27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018
5:00 PM + Dorothy Schlaline

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018
8:15 AM + Lou Breighner
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018
NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018
NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018
NO MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018
NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
5:00 PM + Rose Karmazin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018
8:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

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GROCERY CERTIFICATES – Please know how very grateful we are to all of you who support our Grocery Certificate Program and ultimately our Religious Education Program. During the week of Sept. 30, 2018 we sold $410 for a profit of $20.50.

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LOCAL WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, HANOVER – MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8 AM

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1. This Sunday is **Respect Life Sunday**. Now, more than ever do we need to respect others, whether they are developing in the womb, living under the bridge, nominated for the Supreme Court, or the person following too closely behind us while driving. Respect is the foundation for love, since it is the means of honoring the God-given dignity of another person.

2. This Sunday, October 7th, Fusion (our parish youth ministry for teens from 8th through 12th grades) will be hosting a **bullying prevention program** entitled *Not Alone* from 4 to 8pm in the social hall. Parents and teens are encouraged to attend this event on this important topic.

3. This week I will be away on our **annual priest workshop** in Hunt Valley, Maryland. One of our presenters this year will be Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, who will speak on *Priestly Well-Being – Living a Happy and Holy Life as a Priest*. Also, Bishop Gainer will give us presentations as well one day.

4. Next Sunday, October 14th at Delone High School, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their **Designer Purse AND Cash Bingo**, which will go to support Catholic education in our local area. Please support the Knights for this special (and fun) event.

5. On Oct. 23 and 24, **Fr. Dave Pivonka** (the host of *The Wild Goose* series) is coming to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Gettysburg (at the Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Rd., Gettysburg). On Tuesday evening the doors will open at 6pm. Fr. Dave will begin at 7pm, finishing around 8pm. Then, Confessions will be held following. On Wednesday evening the doors will open at 6pm, and Fr. Dave will begin at 7pm. This evening will feature an amazing time of Eucharistic Adoration and Procession as well as healing prayers, finishing around 8:30pm. I have heard Fr. Dave speak before, and HIGHLY recommend attending this event! To register, please contact Kathy Reid (chair of St. Francis’ Evangelization Committee) at evangelized.blessed@gmail.com. There is no ticket fee; a free will offering will be collected each evening to assist Fr. Dave in his important work outreaching to active and inactive Catholics. I will be going at least one of the nights!

   God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

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**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**SCOUT NEWS** – THANK YOU! BSA Troop 127 would like to thank everyone who supported the John Melhorn Replenishment Blood Drive. We had 34 donors, collected 24 pints and helped save 72 lives through your generosity. Thank you also to Lobar, Inc. for their donations supporting the drive.

**VETERANS DAY DINNER** – The annual Veterans Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd at 6:15 PM in the social hall. The cost is $10 for adults and $5 for kids ages 5-16. Veterans eat free as our guests. Tickets will be sold after Masses in October. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PENNSYLVANIA WOUNDED WARRIORS.

**MISSION TRIP TO ST. EMMA’S MONASTERY** – The Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma’s are once again appealing for help to clean up after their annual Christmas bazaar and decorate for the season of Advent on Sunday, Nov. 11th and Monday, Nov. 12th. Parishioners who volunteered last year claimed that it was a fulfilling experience to perform works of mercy for the elderly nuns by sharing their time and talents and labor of love. If interested, please call or text Luz Socrates at 717-873-3650 or email her at luzvsoc@gmail.com for more details.

**IHM FALL FEST TRUNK OR TREAT** – Sunday, Oct. 21st from 3-6 PM. Join IHM parish, the Charitable Children’s Group and Cub Pack 127 in our second annual “Trunk or Treat!”

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**LADIES – IT’S OUR TURN!**

**DIOCESAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE** – The 4th Annual Diocesan Women’s Conference will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is **Women of Life and Love: Celebrating the Beauty of Humanae Vitae**. The keynote speaker this year is Jennifer Fulwiler. Besides the keynote address, there will be 36 topic choices offered. Come and enjoy beautiful music by Women at the Well and fellowship with women from around the diocese and beyond. Any questions, please contact Carol Stroud at 717-619-7572.

If anyone needs a ride or can provide a ride for others, please contact Carol Stroud.

**PCCW** – Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? Were you married 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or more years ago? A special mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 20th here at IHM at the 5 PM Mass. Fr. Marcoe will give the couples a special blessing. A reception of cake and coffee will follow in the church social hall. If interested in attending, you can sign up on the sheets on the window sills or call Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245 by Oct. 14th. If you have a wedding picture you would like to share, please place it in the PCCW bin in the social hall.

