Immaculate Heart of Mary
2019 Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019
8 AM - 2 PM

Get in the Christmas Spirit!
Enjoy a day of fun, food and yummy treats.
Find that “special gift” for that “special someone”.

Breakfast & lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus.
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019
5:00 PM + John Melhorn

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019
8:15 AM + Theresa Staub
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
9:00 AM + The Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019
9:00 AM + Susan Klunk

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019
9:00 AM + Warren Glass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019
9:00 AM + Living & Deceased Members of Delone
Class of ’72

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019
5:00 PM + Ralph, Corrine & Bernadette Smith

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019
8:15 AM + Shirley Oliver
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19


FAMILY PERSPECTIVE – The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in their family from generation to generation.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE
Nov. 10th – 16th

Sunday, Nov. 10th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, Nov. 10th – Adult Enrichment Class in The social hall, 9:30-11 AM
Monday, Nov. 11th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, Nov. 11th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 4, 7 PM
Monday, Nov. 11th – Charismatic Prayer Group in Social Hall, 7 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 13th – Boy Scouts, 6-9 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 13th – PCCW in social hall, 7 PM
Thursday, Nov. 14th – Faith Sharing Group in Den after 9 AM Mass
Thursday, Nov. 14th – Following Christ in social hall 6:30-8:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 16th – Christmas Bazaar, 8 AM-2 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Nov. 16-17
5:00 PM Mass: Bob & Luke O’Brien, Patrick Horst
8:15 AM Mass: Ryan Gebhart, Emma & Hannah Maysilles
11:15 AM Mass: Jacob & Molly Fleming, Audianna Dusseau
Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Nov. 16-17
5 PM MASS – Kathy Schwar
8:15 AM MASS – Kevin DePaulis
11:15 AM MASS – Leland Steinke
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Nov. 16-17
5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Holly & Charles Fletcher, Steve Hoffman, Steve Signorello
8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Kevin Heilman, Carol Stroud, Elaine & Mitch Walton
11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Nicole Davis, John Schlaline Jr Pat Spiridonoff, Barb Wantz
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God.” Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Burger or Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804 or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.
THANKSGIVING SERVICE – An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is being held at 7:00 PM on Sunday, November 24th at Trinity Lutheran Church, East Berlin. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend as we come together as the communities and congregations of Abbottstown and East Berlin to praise and thank our God for all his goodness to us. A Free Will Offering will be taken during the service to support New Hope Ministries and the mobile Food Pantries. Following the service there will be a dessert social.

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 Nov. 3, 2019 we sold $620 for a profit of $31.00.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY - As you know, our children (ages 3 through 2nd grade) have a wonderful opportunity at the 11:15 Mass when they are called forth and dismissed for “Children’s Liturgy of the Word,” the ability to learn about the scripture readings on their level. We are in great need of more volunteers, who have Diocesan clearances to participate in this ministry. If we have a pool of at least 6 to 8 volunteers, then everyone only has a turn every 6 weeks or so. PLEASE consider offering your services for this wonderful ministry for our children. If you are able to help out, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7

CHURCH PRINTS - This coming year our parish is celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our Church. In conjunction with this Anniversary, our Scout Troop 127 is offering us a unique opportunity to purchase a print of a beautiful painting of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, which was created by a local artist and Troop 127 mom, Mary Moores. A limited amount of prints will be available for $75.00 and will be individually numbered and signed by Mrs. Moores. The print is available at the front entrance of Church for viewing and order forms can be found on the ledges behind the last pews. Scout representatives will be available after all Masses this weekend and next weekend to take orders and answer any questions you may have. All orders are due by Sunday, November 17th. What a unique and memorable gift this would make for someone who has been in our parish most of their life! Please consider adding this beautiful print of our Church to your home.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Just a reminder ~ ~ our annual Christmas Bazaar is happening next Saturday, November 16th from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Plan to stop by to begin your “Christmas shopping”; to find that unique gift for someone you love; to get delicious homemade candy; enjoy the holiday atmosphere and just to have a fun time with fellow parishioners, family and friends. The Knights of Columbus will be providing breakfast and lunch for a minimal cost.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN - It’s that time of year again when we are looking for children for our “Children’s Choir” for the 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Children ages 4 and over are welcome to join us. As usual, practices will take place on Sunday afternoons in December from 3:00-4:00 PM. If your child is interested, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7.

