SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

APRIL 14th-20th

Sunday, Apr. 14th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, Apr. 14th – Adult Enrichment Class in the social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
Monday, Apr. 15th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, Apr. 15th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg room 4, 7 PM
Monday, Apr. 15th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
Tuesday, Apr. 16th – Parish Penance Service, 7 PM
Wednesday, Apr. 17th – Boy Scouts 6-9 PM
Thursday, Apr. 18th – Morning Prayer at 9 AM
   Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7PM
   Eucharistic Adoration until 9PM
   Night Prayer 9 PM

Friday, Apr. 19th – Morning Prayer, 9 AM
   Prayer Service, 3 PM
   Liturgy of the Passion, 7 PM

Saturday, Apr. 20th – Morning Prayer, 9 AM
   Blessing of the Easter Food, 12 Noon

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 20-21
8:00 PM Mass: Keira Slonaker, Joe & Mary Murphy, Hannah Fletcher
8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Hans Livelyberger, lan Frantz, Jonah Robinson
11:15 AM Mass: Ella & Harrison Smith, Jacob & Molly Fleming
   Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 20-21
8 PM MASS – Joe Schwart
8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker
11:15 AM MASS – Vernon Lohn
   Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 20-21
8:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Steve Hoffman, Dan Landis, Steve Signorello, Sam Spiese
8:15 AM: Bill Bowker, Marie & Richard Danglovitch, Kevin Heilman, Beth Smith
11:15 AM: Andy Altabelli, Nicole Davis, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John Schlaline, Jr.
   Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

VIV DINNER – Our appreciation dinner for the volunteers of our parish will be held on
   Friday, May 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Please note the change of date! Mark your calendars and
   use the signup sheets on the window sills!
   Deadline to signup is May 2, 2019.
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1) Today we begin Holy Week – the holiest week of our Christian calendar. See the listing in today’s bulletin for all the special Masses and other services that will occur during the week. The more you can attend, the more you will be able to consecrate this week and enter more deeply into Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection for you personally and for all people of all time.

2) Speaking of Holy Week, allow me to highlight a very special prayer service on Good Friday beginning at 3pm in the social hall. The Passion through the Eyes of Mary will again be presented this year. It is a very touching and unique way to remember the Passion of our Lord.

3) On Tuesday, April 16th our Parish Penance Service will be held starting at 7pm. There will be 9 priests from our local area here that evening hearing Confessions!! Please plan to attend as a family and make this opportunity for Reconciliation a part of your Lenten journey toward Easter. If you are unable to attend that evening, other penance services in the area are listed in this week’s bulletin so you can go to Confession during Lent. Additionally, Confession will be offered the morning of April 16th right after the 9am Mass.

4) Please note that on Saturday, April 20th there will be NO 5pm Mass (with Confessions prior). Rather, the Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm that evening. Sunday Masses on Easter Sunday follow the usual schedule: 8:15am and 11:15am.

5) A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing the Friday Lenten Dinners and the St. Patrick’s Day celebration this year. They were really wonderful events.

6) Did you sign up for Discovering Christ yet? If you’re looking for a sign, here it is!

   God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

HELP NEEDED - We will be decorating the Church for the celebration of Easter on Holy Saturday morning beginning at 9:35 AM. We all know that “many hands” make light work”, and so we are asking if you can spare some time, please come out and help us decorate our Church that it truly looks beautiful as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES –
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 25th.

“DISCOVERING CHRIST”
God created us for relationship with himself and we find our purpose in Jesus Christ. “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. This very exciting and inspiring series will begin on Tuesday, April 23rd and continue until Tuesday, June 4th. For more information and/or to register, please call sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7. Deadline to register is Monday, April 15th.

EASTER EGG HUNT – All children of the parish are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt following both Masses on Easter Sunday. Please bring your baskets to church and immediately following the 8:15 and 11:15 Masses there will be eggs hidden around the church grounds for children to find and take home as an Easter treat. This is being sponsored by the Charitable Children’s Group. If anyone would like to donate candy or plastic eggs, please contact Monica Hoey at 717-668-5866 or place your donations in the back of the church by Saturday, April 20th in the designated box.

PCCW – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will be collecting new baby items for the Gabriel Project, which helps those going through a rough time. The bassinet is in the church hall and will be there until the PCCW has their baby shower on Wednesday, May 8th.

FLOWER BEDS – It is time once again to think about our parish flower beds! We have a few flower beds in need of “adoption”. Please call Anita in the Parish Office to advise if you are interested in adopting one of these beds. Also, please let Anita know if you are still taking care of the flower bed you currently have. Mulch is provided.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 127 would like to thank everyone who helped with the annual roadway clean up. The scouts would especially like to thank Rocco’s of East Berlin for providing pizza.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars so that your child/children don’t miss this wonderful week. The theme for our 2019 Vacation Bible School is “CAMP HEALING” and will be held Monday, July 15th to Friday, July 19th from 6:00-8:30 PM. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins.

