 2015 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal Final Reminders this week. Also, Federal Tax Statements for the 2015 Lenten Appeal will be mailed from the Diocesan Office on or before Jan. 13, 2016. Statements are automatically generated and mailed to those who donated \$250 or more. If you donated less than \$250 and would like a tax statement, email LentAppeal@hbgdiocese.org.

YEAR OF MERCY AND THE CATHOLIC WITNESS
As the Church prepares to begin the Year of Mercy, *The Catholic Witness* and the Office of Communications are seeking stories of people who are undertaking efforts to support their brothers and sisters who need assistance. These volunteers could be people who prepare meals for a family with a terminal diagnosis, who hold fundraisers to support someone with ongoing healthcare needs, or who coordinate transportation to appointments, among various other acts of mercy. If you have such a story to share, please send background information to communications@hbgdiocese.org.

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

SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – On Saturday, March 19, 2016 plan to join Bishop Ronald Gainer and Catholic Charities USA's President, Sister Donna Markham, along with other presenters as they explore the principles of Catholic social teaching as they apply to social, political and cultural conditions in this country and around the world. From 9 AM to 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg.

MEDICATION COLLECTION LOCATIONS – Looking for a way of disposing old or unused medications? There are flyers on the ledge behind the last pew from York-Adams Pharmaceuticals Stewardship Alliance (YAPSA) listing drop off locations for medications.

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.

AED EQUIPMENT – Please note that we now have a centralized first aid station in our church. The AED (defibrillator), first aid kit, and other items are located in the space by the pillar on your way back to the elevator alcove. The reason for this move was to locate all these medical items in a central and visible location in the church, should an emergency arise. There are also first aid kits located in the social hall kitchen and the religious education building (in the main office)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION – Are you considering a Catholic School education for your child/children? If so, please consider checking out the following:

Immaculate Conception School (preK-8th grade)

101 N. Peter St., New Oxford, 717-624-2061

www.icsbvm.org.

Delone Catholic High School (grades 9-12)

140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, 717-637-5969

www.delonecatholic.org.