SSJ CHANCES - Chances to support the retired Sisters of Saint Joseph at Saint Joseph Villa will be sold the weekend of November 16th/17th. Chances are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. Any support you are able to offer these wonderful women who’ve given their lives for the Church will be greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Anyone who can volunteer to host the sign-in table during the time of our Lifetouch photos, please contact Anita in the parish office. We need one person at the table on those dates and times to check everyone in. THANK YOU !!!!

PCCW – The Council of Catholic Women would like to thank all those who made their recent bake sale a success. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend the PCCW’s meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 7 PM in the church social hall.

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 Cathy Gunzelman at 717-225-5059.

Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.
Mt. 2000 is a weekend retreat for high school students, that is led by the seminarians at Mt. Saint Mary’s University. February 7-9. Please see the flyers in the back of the church or contact Holly Robinson@ mjr229@msn.com, or 717-965-7595, call or text. We ask that you continue to pray for the youth of our parish.

Nov 10: Youth Night & Adoration, 5 – 7:30 PM: The Wild Goose, Episode 4
Nov 16: Fan the Fire, 9 AM – 8 PM
Nov 24: Youth Night, 5 – 7:30 PM: The Wild Goose, Episode 5

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

THANKS TO
PARISH DIRECTORY – NEW DATES ADDED!
We are happy to say that we have two additional dates added for parishioners to take advantage of our new directory! Wednesday, Dec. 11th from 2-9 PM and Thursday, Dec. 12th from 1-8 PM have been added to our photo schedule. You can schedule your appointment on line at https://booknow-lifetouch.appointme plus.com/b27vx72m/ or by calling Anita in the parish office.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES - You may not have noticed, but last week more handicapped parking spaces were added on the rectory side of the Church and 2 spaces right behind the Church. We urge and encourage those of you who are in need of this service to please use them. They are so much closer to the Church. You may use the CHURCH EXIT to get into the spaces on Saturday night or for 8:15 Mass on Sunday. For the 11:15 Mass, you may use this entrance until 10:45 and be parked before the children are being dismissed from Religious Education classes. For safety reasons, please do not come in the EXIT and park the wrong way along the side of the Church. Please note ~ the same rules apply here as elsewhere in using these spaces. You must have a Handicapped Placard or it be indicated on your license plate. Thank you!

SERVICE MISSION TO ST. EMMA’S MONASTERY
Mother Mary Anne, Superior of the Benedictine Nuns at St. Emma's Monastery in Greensburg, PA is appealing
PARISH PICTORAL DIRECTORY – Sign up now!
The dates for family pictures for our new directory will be Monday, Nov. 25th, Tuesday, Nov. 26th, Friday, Nov. 29th and Saturday, Nov. 30th. You may go on line to reserve your time at https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b27vX72m/. We will also have volunteers for the next few weeks at the front entrance to assist anyone who would like to sign-up in person rather than on line. Anyone who has their photo taken will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 photo and free directory. Also Lifetouch will give a $30 coupon to spend at Shutterfly with any photography purchase. Another added benefit this year is Lifetouch will supply an “update” showing new families for four years. Anyone who received the original directory will automatically receive any updated directories. If these dates do not work for you but you would still like to participate in our directory, or if you have any questions, please call Anita in the parish office at 717-259-0611 ext 5.