Come out and help the PCCW prepare angels to put on our giving tree. All women are cordially invited to attend our monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 10th at 7 PM in the church social hall. Hope to see you!
ADVENTURE CLUB – Please join the Adventure Club on a Pilgrimage to the Basilica in Washington, DC on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, which will be led by Bishop Ronald Gainer. Bus will leave IHM parking lot at 6:30 AM and return at 6:30 PM. Cost of the trip is $27 plus driver gratuity. You must be responsible for own lunch, pack or purchase at the cafeteria in the Basilica. No stop for dinner. Deadline for reservation and payment is Oct. 22nd. Contact Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 for information and reservation.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS – Did you know that October is Respect Life month? This is a month when we are invited as a whole to renew our dedication to uplifting the inherent, God-given dignity of all human life from conception until natural death. Public witness is a great way to spread the Gospel of Life and change hearts. As part of our efforts to show support for our belief in the gospel of life, we will be having several parish sponsored activities, allowing an opportunity for united parish participation. Please also note the diocesan events for Respect Life that are listed as well.

+ You are welcome to join the Gettysburg Life Chain, on the square in Gettysburg, **Sunday, Oct. 7th from 2:30-3:30 PM.** We will silently pray as we stand along the sidewalks on all 4 sides of the square. Pro Life signs will be available, if you choose to hold one.

+ The weekend of **October 6th and 7th,** Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be collecting signatures for the Gettysburg times, as a witness that we truly are a people for life. All signatures will be $3.00 a line and will be printed in the Oct. 27th edition.

+ The Catholic Medical Association, Harrisburg Diocesan Guild, invites all Catholic physicians, medical students, residents, health care workers and their families to attend their Annual White Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 14th at 9:30 AM** at St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. Celebrant and Homilist will be Rev. Paul C.B. Schenck. For more information or reception, please RSVP to kneri@hbgdiocese.org.

+ A Free Defense of the Faith Presentation open to the public, will be hosted on **Wednesday, Oct. 24th at 7 PM** at the Eden Resort and Conference Center, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster. Guest speakers will include Rev. Tad Pacholczyk, a bioethicist, from the National Catholic Bioethics Center – discussing Assisted Suicide from a moral Perspective. Also, Mr. Wesley Smith, author, commentator and legal consultant to the Patients’ Rights Council, will be discussing Assisted Suicide and its disastrous effects from a political and cultural landscape. Many other life topics will be discussed surrounding these issues. To register, please visit https://maltaevents.ticketleap.com/ptb/

+ Immaculate Heart of Mary will have a time of Eucharistic Adoration on **Sunday, Oct. 28th,** following the 11:15 Mass until 3 PM. This will be a time of prayer devoted to Respect Life issues, including the Holy Rosary and ending with The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please come and spend some time in prayer, as we close Respect Life month, giving thanks for the gift of our lives – our loved ones, and as we continue asking Our Lord for direction in growing a Culture of Life for all God’s children.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO EVENT
To benefit our local Catholic Schools, Bingo will be held Sunday, Oct. 14th at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown. Doors open at 12:30 and games start at 2 PM. Ticket prices: $25 in advance and $30 at the door. For tickets and information, contact Ken Glass, Bill Zimmer, Chris Simoncini or John Schaline. See the fliers and posters or go to Facebook/John Schaline.

FUSION - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.

**Sunday, October 7th, 4 – 8 PM** - Not Alone Bullying Prevention Program

**Friday, October 12th:** Deadlines for **Fan the Fire and Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk**

Saturday, October 13th, 6 – 8:30 PM – Youth Night
Saturday, October 20th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM – Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk
Saturday, October 27th, 6 – 8:00 PM – Youth Night
Saturday, October 27th, 8:15 – 9:15 PM – Festival of Praise Holy Hour

Saturday, November 10th, 6 – 8:30 PM – Youth Night
Saturday, November 17th, 9 AM – 8:30 PM – Fan the Fire Youth Rally
Saturday, November 24th, 6 – 8:30 PM – Youth Night with Adoration

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

PARISH CARING COMMITTEE – Assists parishioners on an as needed basis, in times of need or stress and provides visitation, care giver relief, meals, errands, light household chores and local transportation. To request assistance or to become a Caring Committee Volunteer, contact Jen Gentile at 717-225-5059.

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES – The Diocese of Harrisburg’s annual Mass Celebrating the Gifts of People with Disabilities will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Harrisburg. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the Celebrant and Homilist. This year also marks the 40th Anniversary of the signing of the 1978 Pastoral Statement on Persons with Disabilities. A light reception will follow the Mass, which will include reflections on the 1978 Pastoral Statement. To assist with planning, it is requested that those attending from outside St. Catherine Laboure Parish or in need of any special accommodations, kindly RSVP to LKiley@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804 ext. 322 prior to Nov. 9, 2018. All are welcome to attend.

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

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Sept. 5th served 75 families which included 202 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Sept. 6th was 23 for a total of 50 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/9WQCB and Thursday, Oct. 4th at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/KY8CD. 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church:
Chris & Juanita Horst & family, Thomasville
Scott & Adeline Brown & family, York
Christopher & Victoria Bruha & family, East Berlin

CHOIR – Choir rehearsals start next Sunday, Sept. 16th, at 9:40 AM in the choir loft of the church. The choir is open to everyone, please come and join us! Contact Kathy Schwar at 717-259-9086 or Roy Wainwright at 717-619-7243 if you are interested or have questions.

