**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018
5:00 PM – Special Intention of Melanie Miller

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018
8:15 AM + Joseph & Wanda Belsak
10:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018
NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
9:00 + Brandi Avery

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018
9:00 AM – People of the Parish
7:00 PM + Lorrie Raubenstine

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018
9:00 AM + Diane Frey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018
9:00 AM + Lou Breighner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018
5:00 PM – Special Intention of Dalton Wicker

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018
8:15 AM – People of the Parish
10:15 AM + William & Nadine Kroft

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**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**
Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

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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 Lawrence, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Becky Tako, Valerie Strine, Robert Despres, John Melhorn, Theresa Staub, Joanne Hallisey, Scott Hale, Nicholas Willis, Cecilia Hopper, Dylan Strine, Tracy Haper, Charlotte Smith and Timothy Pieczynski.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Burnell Barnhart, grandfather of Doug Barnhart, and Laverne Lawrence of our parish who died this week.**

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**
August 12-18

Sunday, Aug. 12th – Fusion “Dynamic You” in the social hall, 6-9 PM

Monday, Aug. 13th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 5, 7 PM

Monday, Aug. 13th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Thursday, Aug. 16th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den after 9 AM Mass

Friday, Aug. 17th – Eucharistic Adoration 9:30-10:30 AM

Friday, Aug. 17th – Fusion “Unlock the Truth” in REC, 6-9 PM

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**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Aug. 18-19
5:00 PM Mass: Harrison, Landon & Ella Smith
8:15 AM Mass: Ben & Sadie Smith, Nathan Maysilles
10:15 AM Mass: Brielle Baughman, Jacob & Molly Fleming

Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Aug. 18-19
5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck
8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis
10:15 AM MASS – Andy Hershey

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Aug. 18-19
5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Dan Landis, John & Kelli Maysilles, Sam Spiese
8:15 AM: Liz Kohler, Margie & Sam Leese, Pat Robinson, Midge Stokes
10:15 AM: Jane Kakalecz, Joyce Menges, John & Diane Schaline, Leland Steinke

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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*Flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Deacon Joe & Judy Sterrella for their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.*

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.” Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you? Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804 or check out www.dioceseanpriest.com.
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15TH THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. MASS TIMES ARE 9:00 AM AND 7:00 PM

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 Aug. 5, 2018 we sold $910 for a profit of $45.50.

RCIA NEWS
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin in September. If you or someone you know wishes to join the Catholic Church or simply desires information (no obligation to join), please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7.

THANK YOU!
Any event that is a HUge SUCCESS is never the result of the work of one person. Our Parish Picnic last Sunday was just that ~ a HUge SUCCESS! Please know that we are most grateful to Steve Signorello and all those who helped in the kitchen to prepare the food, which was out of this world!

We are most grateful to Nick Stollar and all those who came in last Thursday to get everything set up ~ to all those who donated Theme Baskets, Country Store items, Bingo prizes, the beautiful Quilt, and the “Day on the Bay.” ~ to those who sold tickets ~ to our very generous Boy Scouts and Leaders who set up, cleaned up, monitored the “slip and slide,” Bounce House and face painting.

And to you . . . our wonderful parishioners, who came out to support us and enjoy the day! We are truly blessed here at Immaculate Heart of Mary! God bless you all!

The winner of the 50/50 was Rogene Blocher.

ADVENTURE CLUB – Okay Adventure Club travelers!
We walked through the Tomb of Christ, experienced the mysteries of the Bible. NOW it is time for Sight and Sound in Lancaster to meet Jesus. Join us Tuesday, Oct. 2nd at 9:30 AM in the IHM parking lot to embark on this journey. After the “meeting”, we will dine at the Shady Maple Buffet and return home around 7:30 PM. Deadline for reservation is Friday, Aug. 31st. Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 to reserve a seat. Cost is $110 plus driver’s tip.

