

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

5:00 PM + Nicole Payton

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Nadine Kroft

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Ken Jacoby

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

6:30 PM + Ralph Smith

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

9:00 AM + Mary Noel

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

9:00 AM + Pasquale Lery

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

5:00 PM – Living & Deceased Members of the Margaret & Elwood Hoffman Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

8:15 AM + Lou Breighner

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 / Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

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, Valerie Strine and Doreen Oblack.

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. 25, 2018 we sold \$2730 for a profit of \$136.50.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul (Bud) Reichert of our parish who died last week.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

March 4-10

Sunday, March 4th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM

Sunday, March 4th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM

Monday, March 5th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

Monday, March 5th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Tuesday, March 6th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM

Tuesday, March 6th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 7th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Wednesday, March 7th – Knights of Columbus in Social hall, 7 PM

Thursday, March 8th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM

Friday, March 9th – Lenten Dinners from 4:45-6:45 PM

Friday, March 9th – Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Saturday, March 10th – Morning of Reflection in Den, 9 AM – Noon

Saturday, March 10th – St. Patrick's Dinner, 6 PM

Saturday, March 10th – Youth Night in Den, 6-8:30 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun March 10-11

5:00 PM Mass: Hannah Fletcher, Audrey Sell, Keira Slonaker

8:15 AM Mass: Andrew Eyster, Ryan Gebhart, Tyler Raubenstine

11:15 AM Mass: Margaret, Clare & Nora Mailey
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun March 10-11

5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello

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 March 10-11

5:00 PM: Dan Landis, Dan & Barb O'Brien, Mat & Holly Robinson

8:15 AM: Doug Barnhart, Margie & Sam Leese, Elaine & Mitch Walton

11:15 AM: Kevin Behr, Joyce Menges, Diane & John Schlaline, Stella Thomas

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

3rd Sunday of Lent

1. A very special thank you to those of you who have contributed or will contribute to the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal**. We have begun the first week of the in-pew pledge process this week. Although this weekend is the final weekend of in-pew pledging, contributions can still be made after this time by contacting the parish office, or by making an online donation (by clicking the purple donate button on our parish website – www.ihmparadise.org). Our assessment this year is \$60,100. Please know that I am extremely grateful to all of our parishioners for their generosity to the Bishop's Appeal!
2. **Reminder** – each Wednesday evening of Lent Mass is at 6:30pm. Also, Stations of the Cross take place each Friday evening at 7pm. Please note that on March 23rd Stations will NOT be taking place at IHM. Instead, we invite you to come with us to St. Joseph Parish in Hanover at 7pm for a **Living Stations of the Cross presentation**. The youth from our parish and St. Joe's are presenting these Stations. Let's support them!
3. The next **Soup and Sermon** will take place on March 7th at St. John's here in Abbottstown. Yours truly will be the guest preacher. A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon in the church 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.
4. **SAVE THE DATE:** After all the Masses on the weekend of **April 14 and 15**, we will have a special **Ministry Fair** for a celebration of the many ministries and organizations supported by our fellow parishioners here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. All parishioners are invited to visit the fair in the social hall. More information to come.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

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:

Mar. 7 – St. John's, Abbottstown

Mar. 14 – St. John's, Abbottstown

Mar. 21 – Trinity, East Berlin

DIOCESAN PRAYER CARDS – To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg, there are prayer cards on the back ledge behind the last pew. Please feel free to take one.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – "We proclaim Christ crucified ... the power and wisdom of God." The Lord is kind and merciful, and calls us to proclaim his name. Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of

Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbgsdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL – The 2018 Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal is off to a great start. Thank you to all whom have pledged to this year's appeal. To date, we have received gifts/pledges totaling \$14,544.00 towards this year's Appeal. Still, we need all of you to contribute. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important Diocesan ministries and services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the Parish to help us.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, March 7th is www.volunteersignup.org/TF7AL. 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.

DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES –

Immaculate Conception – Tuesday, Mar. 6 – 7 PM
St. Aloysius, Littlestown – Saturday, Mar. 10 – 10:30AM
St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover – Sunday, Mar. 11 - 11:30
St. Joseph, Bonneauville – Monday, Mar. 12 – 7 PM
Annunciation BVM – Tuesday, Mar. 13 – 7 PM
Sacred Heart, Conewago – Saturday, Mar. 24 - 10 AM
IHM, Abbottstown – Tuesday, Mar. 27 – 7 PM
St. Joseph, Hanover – Wed., Mar. 28 – 7 PM

CHOIR REHEARSALS – The IHM choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 9:40 AM in the church. They will begin singing for the 11:15 AM Mass on March 11th and through Easter Week and on Holy Saturday. If you would like to join this fun group who like to sing, please consider coming to the rehearsals. For more information, contact Roy Wainwright at 717-619-7243 or Kathy Schwar at 717-259-9086.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION – Sister Rosanne will be offering a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 10th from 9 AM until Noon here at the Parish. Consider giving yourself the gift of "quiet time with the Lord" during this sacred season of Lent. Our loving God is beckoning for us to "Come apart and rest a while." If you are interested in attending, please call Sister Rosanne by Monday, March 5th.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – will meet again on Tuesday, March 6th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the Religious Ed Building.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER – Join in the celebration of Saint Patty's Day, Saturday, March 10th from 6-9 PM. Enjoy the Seasons Irish Band, and a buffet of authentic Irish food. Tickets will be sold after each Mass. Adults are \$20, ages 12-18 are \$15, ages 6-11 are \$5 and under 6 free. Get your tickets early, limited to space. Contact Ken Glass at 717-814-0265.

