"Come to the Banquet"

May 11, 2019, 10 AM-3 PM

Fr. Stan Fortuna, an engaging speaker and highly talented musician will inspire us with his dynamic preaching and touch our hearts with his music.

A colorful food festival 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 (6-12) $2, Teens (13-17) $3, children 5 and under-free.

Experience the spiritual blessings of that day-faith, friendship and fellowship of our parish as a caring community of believers for a worthy cause.
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019
5:00 PM + Theron & Brenda Menges

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019
8:15 AM + John Melhorn
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019
NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019
9:00 AM + Ann Wainwright

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
9:00 AM + Ron Filliben

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019
9:00 AM + Diane Frey

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019
9:00 AM + Larry Aumen

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019
5:00 PM + Helen & Mario Stablum

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019
8:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Revelation 7:9, 14-17
John 10:27-30

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Feed My lambs, tend My sheep.” If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Marcou or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804 frbwayne@hbdiocese.org or check out www.dioceseanpriest.com.

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IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jesse Mannarino, sister-in-law of Diane Menapace of our parish, who died during Holy Week.

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE
May 5th – 11th

Sunday, May 5th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, May 5th – Adult Enrichment Class in The social hall, 9:30-11 AM
Monday, May 6th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, May 6th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 4, 7 PM
Monday, May 6th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
Tuesday, May 7th – Bible Study in Den, 9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 7th – Prayer Shawl Meeting, 1 PM Room 1 of REC
Wednesday, May 8th – Boy Scouts 6-9 PM
Wednesday, May 8th – Knights of Columbus, 7 PM in the social hall
Wednesday, May 8th – PCCW in Columbus, 7 PM
Thursday, May 9th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den after 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, May 9th – “Healing Hearts” in the Den 6 – 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 11th – “Come to the Banquet” 10 AM – 3 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun May 11-12
5:00 PM Mass: Keira & Madilyn Slonaker, Madison Small
8:15 AM Mass: Tyler Raubenstine, Ian Frantz, Hans Livesberger
11:15 AM Mass: Carlos Marques, Edie Rumbaugh, Erich Steinke
Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun May 11-12
5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck
8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis
11:15 AM MASS – Tina Jacoby
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun May 11-12
5:00 PM: Dan & Barb O’Brien, Sam Spiese, Janet Todt, Amanda Wicker
8:15 AM: Kim Aiello, Marie & Richard Danglovitch, Kevin Heilman, Liz Kohler
11:15 AM: Nicole Davis, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges John Schlaline, Jr., Leland Steinke
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

3rd Sunday of Easter

1. Congratulations to our children, who at the 5pm Mass this Saturday have received their first Holy Communion. May the joy and peace of Jesus fill their hearts as they receive His Sacred Body into theirs.

2. 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. Please call the parish office for tickets or more info.

3. On May 11th during the 5pm Mass, our annual May Crowning of the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary will take place. On this weekend that we honor our earthly mothers, we also honor the spiritual mother Jesus gave us – His mother, who reigns with Him in the glory of heaven.

4. For those of you who have not heard the news, this year I will be transferred from Immaculate Heart of Mary to St. Joseph's, Danville. The transfer date will be June 17 this year, but due to my vacation schedule, my last day will be June 9 (Pentecost Sunday). I will be moving along with the other priests on June 17 though. It has truly been an amazing blessing serving you here at IHM! Please keep me in your prayers in this time of transition, and know that you will certainly continue in mine.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Prayer for an End to Infanticide”

ADOPT-A-FLOWER-BED – We are still in need of a volunteer to take over the flower bed along the cemetery side of the Church. If anyone is interested, please contact Anita in the parish office. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS – The following children from our parish received their First Holy Communion this weekend:

Kaden Berwager
Maria Donahue
John Eyster
Thomas Guaragno
Olivia King
Luke Mummert
Jorja Noel
Corinne Paris
Noah Small
Lydia Collier
Christopher Edgecomb
Mina Frantz
Felicity Horst
Addelyn Miller
Marcy Neiderer
Liam Rahe
Lauren Sanchez

May these children grow in their love for Jesus in the Eucharist daily and long to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus as often as possible.

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 28, 2019 we sold $880 for a profit of $44.00.

FLAG RETIREMENT – Boy Scout Troop 127 and Cub Scout Pack 127 will be conducting a flag retirement ceremony on May 20th. The scouts will be accepting donations of old and tattered flags needing retired. If you would like to donate a flag, please contact Kevin DePaulis, Mike Bergels or Derek Gebhart.

PCCW – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will be selling carnations on Mother’s Day weekend. Proceeds will go to PA Pro-Life Federation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO EVENT – To benefit our local Catholic Schools, bingo will be held Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown. Doors open at 12:30 and games start at 2 PM. Ticket prices: $25 in advance and $30 at the door. For tickets and information contact Ken Glass, Andy Altobelli, Chris Simoncini or John Schlaline. See the flyers and posters or go to Facebook/John Schlaline.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND – The IHM Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a scholarship fund to help students who wish to attend Catholic Schools. Application forms can be picked up on the ledge behind the last pew or see any Knight for further information.

RETREAT – please join us in New Oxford, PA for a one day retreat sponsored by Breadbox Media featuring Dr. Scott Hahn who will provide 3 talks. Lunch will be included. Details can be found and tickets may be purchased at https://breadboxmedia.com/paconference/ or by contacting Pete Socks at 818-521-3137 or pete.socks@breadboxmedia.com.

