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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019
5:00 PM + Patrick Yealy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019
8:15 AM – People of the Parish
11:15 AM + John & Marie Menges

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
9:00 AM + Peggy Brown

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
9:00 AM + Shirley Oliver

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
9:00 AM – Special Intention of Fred & Yvonne Staub

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019
9:00 AM + Adeline Hathaway

SATURDAY JANUARY 12, 2019
5:00 PM + Doris Pohlman

SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2019
8:15 AM – People of the Parish
11:15 AM + Frank Burda

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NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts. Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-480/frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE
Jan. 6th – 12th

Sunday, Jan. 6th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, Jan. 6th – Adult Enrichment Class in the Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
Monday, Jan. 7th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, Jan. 7th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 4, 7 PM
Monday, Jan. 7th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
Tuesday, Jan. 8th – Prayer Shawl Meeting, 1 PM Room 1 of the REC
Wednesday, Jan. 9th – PCCW in the social hall, 7 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 9th – Boy Scouts 6-9 PM
Thursday, Jan. 10th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den after 9 AM Mass
Saturday, Jan. 12th – Fusion Youth Night in the Den 6-8:30 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Jan. 12-13
5:00 PM Mass: Harrison, Landon & Ella Smith
8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Adam & Amelia Gerringer
Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Jan. 12-13
5 PM MASS – Joe Schwart
8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis
11:15 AM MASS – Jess Socrates
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Jan. 12-13
5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Rose Dietz, Barb Redding, Steve Signorello, Amanda Wicker
8:15 AM: Jeff & Terri Seifert, Carol Stroud, Mitch & Elaine Walton
11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Diane & John Schialine, Pat Spiridonoff, Leland Steinke
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Joanne Hallisey, sister-in-law of Dennis Hallisey, who passed away recently.
The Epiphany of the Lord

1. A special word of gratitude to all of you for your gifts, cards, and goodies during this beautiful time of year. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

2. In case you’re wondering, Epiphany means revelation or manifestation. It’s on today’s feast that we celebrate God revealing or manifesting Himself in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, God is revealed to His people and to the world through the following events: the Magi coming to bring the Christ-child gifts and to worship Him; the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, when the Holy Spirit descends upon Him and He is revealed as the Son of God; and the miracle at the wedding at Cana, when Jesus performs His first miracle in public, revealing to all His divinity. On this feast, historically (especially in years gone by), the priest would come to parishioners’ houses to bless them, writing a small blessing above the main door. While today in our setting this is a bit more challenging to accomplish in one day, we are making available to you cards with these “blessings” for you to take with you. Just offer the prayers on the back, and then place the card over the main door in your home. These cards can be found on the ledges behind the last pew.

3. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous financial contributions this past calendar year. Whether what you could give was the “widow’s mite”, or very generous contributions, or somewhere in between – thank you. God blesses each of us in different ways. And when you are blessed financially and you share that blessing with the parish, we in turn, are able to bless others.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

SECOND COLLECTION – Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

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. IHM receives a 5% profit from the sale of all the grocery cards purchased. Before going for groceries, please consider purchasing Weis or Giant cards after each Mass at the front entrance. Cards can also be purchased in the parish office during the work week. Thank you for your support of this wonderful program! During the week of Dec. 30, 2018 we sold $1410 for a profit of $70.50.

PRAYER SHawl MEETING will be held Tuesday, Jan. 8th at 1 PM in room 1 of the REC.

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2018 CONTRIBUTIONS – Anyone who received a statement in the past from the parish office showing their annual contributions will again automatically receive one this year. If you no longer require one, please let Anita in the parish office know. If you are new to the parish and would like to receive a statement showing your contributions for 2018, please call Anita in the parish office at 717-259-0611, ext. 5.

GUIDED PRAYER APP – Alessandro DiSanto, a Holy Name of Jesus parishioner, has worked with a few friends to build an app aiming to help people grow in their faith lives through guided prayer and meditation sessions. The app is called Hallow and offers guided audio sessions through a variety of prayer types, including Christian Meditation, the Examen, Lectio Divina, and Spiritual Writing. To learn more, visit www.hallow.app or feel free to reach out to Alessandro At alessandro@hallow.app. The app is available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK PRAYER – Loving Father, Protect, we pray, all those forced from their homes by violence and persecution, guide them to places of shelter and safety, and grant that people migrate always by choice and not necessity. Watch over children who migrate alone, protect them from the risks they face all by themselves, help them reach their destination safely, and reunite them with those from whom they have been separated. Guide all migrants who seek a better life, to new opportunities, and grant them a new beginning. We beseech you to give each of us the strength and generosity to welcome the stranger and to open our homes to the newcomer, and in doing so to comfort those who are suffering. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.
FUSION - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.

Saturday, January 12th, 6 – 8:30 PM: Pro-Life Night
Friday, January 18th, 7 AM – 7:30 PM: March for Life
Saturday, January 26th, 6 – 8:30 PM: Youth Night
Sunday, January 27th, 2:30 – 4 PM: Living Stations of the Cross Practice at St. Joseph, Hanover

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

LADIES SAVE THE DATE! Women’s Conference next year will be Oct. 12, 2019. Helen Alvare will be the keynote speaker.

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.

Don’t Get Scammed!

Scammers are now posing as priests and other clergy. In this latest scam, you might receive an email or a text message that appears to be from your Pastor or another priest that you may know. The scammer asks you to help someone in need by purchasing a gift card and to provide the codes on that card.

Here’s how to protect yourself from being scammed.

1 – Know that scammers are out there. Be suspicious of any request for funds of any type via an email message or a text message. Verify any request with a call to the person who supposedly sent it or a call to the phone number of the text that you received.