CHRISTMAS BAZAARS – St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover will hold their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 AM – 1 PM. Annunciation BVM, McSherrystown will hold their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 AM – 1 PM. St. Joseph, Hanover’s Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 at the parish hall from 8 AM – 2 PM. St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg Holiday Bazaar will be held Nov. 9 from 8 AM – 2 PM at the Xavier Center. St. Teresa of Calcutta School, Conewago will hold their annual Christmas Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Oct. 2nd served 51 families which included 131 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Oct. 3rd was 30 for a total of 66 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Nov. 6th at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/CF3PW and Thursday, Nov. 7th at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/APE8J. Please remember to drop off health/beauty items, such as soaps, toothbrushes, diapers, as well LAUNDRY DETERGENT, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

RUTH’S HARVEST – Ruth’s Harvest packing will be Wednesday, Oct. 23rd from 10-11 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. Consider joining others in this ecumenical ministry as we bag single-serving food items for elementary school students to take to their homes. For more information, call Pat Renaut at 717-637-1110.

WELCOME! Please join me in welcoming Msgr. William Richardson to our parish family. Msgr. Richardson is one our retired priests in our dioce and has worked mostly in his priesthood in the Harrisburg area. He was born and raised in Shamokin PA and is one of four children in the family. He has a sister Linda who lives in Philadelphia with her husband Chick. His sister Kathy lives in Reading with her husband Jack and two of their children live in the Reading area along with one grandchild and one son lives in New York. His sister Mary Carol lives in Elysburg PA. Monsignor served as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Harrisburg, St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg, St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland, Sacred Heart Church in Lewisburg and St. George in Mifflinburg and his last pastorate was Mary, Gate of Heaven in Myerstown. Over the years, he served on many committee’s and councils in the diocese and worked in the Diocesan Office taking responsibility for a number of leadership roles. I am grateful for his presence and the gifts he will bring to our parish.

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES – The Diocese of Harrisburg’s annual Mass celebrating the gifts of People with Disabilities will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish, York. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist. A light reception will follow the Mass. To assist with planning, it is requested that those attending from outside Saint Joseph Parish or in need of any special accommodations, kindly RSVP to LKiley@hbgdiocese.org or 717-657-4804, ext 322 prior to Nov. 11, 2019. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH FLOWER BEDS – Fall is officially here and it is time to clean out the flower beds for the winter. Anyone who “adopted” a flower bed needs to trim back and clean out their respective flower beds. Thank you for making everything look so beautiful!

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

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ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:

- Capital Improvements | $2,168.25
- Peter’s Pence Collection | 2,245.00

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – Our parish contributed a total of $2,000.00 in our annual Food Pantry Collection. This money is given to the New Hope
Waiting for their parents to "pull up in the car line" dismiss children from the Religious Education Center and are looking/noticing children walking and most likely being dropped off for CCD. Also around 11:00 AM when children are being dismissed from the Religious Education Center and are waiting for their parents to "pull up in the car line"

**MOUNT 2000** – Mount 2000 is a weekend retreat for high school students that is lead by the seminarians at Mount Saint Mary’s University on Feb. 7-9, 2020. Please see the flyers in the back of the church or contact Holly Robinson at mjr229@msn.com or 717-965-7595. We ask that you continue to pray for the youth of our parish.

**WELCOME!** We welcome the following new members into our parish family:
Dennis Thompson, East Berlin
Harvey & Nancy Stimer, New Oxford
Ken & Louise Gerlach, East Berlin

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** – We are often asked about which items are most in need. Well, the answer would include a number of non-food items because those items are very much needed but not donated as often as food. These items include such essentials as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, dental floss, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, and laundry detergent. Of course, we can also use food donations; but we ask you to donate items with good expiration dates (or expired in the current year). Also, all donated items must be unopened. Any questions contact Pat Renaut at 717-637-1110 or patrenaut@hotmail.com.