IMPORTANT FOOD PANTRY MEETING: The Abbottstown / East Berlin Food Pantry distribution format is undergoing some major changes, and a meeting to discuss these changes will be held on Thursday, August 16, at 6 o’clock at Trinity Lutheran Church in East Berlin. All current volunteers as well as those interested in volunteering (or learning more about the pantry) are encouraged to attend this meeting.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 14-16, in Mechanicsburg, call 800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

FUSION NEWS - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12. Did You Know? The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (not adored like the Sacred Heart of Jesus) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

Sunday, August 12th, 6 – 9:15 PM – Mission Territory Closing Night
Friday, August 17th, 7:30 – 9PM – Unlock The Truth: Escape Room Experience
For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext.8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

HOUSE OF NAZARETH ADORATION CHAPEL, 9 Third St., McSherrystown is in need of more adorers.
We are in need of adorers for the following hours:
Sunday @ 4 pm
Tuesday @ 9 am & 2 pm
Wednesday @ 1 am and 9 am
Thursday @ 12 am
Saturday @ 11 pm

Hours that are in bold are in desperate need of coverage.
Contact Gloria Murren at 717-479-1071.

STEWARDSHIP: A MISSION OF FAITH, invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Christopher West, Damon Owens, Msgr. John Esseff, Marty Rotella, Devin Schadt, Mark Forrest, Megan Murphy, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19th and Thursday, Sept. 20th. One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch. In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God’s creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more. For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org and click on the Fall Conference link.

THANKS TO
PCCW – the Parish Council of Catholic Women and the Conewago District Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the parish to join us for the 81st Annual Mass and Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 13th at St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg. Mass will be celebrated at 6 PM followed by dinner at the Lutheran Seminary Refectory, 148 Seminary Ridge. Menu is chicken, wild rice, green beans, salad, desserts and beverages. Cost is $20 per person. Guest speaker Sr. Marianne Therese Lallone, Vocation Director at Immaculata University will share information about the NCCW Vocation Purse Club, a program which assists young women entering religious life. Please RSVP no later than August 31st to Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245.

Check out our new website at www.ihmparadise.org.

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church:
Bertram & Jacqueline Barnett, Dillsburg
Thomas & Sally Martin, York Springs
Mark & Julie Wallen, Hanover

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT –
Monthly Budget $35,200.00
Income for June 6th $11,784.63
June 10th 8,757.12
June 17th 7,438.00
June 24th 9,325.25
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME $37,305.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
Missionary Co-Op 1,388.00
Capital Improvements 1,759.00

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM –
This program was established to provide Aero Energy customers an opportunity to give to our church. To participate, Aero Energy customers sign up by phone or online and Aero Energy donates 4 cents for every gallon of fuel they use to us. Please call if you are not already part of this wonderful program. It’s an easy way to benefit Immaculate Heart of Mary. Call 888-827-17136.

DON’T GET SCAMMED! Scammers are now posing as priests and other clergy. In this latest scam, you might receive an e-mail that appears to be from your Pastor or another priest that you may know. The scammer would ask you to help someone in need by purchasing a gift card, and then providing the code to that card to the scammer who is posing as clergy. Here’s how to protect from being scammed:
1. Know that scammers are out there. Be suspicious of any request for funds of any type via an e-mail message. Verify any request with a call to the person who supposedly sent it.
2. Know that any e-mail from a priest should be from a diocesan or parish e-mail account. Messages sent from free services, such Gmail or Yahoo, are more likely to be scammers.
3. Know that priests will NEVER ask for financial transactions via e-mail.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

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11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT The 11th annual “Swing for the Sisters” Golf Tournament, which benefits the retired Sisters of St. Joseph is being held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Flatbush Golf course in Littlestown. For more information, or to register, please call 1-800-482-6510 or e-mail development@ssjphila.org.

VOLUNTEERS – 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.
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.

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God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on July 5th served 83 families which included 192 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, August 1st is www.volunteersignup.org/AR3J9. 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.

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.

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.

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.

SUMMER WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday 5 PM,
Sunday 8:15 AM and 10:15 AM

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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.

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IHМ 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
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.

Sunday, May 6th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, May 6th – Adult Enrichment Class in the Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM

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, fee 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 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.
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.

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.malvernrretreat.com