The parish office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe holiday!
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1. Mark your calendars – our annual parish picnic will be held on August 5th here at IHM.

2. Remember when you are away on vacation not to forget about God – He doesn’t forget about us! Make the effort to attend Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening) – visit www.masstimes.org for churches and Mass times at your vacation destination.

3. Did you know the Sunday homilies I give can be found online at our new improved parish website – www.ihmparadise.org? Click on “Fr. Marcroe’s Homilies” button right on the homepage.

4. From July 5 through 13 I’ll be away on my annual priest trip – a time together with the priests of my Emmaus group (a priest group of prayer, friendship, and fraternal support).

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcroe

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on June 6th served 96 families which included 251 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Thursday, July 5th is www.volunteersignup.org/CBB89. 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. PLEASE NOTE: The Food Pantry this month is being held on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

PLEASE RETURN!
Two boxes of children’s Golden Books, which were going to be donated to a charity, went "missing" sometime after the 8:15 Mass last Sunday. The boxes were under the bulletin board outside the social hall. The person responsible for taking them is asked to return them as soon as possible. The books belonged to Sr. Rosanne so if you have any questions or information about the books, please call Sr. Rosanne at (717) 259-0611, ext. 7. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEN’S RETREAT – The Fortieth Annual Men’s Retreat, sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish, will be held on the August 3rd weekend on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD. It is open to all men in the Diocese, age 14 and older. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW, so you’ll remember this weekend to renew your spirit, and His Love in your life. The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, will lead us this year. Reservations require a minimum $60 deposit and should be made early to ensure a room is held for you. For more information, contact Jess Socrates at 717-637-3711, ext. 4152; email jesssocrates@phikappamu.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
If you have a child (age 4) up to and including 8th grade who is not register in one of the local Catholic Schools, now is the time to get in touch with Sister Rosanne and register your child for the 2018-2019 Religious Education (CCD) Classes which begin in September. To register, or for more information, please call Sr. Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7.

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 June 24, 2018 we sold $920 for a profit of $46.00.

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: John & Jeanne Furrow, Abbottstown Ronald & Linda Williams & family, East Berlin

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.

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.

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.

FUSION NEWS - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry: open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12. Did You Know? Fusion is sponsoring a Movie Night on Sunday, July 1st, 6 – 9 PM, in the Social Hall. We’ll view and discuss Paul, The Apostle of Christ. The movie is PG-13 and may be too intense for younger audiences. All are welcome to join us!

Sunday, July 1st, 6 – 9PM – Movie Night
Sundays, July 8th, 15th, & 22nd, 6 – 8:30PM – Mission Territory
Thursday, July 26th, 7:30AM – 8PM – Bible Museum Bus Trip
Sunday, July 29th, 6 – 8PM – Mission Territory, followed by Holy Hour
Sunday, July 29th, 8:15 – 9:15PM – Holy Hour (All Are Welcome)

For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext. 8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org
HIPPAA LAWS – Please note that HIPPAA (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.

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.

ADAMS DEANERY ADORATION CHAPEL will be closed on July 3rd at 9 PM and reopen on July 15th at Noon.

YOU’RE INVITED! Please join us at Immaculate Conception BVM, New Oxford for our annual Adult Faith Formation retreat on August 22th from 8 am to 3 pm. This year’s event features author, speaker, and Breadbox Media show host Allison Gingras. Allison will share easy and powerful ways to incorporate Prayer, Sacrament, and Scripture into our everyday ordinary lives. Cost is $20 and includes lunch. Contact Pete Socks at pete.socks@gmail.com or 717-521-3137 to register.


