Tired of just fishing for answers?

Join us for "DISCOVERING CHRIST" an exciting seven-session series where we will discover the answers to some very important questions.

"What gives us ultimate meaning and purpose for our lives?"

Tuesday Evenings ~ ~ April 23rd-June 4th
6:30-8:30 PM in the Social Hall
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019
5:00 PM – Geraldine Glass

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019
8:15 AM – Charlie Kulynych
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019
NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 2019
9:00 AM – Joan Littlefield

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019
6:30 PM – Theron & Brenda Menges

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019
9:00 AM – Charles F. Tyre

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019
9:00 AM – Ben Creager

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019
5:00 PM – Ron Filliben

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019
8:15 AM – Lorrie Raubenstine
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Joshua 5:9, 10-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughts and prayers:

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “I AM has sent me to you.” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to trbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.dioceseanpriest.com.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the souls of Theresa Staub of our parish, who died last week, Edward Warmbrot, father of Stephanie Willis, and Sam Sneeringer, former parishioner of IHM.

MARCH 24, 2019

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

March 24-30

Sunday, Mar. 24th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, Mar. 24th – Adult Enrichment Class in the social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
Monday, Mar. 25th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, Mar. 25th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg room 4, 7 PM
Monday, Mar. 25th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
Wednesday, Mar. 27th – Boy Scouts 6-9 PM
Thursday, Mar. 28th – Faith Sharing Group in the den after 9 AM Mass
Friday, Mar. 22nd – Lenten Dinners, 4:45-6:45 PM
Friday, Mar. 22nd – Stations of the Cross, 7 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Mar. 30-31
5:00 PM Mass: Zachary & Patrick Horst, Ben Wicker
8:15 AM Mass: Andrew Eyster, Hans Livelsberger, Regina Walton
11:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Alex Kuhn
Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Mar. 30-31
5 PM MASS – Betsy Miriello
8:15 AM MASS – Ann Parker
11:15 AM MASS – Vernon Lohn
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Mar. 30-31
5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Larry Miller, Barb Redding, Steve Signorello, Sam Spiese
8:15 AM: Kim Aiello, Marie & Richard Danglovitch, Midge Stokes, Pat Robinson
11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Carmelita Garcia, Bonnie Hensel, John Schaline, Jr., Barb Wantz
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

“Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book The 4 Most Important Things how saying ‘I love you,’ ‘I’m sorry,’ ‘I forgive you,’ and ‘Thank you’ can promote much needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life activities

EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to memorialize a loved one with flowers for Easter, envelopes are available at all the entrances. Please fill out and return no later than April 14th.
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

3rd Sunday of Lent
1) A very special thank you to those of you who have contributed or will contribute to the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Although our two weekends of in-pew pledging have concluded, contributions can still be by contacting the parish office, or by making an online donation (by clicking the link on the homepage of our parish website – www.ihmparadise.org). Our assessment this year is $62,000. Please know that I am extremely grateful to all of our parishioners for their generosity to this important campaign!

2. Reminder – each Wednesday evening of Lent Mass is at 6:30pm. Also, Stations of the Cross take place each Friday evening at 7pm. Please note that on April 12th Stations will NOT be taking place at IHM. Instead, we invite you to come with us to St. Joseph Parish in Hanover at 7pm for a Living Stations of the Cross presentation. The youth from our parish and St. Joe’s are presenting these Stations. Let’s support them!

3. The next Soup and Sermon will take place on March 27th at St. John’s here in Abbottstown. A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon in the church hall. At 12:30, a short service starts, and a sermon is given by an area pastor. By 1pm, we’re all finished. Popular Lenten hymns and prayers are part of the service. All are invited to join in.

4. This weekend, and the two following weekends at the Sunday 11:15am Mass, the scrutinies will take place. Perhaps you’ve never heard of these before. They are very special rites celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent for those candidates and catechumens (“the elect”) from RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – those preparing to be received into the Church as Catholics). These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine ( scrutinize) the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or in fact do, sin. The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. This year, we have four candidates (baptized non-Catholic Christians) and one catechumen (non-baptized person) who are anticipating being received into the Catholic Church.

5. SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, May 11 from 10 am - 3 pm, our parish will host an exciting event – Come to the Banquet. It will be a wonderful day of spiritual renewal that will bring our parish family together and strengthen our faith as a community of believers. Activities will start in the morning with an engaging and dynamic preaching by Fr. Stan Fortuna, a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This will be followed in the afternoon by a colorful food festival where you will enjoy a variety of delicious ethnic dishes. The day will conclude with a delightful music concert by Fr. Fortuna. Tickets for admission to the event and to buy food will be sold in advance to avoid long lines and to help us determine how much food to prepare. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Friar’s homeless shelter and Youth center programs for the poor in the Bronx, New York. More information will be coming soon!