PCCW – The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their 93rd convention, with the theme “Caring for God’s Creation” on Monday, April 16th at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg. There will be a keynote speaker, Rose Folsom, Mass, lunch and afternoon sessions. Cost for the day is \$25.00. If you are interested in attending, contact Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245 before March 31.

FUSION NEWS - Did You Know?

According to the Catholic Calendar, the month of March 2018 is also known as the “Month of St. Joseph”. The Church encourages us to be devoted to Joseph because he was a model in heroic practice of all the virtues. He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, unborn children, families, fathers, expectant mothers, house sellers and buyers, immigrants, travelers, craftsmen, engineers, workers, and a happy death. His feast day is March 19th.

Sunday, March 4th, 2:30 – 4PM – *Living Stations of the Cross, Practice*

Saturday, March 10th, 6 – 8:30PM – *Youth Night*

Sunday, March 11th, 2:30 – 4PM – *Living Stations of the Cross, Practice*

Sunday, March 18th, 2:30 – 4PM – *Living Stations of the Cross, Practice*

Friday, March 23rd, 7 – 8PM – *Living Stations of the Cross, the Play*

Saturday, March 24th, 6 -8:30PM – *Youth Night with Adoration*

UPCOMING CONCERT – The *York County Senior Honors Choir* will be performing a concert on **Sunday, March 18, at 7 PM at IHM Parish**. If you are not familiar with this organization you should check out their website at www.theychc.org. This choir is composed of approximately 100 10th through 12th graders throughout York County who are selected after a formal audition process. Two of the Senior Honors Choir members are also members of this parish: Eamonn and Margaret Mailey. The choir will be singing a wide range of songs, from spiritual to contemporary. This really is an amazing opportunity to be able to host this wonderfully talented group of young people. Please come support them! You will be in for a musical treat! There is no admission fee for the performance, however, a free will offering will be accepted after the concert. For more information, or to offer assistance (these teens love snacks!), please contact Rachel Mailey at 717-577-0139 or red91mailey@gmail.com.

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.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DIOCESE – PART I BY FATHER EDWARD QUINLAN

This year we will observe the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg. It is a good time to ask how we got here. In one sense the story always begins with Jesus’ call of the Apostles and the founding of the Church. But what about the church in our country?

The first parish in what will later become the United States is founded in the city of St. Augustine in Florida. With the arrival of Spanish settlers and accompanying priests, Mass is offered and a church build. Both the city and the church are named for the saint on whose feast day the voyagers first sighted land a little further down the Florida coast. The first Mass will be celebrated with land fall there on September 8, 1565, the birthday of Mary.

In the original 13 colonies the story is different. Many early settlements were created by different Protestant groups fleeing persecution in England and Europe. The most familiar were the Pilgrims who settled in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, while seeking religious freedom for themselves they were not often prepared to extend it to others. Catholics were decidedly not welcome in these settlements, and the presence of the Catholic Church as formally forbidden by English law. The exceptions to this were in Maryland, the colony founded by the Calvert family, who were devout Catholics and other place Catholics were welcome was in our own state of Pennsylvania. William Penn and the Quakers who established our state were very respectful and tolerated other faiths.

In 1720 a Jesuit priest was sent to Maryland for Catholics in the central colonies. Eventually he will move to Philadelphia in order to establish missions for Catholic families in Pennsylvania and beyond. He will build what is affectionately called “Old St. Josephs” near Independence Hall in 1733. This is the first public Catholic German speaking Jesuits to help with the significant German Catholic population in the state. St. Mary’s Church in Lancaster and Sacred Heart Church in Conewago, both started as mission chapels, also date to the mid 1700’s and will serve as bases for the wide ranging missions extending throughout central and western Pennsylvania.

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20's, 30's, married or single – Retreat Dates Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12. Registration 4-6 PM on Friday, May 11th. 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. You can also find online registration at https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/discerning_gods_will_retreat.

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.

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 Pysner & family, Dover
John Orendorff, Thomasville

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. All help is appreciated!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND – Celebrate the 150th 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 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. 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 15th.**

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.

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.

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@embarqmail.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

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

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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 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@hbgdiocese.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.

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. 30th at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. It only requires an hour (or less) of your time, so feel free to join us. Also, please remember to place donations in the Ruth's Harvest boxes. We are collecting individual sizes of rice with chicken and vegetables (Chef Boyardee), beef stew (Dinty Moore), soup and fruit cups.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM – We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propane needs.

Immaculate Heart of Mary receives 3 cents per gallon on all propane and oil throughout the heating season. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give to your Church as well as savings for yourself. **NEW this year** is Aero Energy is offering \$50 credit for any member of our Church who becomes a NEW customer to Aero Energy. They are also giving IHM \$50 as well for any new customer. There are brochures on the pamphlet rack or you may call Anita in the parish office with any questions.

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. 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.

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.