2 – Know that any email from a priest should be from a diocesan or parish email account. Messages sent from free services, such as Gmail or Yahoo, are more likely to be scammers.

3 – Many clergy do not share their cell phone numbers publicly. If you receive a text message from someone not on your phone’s contact list, be suspicious.

4 – Know that priests will NEVER ask for financial transactions via email or text messages.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM Catholic Church of New Oxford will hold their monthly “All-you-can-eat” turkey dinner on Jan. 20th in the parish center located behind the church from 11 AM until 2 PM. Questions regarding the dinner may be directed to the parish office at 717-624-4121.

Ticket prices are $9 for adults, $4 for children (6-12) and under age 6 are free.

THANKS TO

SURVIVING DIVORCE – St. John the Baptist Parish, New Freedom, is pleased to announce another session of Surviving Divorce, a ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. This program includes 12 video presentations featuring a psychologist, priests, and personal testimonies from Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their family. Topics covered include shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. Surviving Divorce is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those who are still struggling many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope and begin authentic healing.

This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity after divorce. For more information about this program, visit http://www.catholicsdivorce.com and the parish website www.sjbnf.org.

The 12 week Surviving Divorce program begins on Feb. 6, 2019 at 6:45 PM. A $25 fee includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials. Please email facilitators, Deb Cousin at deb.cousin@verizon.net or Pat Smith at dontel972@aol.com or call the parish office at 717-235-2156 for more information.
BISHOP’S LISTENING SESSIONS – Bishop Gainer will be hosting Listening Sessions in January and February throughout the Diocese. He invites all members of Immaculate Heart of Mary with questions or concerns regarding the Grand Jury Report, the Diocese’s response to abuse and the path forward to attend one of these sessions.

PRAYER SHAWL RETREAT on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with Mass, followed by knitting/crocheting, praying the Rosary, fellowship and lunch. The retreat will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome to this day of sharing and fellowship in this special ministry. The cost of $10 includes lunch, advance registration is required. Please call or text Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Debbie Black at 717-514-8815, or e-mail them at kakoko120@comcast.net or mvdb01@verizon.net to register. The registration deadline is Sunday, February 10, 2019. The retreat is hosted by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and all women of the Diocese are warmly invited to attend.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Dec. 5th served 64 families which included 192 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Dec. 6th was 37 for a total of 80 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/7477D and Thursday Jan. 3rd at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/B3PYY. 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.

DEEPLY ROOTED – A WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is holding a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM at their Church. The day begins with Mass followed by speakers from around our diocese who will share information pertinent to families and living our Catholic faith in today’s society. Child care is available for ages pre-k through 6th grade. Workshop sessions, children’s programming and lunch will be provided for a $30 registration fee. Visit www.steas.net/family to register or call the parish office for a registration form.

Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night with the Hershey Bears - Celebrate Catholic Schools’ Week with the Hershey Bears Hockey Team vs. Laval Rockets at the Giant Center in Hershey on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 7 p.m. This fun-filled action packed night at the Giant Center is open to all and is a great way to celebrate Catholic Schools! Discounted tickets are available for $16.00 each for all ages, from the regular admission price of $25. Deadline to order is Friday, January 18, 2019. For more information see order form or contact jdise@HersheyPA.com
**PCGG Symposium**: Prison Christian Growth Group (PCGG), a Catholic organization which brings the message of Christ to inmates in prisons all throughout Pennsylvania, will be holding a Symposium on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Internationally known motivational speaker, John Foppe will speak as well as our Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer. Learn how you can be energized in your faith and hear how you can serve Jesus Christ by serving others. The registration fee of $25.00 includes coffee, donuts and lunch. See flyer in back of the church or parish office for details.

**IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR HANOVER HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS** – The Hanover Hospital – UPMC Pinnacle Health has issued the following changes to their policy effective December 2018.

1. Clergy will not be able to view denominational lists at the front desk.
2. Clergy will not be able to obtain patient information at the front desk unless they have the patient’s name.
3. If the patient indicates a congregational affiliation in the admissions interview, the Chaplain will call the congregation. If the patient indicates to the Chaplain on his or her rounds that he or she belongs to a particular congregation and gives permission the Chaplain will call the congregation.
4. In an emergency situation if the patient or family indicates a congregational affiliation to the Chaplain or other staff and gives permission to call the congregation, every effort will be made to notify the congregation.

**Because of these changes, it is very important that a family member contacts the parish when someone is admitted.**

**SHOE DRIVE** – Donate your gently worn shoes to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School: Help us raise funds for our school by donating your gently worn, used or new shoes! Our school will earn money for every pound of shoes we collect. Plus, all collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors in developing nations. (Micro-enterprises are small businesses operated by one person or a family.) All shoes can be dropped off during regular school hours in the collection bins located outside of the McSherrystown and Conewago school offices. There is also a plastic bin located at the entrance to our Church marked for this drive. Our shoe drive has begun and will run until Jan. 2, 2019. **We can only collect shoes that are in good condition, meaning that the soles are intact, they have laces (if necessary), there are no holes, they are dry & clean, and they still have life in them.** Thank you! Please contact JoAnn Garman at 717-637-3135 with any questions.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students at Delone Catholic High School for achieving honor roll status:

**FIRST HONORS**: Audrey & Abigail Sell
**SECOND HONORS**: Julia O’Brien & Harrison Smith
**COMMENDABLE EFFORT**: Christian Powell & Avery Kuntz

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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](http://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.

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

**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.

**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!

**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. 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](http://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 worshiping.

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.

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

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.