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:

| Membership Collection | $1,733.00 |
| Black & Indian Mission | 1,358.16 |
| Capital Improvements | 1,768.00 |

MIDWEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS – Held each Wednesday during Lent from Noon to 1 PM:

Mar. 27 – St. John’s Lutheran, Abbottstown
April 3 – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbottstown
April 10 – Morning Hour Chapel, Abbottstown

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 March 17, 2019 we sold $1440.00 for a profit of $72.00.

CEMETERY CLEANUP – Please remove all Christmas/Winter decorations form the graves in our cemetery. The deadline is April 7th. After that, anything left on the graves will be removed.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES –

| Immaculate Conception, New Oxford, Mar. 26th | 7 PM |
| St. Vincent DePaul, Hanover, Mar. 31st | 2 PM |
| St. Aloysius, Littlestown, April 6th | 11 AM |
| St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg, April 8th | 7 PM |
| Annunciata BVM, McSherrystown, April 10th | 7 PM |
| St. Joseph the Worker, Bonneauville, April 11th | 7 PM |
| Sacred Heart, Conewago, April 13th | 10 AM |
| Immaculate Heart of Mary, April 16th | 7 PM |
| St. Joseph, Hanover, April 17th | 7 PM |

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – Were you married in 1969? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2 PM at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact Anita in the parish office no later than April 22nd.
"DISCOVERING CHRIST"
What is the meaning of Life? Many people don’t take the time to consider the meaning of their life. Have you? It is not impossible to utilize something to its full potential until you understand why it was created. Could the meaning of life be found not in a way of thinking, but in a person? This seven-week series invites YOU to revitalize your faith, to grow in/or develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to have fellowship in your faith journey and to explore the meaning of life in Jesus. It provides a relational experience in which you are encouraged to bring family, friends and neighbors to hear the good news and to personally encounter Jesus Christ! This very inspiring and exciting series will begin on Tuesday, April 23rd and continue until Tuesday, June 4th from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information, or to register, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611.

ADVENTURE CLUB – Get ready for another adventure filled year with IHM Adventure Club! First stop – St. John Paul II National Shrine, Washington DC on Tuesday, April 30th. Leave IHM at 7 AM, return at 6 PM with a dinner stop at the Golden Corral in Frederick. Cost of the trip is $70 plus gratuity. Reservations and payment due by March 17th. For more information, contact Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384.

PCCW – The Parish Council of Catholic Women would like to thank all the bakers and buyers who made our bake sale a success.

WELCOME! We welcome the following to our parish family:
Roy & Carol Johnson, Dover
Kimberly Johnson, Dover

TENDER CARE’S WALK FOR LIFE – I’m participating in Tender Care’s Walk for Life on May 11th at the Cross Keys Brethern Home, 9 AM at the Nicarry House. Tender Care is a local non-profit, Christian ministry that provides a safe, non-judgmental environment where individuals can discuss their pregnancy related concerns and learn about all of their options. Will you sponsor me by making a generous, tax-deductible donation to Tender Care? Contact Barb Noel at 717-624-8289.

DIOCESAN MEN’S CONFERENCE – April 6, 2019
The Diocesan Men’s Conference is Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is Men called to be Saints. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. John Bergsma, noted Catholic author, speaker, Bible expert, and theology professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The title of his keynote address is The Top 3 Reasons I Became Catholic and Always Will Be: Perspectives from a Former Protestant Pastor. Besides the keynote, the Men’s Conference includes 40+ workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with benediction, opportunity for Confession, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, fellowship with up to 1,000 men from around the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond, and more. Please register now at www.hbgdiocese.org/men. We’d love to see you at the Men’s Conference on April 6th!

SURVIVOR COMPENSATION PROGRAM – The Diocese of Harrisburg is committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse find healing. In addition to mental and spiritual assistance, the Diocese has opened its Survivor Compensation Program. This Program is administered by Commonwealth Mediation and Conciliation, Inc. (CMCI), an independent organization with decades of experience managing similar programs. Survivors of clergy sexual abuse that occurred in the Diocese of Harrisburg are encouraged to learn more about the program by visiting www.commonwealthmediation.com, www.youthprotectionhbg.com or by calling 1-800-540-2624 or emailing Harrisburg@commonwealthmediation.com. Please be aware that Survivors known to the Diocese are not automatically enrolled in the Program and must apply through the program administrator CMCI.