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**FUSION** - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12. **Challenge of the Week:** Celebrate Cinco De Mayo with Fusion! Come out to Reel Talk!! 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! 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 & Parent Program For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext.8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN OUR MIDST: A CATHOLIC REPONSE** – Learn what human trafficking is, when and where it occurs, and what we as Catholics can do to address it. An informational session on human trafficking will be presented on Monday, May 13th at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall at St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg by John Leedock and Christina Szoke Lou of Catholic Charities’ Immigration and Refugee Services. Human trafficking isn’t limited to large cities; it occurs right here in south central Pennsylvania. Eliminating human trafficking and empowering survivors has been a historic concern of the Catholic Church. Come to this free presentation at Cathedral Hall to help fight the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The presentation is by The Mercy Matters Committee of the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick and Catholic Charities’ Immigration and Refugee Services.

**CATHOLIC RADIO** – Since 2011, Holy Family Radio (AM 720 WHYF) has been broadcasting outstanding Catholic programming over the airwaves in Central Pennsylvania and online at 720whyf.com. With the recent addition of podcasts for all their locally produced programs, the station is continuing to expand its efforts to proclaim the Gospel far and wide. None of this is possible without the generous support of listeners. Please be sure to tune in during Holy Family Radio’s “Light in the Darkness” pledge drive Tuesday, May 7 through Thursday, May 9 where you’ll hear about the many ways in which local Catholic radio is doing the work of evangelization in our area. Bishop Ronald Gainer is scheduled to take part in the Pledge Drive on Wednesday, May 8 from 2-4 PM. You can learn more by visiting 720whyf.com or calling 717-525-8110.

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH & ST. RITA’S CHURCH** are hosting a mini-retreat called Into the Deep... Finding Peace through Prayer on June 1, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM (Mass will begin at 8 AM). During this mini-retreat, Dan will delve into his testimony and the universal call to conversion during his first talk entitled The Journey to the Castle. In The Journey of Prayer, Dan will enthusiastically describe the call and path to ever deepening union with God. In conclusion, Dan will unpack the secrets of the saints revealing concrete steps to progress and success in prayer in his last talk The Seven Secrets of Spiritual Progress. At St. Mary’s Parish Hall, 256 Tract Rd., Fairfield. This mini-retreat will include Q&A with Dan Burke in a social setting. The cost is $25 per person, which will include a gift bag and snacks. $30 at the door.

**HARRISBURG DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (HDCCW)** invites women of the Diocese to join us for the Ninth Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD. It is from Friday evening on June 14th until Noon on Sunday, June 16, 2019. Retreat Master is Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P. The registration deadline is May 27, 2019. Contact Jeanne Warren at 717-367-9306 or email at warrenrjs@aol.com with any questions. Registration forms are available on the HDCCW website, http://hdccw.webs.com/retreat.

**MASON DIXON LINEMAN CLINIC** – Delone Catholic alumnus, Pat Flaherty, is hosting the 5th annual Mason Dixon Linemen Clinic for boys entering grades 7-12. Coach Flaherty will personally run drills and teach offensive line techniques. A team of college and high school coaches, including Mike Santella from East Stroudsburg University will assist Coach Flaherty. This is an excellent opportunity for hands-on skills and technique training with one of the NFL’s finest OL coaches. The clinic is being held at Delone Catholic HS on Saturday, June 22 from 9 AM – 1 PM. The cost is $50/player and includes t-shirt. For registration forms and information, send an email to maxondixonlinemenclinic@gmail.com. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

**BUS TRIP** – The Saint Aloysius Friendly Group is sponsoring a bus trip to the Flight 93 National memorial on Thursday, June 27. Honor the heroism and courage of the passengers and crew of that fateful flight on September 11, 2001. Cost is $88 per person (includes motor coach transportation, driver tip, admission and lunch with gratuity). Contact Jim Long @ jimlong52@embarqmail.com by May 24 to reserve your seat.

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SPAGHETTI DINNER – The Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a fundraising spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 25th after the 5 PM Mass to support the ministry, Undefeated Courage. Undefeated Courage is a ministry partnered with Sidewalk Advocates for Life. They are devoted to saving mothers and their babies from the violence of abortion through peaceful, prayerful outreach on the sidewalks of abortion clinics. To expand this much needed outreach, Undefeated Courage is fundraising for a mobile Ultrasound bus. This bus will park outside of Planned Parenthood, offering mothers the gift of free ultrasounds, counseling and information on other community services that will help support them in choosing life for their child. Currently they have raised $135,000.00 toward their goal of $337,845.00. No donation is too small when the goal is saving lives! So please, come and enjoy a great meal while supporting a great cause. Tickets will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses until May 19th. For further questions about the event or ministry, please contact Sabrina Smith, Respect Life chair at sasmith19@msn.com or call (717)586-9449.

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.

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
COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Christian Powell &
MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT –
Monthly Budget $45,000.00
Income for March 3rd $11,035.02
March 10th 12,810.75
March 17th 8,798.20
March 24th 10,052.50
March 31st 8,628.91
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME $51,325.56

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:
Capital Improvements 1,785.00

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on April 3rd served 59 families which included 148 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on April 4th was 40 for a total of 68 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, May 1st at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/PKW43 and Thursday, May 2nd at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/H39B4. 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.

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.

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A colorful food festival starting from 12 noon - 2 pm will follow in the social hall where a variety of delicious meals will be served.

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.

WELCOME! We welcome the following to our parish family:
Andrew & Amanda Johnson & family, Dover
Jeff & Stephanie Wirfel & family, Spring Grove

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.

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Dynamic YOU Summer Teen Program
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.”

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.

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.

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 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,
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.

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CATECHETICAL EDUCATION

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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.

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.”

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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.

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
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.
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 underground, 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