UNIFORM STORE – Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School Used Uniform Store will be offering a selection of used, good quality uniform pieces to our families over the summer. The store will be open on Monday, July 9th and Wednesday, July 11th from 6:30-8:30 PM. Items in stock include pants, shorts, skorts, sweaters, polos, shoes and more. We will have a limited selection of STC logo items, including gym wear. Please be reminded that this academic year will be the last year of our two year uniform transition period. Beginning with the 2019-20 academic year, all students will be required to wear the STC logo uniforms. The Used Uniform Store is located on the 3rd floor of the ABVM Parish Center (3 N. Third St., McSherrystown). When arriving at the Parish Center, please proceed to the 3rd floor using the staircase. Please use caution on the stairs as they are narrow. At the top of the stairs, turn left and enter the store area via the white door. We ask that you remain quiet while proceeding to the store as other groups may be using the building during the times that the store is open. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOSTER CARE – Many families will be enjoying quality time together during vacations and fun activities like our Parish Festivals this summer. Unfortunately many children in the foster care system won’t have that opportunity. You can make a difference in the life of a child by opening your home to a child in need. Start today. To find out more, please contact Nicole or Kelly at Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care at 717-564-7115 or email naponick@cchbg.org; or kbolton@cchbg.org.

YOUTH PROTECTION COORDINATOR – IMMEDIATE FULL TIME OPENING. The primary function of this position is to ensure that all clergy, employees and those volunteers working with youth & vulnerable adults are compliant with the background screening and training requirements of both the Commonwealth of PA and Diocese of Harrisburg. You need to be highly organized and possess excellent customer service skills as you will be the help desk for handling technical difficulties and/or lack of understand of the application/content of the training material/interpretation of policy and/or Commonwealth regulations. The successful candidate must be able to work in an environment of extreme confidentiality, discretion and trustworthiness. Candidates must be very comfortable with data entry and possess a good knowledge of MS Office applications. You will be working in Excel most of the time. Time permitting you will also be providing the HR Director with administrative assistance. Experience: Familiarity with Commonwealth of PA background clearance requirements helpful. Applications to: Employment@hbgdiocese.org. Closing date: July 20, 2018.

CONEWAGO PICNIC – Sacred Heart Basilica will hold its “Good ole fashion Country Picnic” Saturday, July 21st at the Woods at 3113 Centennial Rd., Hanover. Our famous chicken corn soup made in a kettle over an open fire can be bought by the container (NO plastic please) beginning at 9 AM. Our picnic officially begins at 11 AM and runs until 9 PM. We will have pit beef, hot dogs, a bake sale with homemade goodies, chicken corn soup, an all-you-can-eat fried chicken dinner beginning at 3 PM. Live music, kids games, 13-jars, raffles and much more. Come out for a day of fun, food and entertainment. No pets please.

VOLUNTEER – Grane Hospice is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to join our team as Companionship Volunteers. Some ways in which you can spend quality time with our patients include: holding a hand, listening to music, reading, taking walks, or talking. Please contact Ashely Gounley @ 717-757-1526 or AGounley@GraneHospice.com

THANKS TO
MAY FINANCIAL REPORT –
Monthly Budget $ 35,200.00
Income for May 6th 10,417.20
May 13th 8,944.00
May 20th 9,424.00
May 27th 8,843.60
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME $ 37,628.80
SECONb COLLECTIONS:
Ascension Thursday 1,448.90
Pentecost Collection 2,404.51
Capital Improvements 1,359.00

DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPENINGS:
Full time French and Spanish Teacher
Full time Family and Consumer Science Teacher
Part time Cafeteria Aide – Assistance Server (2.5 hours, Monday-Friday)
Preferred teacher applicants would have PA teaching certification, be a practicing Catholic and be able to support application with a pastor’s recommendation. Interested applicants should send their resume and cover letter to Mr. Richard LaRocca, Principal, Delone Catholic HS, 140 South Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, PA 17344 or rlarocca@delonecatholic.org.

SUMMER WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday 5 PM,
Sunday 8:15 AM and 10:15 AM
IHM MUSIC MINISTRY – Have you received the gift of being able to play a musical instrument? What a great blessing! We would like you to share this with us at church. During summer months, we will encourage the various instrumentalists to play prelude music and/or preparation music for the Mass. Obviously, the music must be appropriate; the instrumentalist must be of suitable proficiency and have practiced with the accompanist. What a great way to give thanks to God for the gift you have received! Please contact Roy Wainwright at 717-619-7243, roywainwright3@gmail.com or text 717-586-8412.