LORICA AWARDS – On Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 4 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg, in conjunction with the annual recognition of those coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, Bishop Gainer will present the inaugural Lorica Award to 10 lay members of the Diocesan Church who have exemplified themselves in service to their parishes and the local community. The celebration will take place in the context of Solemn Vespers, the sung evening prayer of the Church. You are invited to attend this wonderful celebration in thanksgiving for these many signs of God’s goodness in our midst. All are welcome!

FUSION - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12. Every week during Lent, at Fusion, we’re challenging our members to pray a daily prayer. Please join us as we pray during Week 3:

Loving God,
Your eternal grace protects me and keeps me safe from harm. I am filled with joy and gratitude when I consider your boundless love for me. Please make me Your instrument that I may share Your blessings with all Your children, especially those with the greatest needs, and show me how to walk in the ways of Your son and my savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.
March 23, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night
March 24, 31 & April 7, 2:30 – 4 PM: Living Stations of the Cross Practice
April 2: Deadline for Permission Slips to see The Passion of the Christ
For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext.8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

THANKS TO
April 9, 6 - 9 PM: Living Stations of the Cross Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory)
April 10, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: The Passion and Penance Service
April 12, 7 - 8:30 PM: Living Stations of the Cross Play
April 13, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night
April 27, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night
May 5, 4:30 – 7 PM: Reel Talk: Coco (2017)
May 7: Deadline to register for Day by Day Retreat - $10 per person
May 11, 10AM – 3 PM: Come To The Banquet! - $5 (adults) & $2 (children)
May 18, 8AM - 4:30 PM: Day by Day Retreat at Mount St. Mary's Grotto
May 19, 6 - 9 PM: Game Night/ Unlock the Truth: The Catacombs
May 21: Deadline to register for Dynamic YOU
June 9 – July 8; August 11 & 18, 6 – 8:30 PM: Dynamic YOU Summer Teen Program

"DISCOVERING CHRIST"
Committing your life to Jesus as Lord provides a new beginning, a new life in the Spirit. How do we move forward and live this new life? Growing in this new life is not automatic. We need to join our efforts to God's grace. Jesus is the Master teacher and provides the power and teaching to live the Christian life.

We are personally known and loved by the Father! "DISCOVERING CHRIST" can help you experience all that Jesus wants you to know in a more personal (heart experience) not just "head experience" way. This seven-week series invites YOU to revitalize your faith, to grow in/or develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to have fellowship on your faith journey and to explore the meaning of life in Jesus. It provides a relational experience in which you are encouraged to bring family, friends and neighbors to hear the good news and to personally encounter Jesus Christ. This very inspiring and exciting series will begin on Tuesday, April 23rd and continue until Tuesday, June 4th from 6:30-8:30 PM in the social hall. For more information and/or to register, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7

You are cordially invited to "Come to the Banquet"!
On Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 10 am - 3 pm, our parish will host this exciting event that will "feed both soul and body." This wonderful day of renewal will feature in the morning Fr. Stan Fortuna, an engaging speaker and a highly talented musician. He is a founding member of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR) based in the Bronx, New York. He will inspire us with his dynamic preaching and touch our hearts with his music.

A colorful food festival starting from 12 noon - 2 pm will follow in the social hall where a variety of delicious ethnic dishes will be on sale. Fr. Fortuna will conclude the day with a delightful music concert from 2 pm - 2:45 pm. Proceeds from the admission fee and food ticket sales will benefit the Friar's homeless shelter and youth center programs for the poor.

Admission Tickets: Adults- $5.00 Children 5 and under-Free
Children (6-12) $2  Teens (13-17) $3
Come and share the good news! Bring your family and friends. Experience the spiritual blessings of that day-faith, friendship and fellowship of our parish as a caring community of believers for a worthy cause.
For more details, questions and information about the event and how you can help and participate, contact Luz Socrates at luzvsoc@gmail.com and call or text her at 717-873-3650.

TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS – Once again the Diocese is pleased to announce the availability of Tuition Assistance Grants. These grants will be awarded for the 2019-2020 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. This financial assistance is intended to provide tuition aid to needy children in order that they might receive a Catholic education. The deadline to submit the Tuition Assistance Grants is Friday, March 15, 2019. Please mail all completed applications to: Attn: Heidi Kline Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710 Or hkline@hbgdiocese.org

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Feb. 6th served 62 families which included 144 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Feb. 7th was 33 for a total of 79 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Mar. 6th at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/3TDKP and Thursday, Mar. 7th at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/BD8QJ. 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.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER AT MASS
From a letter by Bishop Gainer: “The challenges of our present time have shaken the faith and broken the hearts of many of the Catholic faithful throughout the Church. I have had opportunities to listen to the cries of outrage and concern at deanery gatherings, after visits to parishes, and through the many letters I have received… Over the last several months, many parishes have begun to recite the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel at the celebration of Mass and many other parishes and individuals have asked me to mandate the use of the prayer throughout the Diocese. After discussing the issue with the Council of Priests and in light of those many requests, I am asking that all parishes throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg begin to recite the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel either before or after Holy Mass… Brothers and sisters in Christ, broken members of the Body of Christ: let us agree to pray for healing and heavenly help that, together, in the company of all the angels and saints, we may purify the Church of infidelity and pursue the path to heaven with perseverance.” Here at Immaculate Heart of Mary, we will begin praying this prayer on the First Sunday of Lent.

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snare of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**NEW ENTRANCE PROCEDURE FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER** –
I want to let you know about a new entrance procedure that we now have in place when coming to the parish office and the Religious Education Center. You will now find that the doors will be locked. We ask that you please ring the bell on the wall outside the door and you will be buzzed into the building. This safety system which now allows the staff to see who is at the door was installed this last week.

**PCCW NEWS** – Parish Council of Catholic Women dates to remember:
- Sunday, March 17 – PCCW bake sale, all baked goods greatly appreciated
- Saturday, March 23 – Lenten Retreat, St. Joseph’s, Hanover from 12 – 3:30 PM, no charge
- Saturday, May 11 – 94th annual Harrisburg CCW convention in Harrisburg, deadline to register 4/24/19

If interested in any of these events, please call Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245.

**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

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

**THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE OF HEALTH CARE MINISTERS AND HELPING MINISTRY (PARISH CARING COMMUNITY AND PARISH NURSING PROGRAM)** will resume their quarterly meetings. Some of you may be familiar with these meetings. The meetings were a great opportunity for enrichment on ministry specific topics, for resource sharing and to network with other health care ministers. If you know of any new ministry members that would like to be part of these meetings, please share this information with them.

The following are the meeting dates and topic for each date:
- **Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019** – Topic: Compassionate Mental Health Care. Presenter: Lori Peters, Counselor for TrueNorth Wellness Services
- **Tuesday, May 7, 2019** – Topic: Boundaries for Thriving in Ministry. Presenter: Marianne C. Sailus, BCC, PA Society of Chaplains

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICES:**
Depression and anxiety can occur when we have a loss or a major change in our life. A licensed skilled therapist can help you by listening, processing, and giving you the power to make positive change. Catholic Charities Counseling Services is accepting new clients for four office locations throughout the Diocese. Catholic Charities Counseling is for anyone: children, adolescents, adults, and couples. Services are provided in a confidential office setting. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling, and parent-child counseling. We accept Medical Assistance, or clients can pay for services (discount fee schedule available). Just call for an appointment: Capital Region 717-233-7978; Lancaster 717-299-3659 or 717-392-2113 (Espanol); York 717-845-2696; Paradise School Office (Abbottstown) 717-259-9537. Visit [www.cchbg.org](http://www.cchbg.org) for more information.
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK PRAYER
Generous Lord, with love beyond all telling, Jesus sends us to shower your love on those most in need, particularly in our ministry to the sick. In the spirit of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, inspire us to serve with courage, love and generosity.
Give us courage to guard the dignity of those who are abandoned and discarded, especially the dying, unborn, migrant and refugee. Let those among us whose voices are strong raise them in defense of the weak.
Give us love that unveils the face of Christ in the face of every individual we meet, particularly in those we find most difficult to care for.
Give us generosity born from the knowledge that all good things are gifts of your love and, through us, are to be shared with the world. Amen
Pope Francis

SAVE THE WEEK
2019 Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 15th through Friday, July 19th from 6:00-8:30 PM for children ages 4 up to and including those finishing 6th grade. Please mark your calendars now so that your children don't miss the opportunity to attend "CAMP HEALING."

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 ask 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.

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.

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 Cous at deb.cousin@verizon.net or Pat Smith at dontel972@aol.com or call the parish office at 717-235-2156 for more information.

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.

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!

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.

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 BoxTop 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

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.

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