TWO EVENINGS WITH FR. DAVE PIVONKA, TOR
Location: Xavier Center, 465 Table Rock Rd., Gettysburg
Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 23/24. Doors open 6 PM
Join Father Dave Pivonka, TOR for two evenings of conversation about the Holy Spirit in our lives. An internationally popular speaker, Father Dave spends much of his time helping others come to know God’s love for them through his dynamic preaching, writing, CD’s, and other spiritual outreaches. He held several ministry positions at Franciscan University, and is presently the director of Franciscan Pathways, an evangelistic and preaching outreach of the T.O.R.’s (Third Order Regulars, a congregation of the Franciscans). Hosted by the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Evangelization Committee of Gettysburg. Praise and Worship music begins at 6:30 PM. Father Dave begins at 7 PM. Plenty of free parking. ADA and Handicapped accessible venue and bathrooms. There is no ticket fee, a free will offering will be collected each evening to assist Father Dave in his important work outreaching to active and inactive Catholics. Contact Kathy Reid, Chair, Evangelization Committee. Email; evangelized.blessed@gmail.com. Fr. Marcoe has been on retreat with Fr. Dave before and highly recommends going to hear him speak!

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT –
Monthly Budget
Income for Aug. 5th $ 36,000.00
Aug. 12th 11,000.00
Aug. 19th 9,775.22
Aug. 26th 9,743.90
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME $ 40,043.62
SECOND COLLECTIONS:
Capital Improvements 1,722.80

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – CAN YOU DONATE NEW YARN? During the last year, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has made over 50 items for our own parishioners, Rachel’s Vineyard retreatants, Cross Keys Village Skilled Nursing patients, Spiritrust Lutheran hospice and Hanover Hospital Maternity. We rely on your donations to help with our yarn expense. We can always use red, white and blue yarn for military veterans in hospice care. Please drop off your donations in the covered gray boxes at the entrances to the church. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, please call the parish office at 717-259-0611. Thank you!
Aug. 15th  1,398.00

FREE BIBLE APP – Download Jesus.com. The free contents include:
+ Full RSV-CE Bible
+ Gospel of Mark Dramatized Audio Bible
+ Daily Mass Readings
+ Catholic News Agency
+ Steubenville Conferences
+ EWTN Live & On Demand
+ Content from Jeff Davins, Bp. Robert Barron, Fr. James Mcilhone

RUTH’S HARVEST – Our Ruth’s Harvest ministry is resuming for another school year. Those interested in packing the bags should meet at the Abbottstown Fire Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 29th, at 10:00 AM. Along with members of other area churches, we will pack 105 bags of food for students of the Bermudian Springs School District. For more information, call Pat Renaut at 717-637-1110.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - The Parish Pastoral Council would like to announce that we had two members of our parish community volunteer to serve on the council. Please join us in thanking and welcoming Rosemary Connelly and Lynn Murphy to the council. Given that there were only two vacancies, there will be no need to hold elections as in some years past. The Pastoral Council is here to serve our parish family. Please feel free to talk with any of the members when you have concerns, ideas or questions.

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

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.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

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

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.

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.

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: 6fletcher@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. 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.

**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.

**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 worshipping.

**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.

**Tips for talking to children about difficult subjects/news reports**

The topic of sex abuse, particularly child sex abuse, is a daunting one for parents. Every parent must consider many factors including the best age-appropriate way to discuss the topic. Below are some points to consider adapted from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, and First Things First.

1. Make sure you are composed before you talk with your child.
2. If you believe your child is aware of news concerning abuse in the diocese, start the conversation. Not talking about a difficult event can make the event even more threatening in your child’s mind.
3. Listen carefully to what your child is asking or talking about.
4. Clarify just what any concerns are before you answer. Sometimes we make assumptions and give far more information than what the child needs.
5. Keep your answers simple and brief. Don’t answer questions that have not been asked. Do not overload your child with information that is beyond his/her level of understanding.
6. Assure your child that you and other adults that are in charge are doing everything possible to make sure they will be safe. This will give them a sense that adults are actively taking steps to protect those who are currently suffering.
7. Don’t make guarantees that such a thing can never happen again. Words like “never” and “always” should be used very carefully because small children trust that this is a promise from you.
8. Explain that we do not know why people treat other people badly.
9. Try to limit your child’s exposure to media coverage. A child believes what he or she sees on television, or in the newspapers is always true.
10. Let your children know about successful community efforts. You may want to share positive media images, such as reports of individuals helping those in need.

Additional information is available at [www.YouthProtectionHBG.com](http://www>YouthProtectionHBG.com)