BIBLE STUDY – Our Tuesday morning Bible Study Group would like to welcome anyone interested to join them. They meet in the Den on Tuesdays after Mass until 11 AM. Topics discussed are the upcoming Bible readings. Any questions, please call George Severns at 717-292-0328 or email academia2@comcast.net.

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.

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 online.

SPRING CLEANING? Please remember to donate any used clothes to the COMMUNITY AID BIN located in the IHM parking lot. Proceeds from the donations benefit Boy Scout Troop 127.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students at Delone Catholic High School for achieving honor roll status: FIRST HONORS: Julia O’Brien, Audrey Sell and Harrison Smith SECOND HONORS: Christian Powell COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Abigail Sell

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.

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!

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to

Sunday, May 6th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, May 6th – Adult Enrichment Class in the Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
Anita in the parish office.
call Aero Energy at 888
registered with Aero Energy for this program, please
way to help your parish! If
cents per gallon of oil or propane. This is an excellent
or becomes an Aero customer, IHM receives up to 3
AERO ENERGY PLAN

to be able to more fully focus on worshiping.
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church, and utilize this space. Then you can better
tend to their children as needed. Please, feel free
parents and

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 worshiping.

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.

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.

CREMATION

Since 1963, Catholics have been allowed to choose cremation over burial as a means of laying a loved one to rest. Cremation is a popular choice since it is less expensive and more manageable than a full burial. Cremation, like death, is final. But that doesn’t mean you won’t have second thoughts. Susan Skiles Luke, a marketing consultant in Columbia, Missouri, had her mother cremated and buried in a family plot. Now, she wishes it was her mother’s body and not just the cremated remains that was in the grave. “When I go there, which isn’t often, I want to feel like her body is under ground, right alongside my grandparents and beloved great aunt, all dressed up in their Sunday best…”

Although creation is permitted, some Catholics have not been dealing properly with their loved ones remains. Common practices include scattering ashes, parting ashes out to friends and relatives, and keeping the ashes in a common area, such as a living room. While scattering ashes may seem romantic to some (but is also contrary to Catholic teaching), there’s something to be said about keeping your loved one in once place, and then marking that place with a name. “We mark the graves of our loved ones with a headstone to memorialize them, so we don’t forget them”. When
visiting that person’s grave, just seeing his or her name can give comfort.
To instruct the faithful in this regard, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued updated guidelines. According to these, burial is still preferred, but cremation is an option. When a loved one has been cremated, their ashes must be kept intact, the same as one would treat a body. The ashes may not be separated or scattered. Instead, they should remain in a proper vessel that is interred in a proper place, such as a cemetery or church. Finally, the document stresses that Catholics who choose cremation for reasons contrary to the faith, (e.g., to have their ashes scattered) must be denied a Christian funeral.
In the end, whether cremation or burial is chosen, we await from the grave the second coming of Jesus Christ and the blessed Resurrection of the Dead.

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE –
Men’s & Women’s Retreats:
July 27-29: Casting Nets Evangelism Institute for
DRE’s, catechists, men, women and families. Led by
Hector Molina, Chris Stewart and Tony Brandt.

October 7: Tent Revival and Rosary Rally. From
1pm to 7 pm. It is a day to honor the Blessed Mother
as part of the National Coast-to-Coast Rosary Rally,
along with invoking the Holy Spirit to re-ignite our
spiritual lives and a day of family inspiration and
celebration under the big top. Mass will be celebrated
by Bishop Timothy Senior, and there’s a special rosary
walk. Speakers including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers,
Johnnette Benkovic, Jesse Romero, Fr. James Blount,
Kathleen McCarthy, Jennifer Hubbard, Teresa
Peterson (music) and Marty Rotella (music). Free
admission for all.
Any questions regarding any retreats, visit their website
www.malvernretreat.com