**ADVENTURE CLUB** – Well Adventure Club friends, it is time to make your reservation for “Joy to the World Christmas Show” at American Music Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 11th. We leave IHM parking lot at 8:30 AM for the 10:30 AM show. After the show we will eat lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord for “all you can eat buffet”, returning back to IHM around 5:30 PM. Price is $105.00 which includes transportation, show and buffet. Please plan to join us! Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384. Reservations and payment due by Nov. 3rd.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER**
From the middle of September until the beginning of May, Religious Education Classes are in session! Please be extra mindful of SAFETY on Sunday mornings after the 8:15 Mass as you are leaving the parking lot (especially if you are parked on the side of or behind the Church). That is when our children are being dropped off for CCD. Cars are moving and children are walking and most likely "aren’t looking/noticing" that cars are backing up and pulling out.

Also around 11:00 AM when children are being dismissed from the Religious Education Center and are waiting for their parents to "pull up in the car line"

to pick them up. There are 150 children in the CCD and they and their safety are our #1 priority!

If you are in need of a "Handicap Parking" spot, please plan on coming to the 11:15 Mass by 10:55 AM. You can come in the EXIT driveway and pull right into one of the spots. Parents pick their children up beginning at 11:00 AM. Once their cars start moving, it is about safety! If you choose not to do this and you get in the "parent car line" then please be patient. Please do not try and come up along side the cars that are in line. Most of the time all children get in their cars on the right hand side where adults are right there with them. Occasionally, the children need to get in on the left side because of infants in the car. It takes about 7 minutes to get every child in their car and on their way home safely. Thank you for your understanding!

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – Please mark your calendars now! Our annual Christmas Bazaar is being held on Saturday, Nov. 16th from 8 AM until 2 PM. We will have a variety of vendors with crafts, homemade candy, etc. Plan to join us for this fun-filled day to "get into the Christmas spirit"!

**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. Last heating season, IHM was among the top 5 churches in donations received! To sign up, call 888-827-17136.

**MISSION TRIP** – Is this the year you give of yourself on a mission trip – a Christian pilgrimage of service as a thank you for your blessings? Father Ho Lung (Missionaries of the Poor) in Jamaica can use your help taking care of the hundreds of castaways in Kingston;

**SAVE THE DATE**: The 6th Annual Veterans’ Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9th at 6:15 PM in the social hall. Tickets will be sold after Mass during the month of October.

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**MINISTRIES which serve the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry. Thank you all for your generosity!**
men, women and children. He gathers the resources, but needs your hands to serve these people. Roy and Margaret Wainwright (and granddaughter) are going this year November 2-10. Won’t you consider joining us? You must want to “die to self” and use your willing heart to serve others for the week. You will never be the same. Contact Roy Wainwright at roywainwright3@gmail.com or 717-619-7243. See more at our website www.ihmparadise.org/29.

RCIA PROCESS
The RCIA Process makes four essential changes in the way in which converts were welcomes into the Catholic Church years ago.
First, the RCIA process restores the original order of the Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Today, these three sacraments are celebrated as the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.
Second, the RCIA stresses the need for a lived experience of the Church and not just knowledge about the Church. Although the RCIA includes instruction in the truths of the Catholic Church, instruction is but one part of a much larger experience of living the Faith with members of the Church.
Third, the RCIA puts an end to the quiet, dark, almost secretive Baptism of adults, and makes the welcoming of new Catholics a public community event.
Fourth, the RCIA stresses that conversion is begun by the Holy Spirit, and is an on-going process.
For more information about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7.

Message from the Pastor

HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM
We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all those who participate in the Aero Energy House of Worship Program. Our parish received a check in the amount of $527.16 from this past heating season! IHM receives 4 cents per gallon for anyone using heating oil or propane that is a current customer of Aero Energy or anyone who becomes a NEW customer. If you are not already participating in this program and would like to, please call Aero Energy at 888-827-1713 to sign up for the House of Worship Program. There is no additional cost to anyone who participates – it is a donation from Aero Energy to our church. Thanks to all who participate!