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

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK
HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKET OFFER
Discount tickets to Hersheypark are once again available for significant savings. Gate admission for Regular price tickets is $69.80; our price is $35.50 (for all ages 3+). A regular parking pass is $15.00; our price is $7.50. If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful offer, you can pick up an order form on the ledge behind the last pew. Sister Rosanne must receive all orders by Sunday, April 28th. Please put your order and payment in an envelope with: Attention: Sister Rosanne and drop it in the collection basket.

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 April 7, 2019 we sold $940.00 for a profit of $47.00.

LOST & FOUND – There are many items in our Lost & Found bin to be claimed! If you are missing anything, please check the bin as all unclaimed items will be discarded by May 1st.

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 6:
Father in Heaven,
I stand before You, humbled by the immensity of Your love. With one hand I reach out to You beseeching Your mercy. With the other hand I reach out to Your children whose burdens are far greater than mine. Hear my prayer that they may find peace and comfort in You, And that I may be Your servant in helping to meet their needs. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.
April 13, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night
April 27, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night with Adoration
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 - 6 PM: Day by Day Retreat at Mount St. Mary’s Grotto
May 19, 6 - 9 PM: Game Night/ Unlock the Truth: The Catacombs
May 19: Deadline to register for Dynamic YOU
June 9 – July 8; August 11 & 18, 6 – 8:30 PM: Dynamic YOU Summer Teen Program
For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext.8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

SLEEPOUT FOR THE HOMELESS – The Interact Club of Delone Catholic HS will be holding its annual Sleep Out for the Homeless on April 26-27. Students will be collecting donations from motorists and pedestrians in front of Delone Catholic on S. Oxford Ave. in McSherrystown from 7-11 PM on Friday. Students will then spend the night outside of Delone to raise awareness of the homeless situation in our community.

Please consider driving by Delone Catholic on Friday, April 26 to make a donation or send a donation to “Sleepout” c/o Delone Catholic HS Interact Club. Check should be made payable to Delone Interact Club. For more information, call 717-637-5969 ext. 303. All proceeds will be donated to the Hanover Area Council of Churches for the benefit of its homeless shelter.

FREE LECTURE – “Mexican Immigration-Then & Now”
Guest Lecturer: Gilberto Cardenas, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame. This lecture is part of a series of lectures started over 30 years ago in honor of Father Ted Hesburgh, legendary President of Notre Dame. This lecture addresses questions and issues pertaining to Mexican immigration, drawing on the historical foundations of immigration and the impact of government policy on contemporary flows. The presentation utilizes artistic modes of expression – art and photography – to provide insight about the social realities of migration and meaning to current discourses concerning solutions. This lecture will be held in Mara Auditorium in Masters Hall, Gettysburg College, on Thursday, April 25th at 7 PM.

THANKS TO * * * * * * * *
ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on March 6th served 56 families which included 140 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on March 7th was 34 for a total of 66 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, April 3rd at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/AAHRM and Thursday, April 4th at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/H3J3B. 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.

RUTH’S HARVEST – There has been a change in the April date for Ruth’s Harvest. Remaining dates for this school year are now April 10th and May 22nd at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall.
"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.

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HEALING HEARTS is a support group for widows/widowers. The group will meet once a week on Thursday nights from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Den of the Religious Education Center starting April 4, 2019. The meetings will consist of prayer/bible study, share time, Christian music, group social outings, like going to see a Christian movie, attending a Christian Concert, or listening to a Christian Speaker. The support group goal is to help heal the broken heart and replace sorrow with joy, by finding peace through a personal relationship with the Lord. Contact Kim Aiello by calling (717)476-7504 or emailing her at jkilo1@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –
Monthly Budget $ 36,000.00
Income for Feb. 3rd $10,165.69
Feb. 10th 10,762.53
Feb. 17th 8,876.50
Feb. 24th 8,740.35
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME $38,545.07

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:
Membership Collection $ 1,733.00
Black & Indian Mission 1,358.16
Capital Improvements 1,768.00

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

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

You are cordially invited to "Come to the Banquet"!

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER AT MASS

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.
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.

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


**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 – Topic: Assisted Suicide.** Presenter: Maria Gallagher, PA Pro-Life Federation. All meetings will be at 10:30 AM at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. To confirm your participation, please send an email to jcurran@hbgdiocese.org or call Jackie Curran at 717-657-4804, ext. 313.

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 (Español); York 717-845-2696; Paradise School Office (Abbottstown) 717-259-9537. Visit 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 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.

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 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.

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 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, feel 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.

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