Perhaps you have NOT noticed the 3 crosses and the picture frame on the ledge behind the last pew (right hand side) as you come into Church. There is an invitation from Fr. Burger in the frame for you to bring forth the gifts at the Offertory time. You just need to take the 3 crosses to the pew with you, and when the altar server goes to the back of the Church with the Processional Cross, you get out of your pew and head to the back of the Church. One of the ushers is there to assist you, if necessary. The gifts (the paten of hosts and the cruset of wine) are on the ledge by the picture frame. You bring those gifts, as well as the collection basket forward, following the altar server with the cross. Please consider having your family participate in the Offertory Procession. This is a simple way to participate more fully in the celebration of the Mass.

SCAM ALERT! Once again someone is using the Pastor’s name to scam people into buying gift cards or giving their cell number to them. Neither Fr. Burger, nor any Diocesan Priest, will ever ask you to supply him with gift cards or give your cell number in order to help him out. Please DO NOT respond to any emails you may receive or any text message asking if you are available to do him a favor and purchase gift cards for someone who is sick.

HEALING HEARTS is a support group for widows and widowers. The group will meet once a week on Thursday nights from 6pm until 7:30 pm at Kim Aiello’s house at 1650 Pine Run Road, East Berlin. 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 at 717-476-7504 or emailing her at jkilo1@hotmail.com.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION – For the benefit of you, our long-time parishioners as well as you, our NEW parishioners ~ we invite you and your family to participate in the Offertory Procession when you come to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday.

Summer Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday 5 PM, Sunday 8:15 AM and 10:15 AM

Are you caring for an aging person? There is a safe website where you can get help and ideas. Go to www.agingcare.com. You can sign up for their emailed newsletter at the bottom of the home page. I have been following the newsletters and find a lot of articles which may be useful. If I can be of any help, please contact me at roywainwright3@gmail.com or 717-619-7243.

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 & Avery Kuntz

FLOVERS – 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Please keep collecting and sending in those Boxtops for Education for St. Teresa School. If you’d like to help out trimming those Boxtops, please contact kwenger@hotmail.com. All help is appreciated!

EVENT NOTICE – I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for more than 40 years and employed in the newspaper business for more than 20 years. We have many wonderful events happening here at our parish and we’d like to get the word out to the public. Please feel free to send me any events that would be of interest to our local community – from Lenten dinners to youth events to Bible studies and everything in between! You can send information to: 6fletch@embarqmail.com. Don’t forget to tell me the following: WHAT is the event? WHO is invited? WHEN is the event? WHERE is the event? WHY should people attend? HOW can they get more information? If you have any questions, fee free to call or text me at 717-357-8051. Thank you!

Holly Fletcher

HEARING IMPAIRED – Anyone who is hearing impaired may find it helpful to sit in Pew #9 on the Sacristy side. You will notice “hearing impaired” stickers on the side of the pew to indicate the best place to sit if you are hearing impaired.

HANDICAP PARKING – Please note that handicap parking spaces are available for parking near the social hall entrance to the Church. If you are attending the 11:15 AM Mass, in order to avoid the traffic associated with religious education letting out, the following two options are recommended: EITHER come in the EXIT lane BEFORE 11 AM, OR come in the usual entrance way AFTER approximately 11:07 AM.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – For everyone’s information, especially for those who may be new to our parish, there is a so-called Children’s Chapel or Cry Room here in the Church. It’s located in the front left corner of the church, where a restroom is also located. As a parish family, we want children and families to be welcome here at Mass, and so it’s important to have an appropriate place in the church for babies and young children when they get fussy and need extra attention. We really want to encourage parents to use this space to tend to their children as needed. Please, feel free to just get up when need be from the body of the church, and utilize this space. Then you can better tend to your children without feeling like you’re being watched. And this will also allow the other parishioners to be able to more fully focus on worshipping.

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 one 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

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