WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE  
March 11-17

Sunday, March 11th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, March 11th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
Monday, March 12th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, March 12th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
Monday, March 12th - Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM
Tuesday, March 13th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM
Wednesday, March 14th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM
Wednesday, March 14th – PCCW in social hall, 7 PM
Thursday, March 15th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM
Friday, March 16th – Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Friday, March 16th – Lenten Dinners from 4:45-6:45 PM
Friday, March 16th – Stations of the Cross at 7 PM
Saturday, March 17th – First Penance, 10 AM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun March 17-18
5:00 PM Mass: Jonah & Abbi Robinson, Madison Small
8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh
11:15 AM Mass: Sally Earp, Jacob & Molly Fleming
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun March 17-18
5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur
8:15 AM MASS – Nick Stollar
11:15 AM MASS – Andy Hershey
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun March 17-18
5:00 PM: Rose Dietz, Barb Redding, Barbara Reichert, Steve Signorelli, Sam Spiese
8:15 AM: Dianne Giampietro, Jeff Seifert, Midge Stokes, Carol Stroud, Claire Wentz
11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Joyce Menges, Diane & John Schialine, Pat Spiridonoff
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES – If you wish to remember a loved one with Easter flowers this year, please fill them out, enclose your donation and place them in the collection basket no later than March 25th.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

4th Sunday of Lent
1. A very special thank you to those of you who have contributed or will contribute to the Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal. Although our two weekends of in-pew pledging have concluded, contributions can still be by contacting the parish office, or by making an online donation (by clicking the purple donate button on our parish website – www.ihmparadise.org). Our assessment this year is $60,100. Please know that I am extremely grateful to all of our parishioners for their generosity to the Bishop’s Appeal!

2. Reminder – each Wednesday evening of Lent Mass is at 6:30pm. Also, Stations of the Cross take place each Friday evening at 7pm. Please note that on March 23rd Stations will NOT be taking place at IHM. Instead, we invite you to come with us to St. Joseph Parish in Hanover at 7pm for a Living Stations of the Cross presentation. The youth from our parish and St. Joe’s are presenting these Stations. Let’s support them!

3. The next Soup and Sermon will take place on March 14th at St. John’s here in Abbottstown. A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon in the church hall. At 12:30, a short service starts, and a sermon is given by an area pastor. By 1pm, we’re all finished. Popular Lenten hymns and prayers are part of the service. All are invited to join in.

4. A special thank you to Sr. Rosanne, who conducted a Lenten morning of reflection on March 10th. That day, I was in Harrisburg for the Men’s Conference hearing confessions.

5. On Tuesday, March 27th our Parish Penance Service will be held starting at 7pm. There will be 10 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 March 27th right after the 9am Mass.

6. SAVE THE DATE: After all the Masses on the weekend of April 14 and 15, we will have a special Ministry Fair for a celebration of the many ministries and organizations supported by our fellow parishioners here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. All parishioners are invited to visit the fair in the social hall. More information to come.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR Vocations — “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL – Thank you for your generosity to the Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal. We have already raised $55,510 toward our goal of $60,100. By doing our part to give generously to those who are in need and are suffering, we continue to share Christ’s love by supporting the mission of the Church. REMINDER: EVERY DOLLAR THAT WE EXCEED OUR GOAL IS REFUNDED TO OUR PARISH, UNRESTRICTED.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise.

DEANERY LENTEN Penance Services –
St. Vincent de Paul, Hanover – Sunday, Mar. 11 - 11:30
St. Joseph, Bonnaeulavle – Monday, Mar. 12 – 7 PM
Annunciation BVM – Tuesday, Mar. 13 – 7 PM
Sacred Heart, Conewago – Saturday, Mar. 24 - 10 AM
IHM, Abbottstown – Tuesday, Mar. 27 – 7 PM

PCCW NEWS – The Parish Council of Catholic Women will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 PM in the social hall. Attention bakers, the Parish Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a bake sale on Sunday (ONLY) March 18 after the Masses. Baked goods may be dropped off at the social hall kitchen. Please label and price items.

50th Wedding Anniversary - Were you married in 1968? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 8, 2018 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 before April 10th.

DCCW SCHOLARSHIP – The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is offering a $1,000 scholarship to a Catholic Senior girl for her freshman year at an accredited college, university, or trade school. Applicants must be sponsored by a Mother or Grandmother/Guardian who is a member of a Parish Council of Catholic Women, is a resident of the Harrisburg Diocese, and must meet all conditions established by the Scholarship committee. Anyone interested in applying should contact Pat Slonaker for an application or Joyce Scott, Scholarship Chair, 717-737-0927 or email to: joynbob10@aol.com. The application deadline is May 1, 2018.
FUSION NEWS - Did You Know? March 10th is the feast day that honors the martyrs of Sebaste. In 320 AD, it was discovered that 40 soldiers in the Roman 12th Legion were Christians. The soldiers were forced to strip and stand out on a frozen lake in order to die from exposure. Their bravery and faith inspired one of their guards to convert, strip, and join their ranks on the ice.

Saturday, March 10th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night
Sunday, March 11th, 2:30 – 4PM – Living Stations of the Cross, Practice
Sunday, March 18th, 2:30 – 4PM – Living Stations of the Cross, Practice
Tuesday, March 20th, 7 – 9PM – Living Stations of the Cross, Dress Rehearsal
Friday, March 23rd, 7 – 8PM – Living Stations of the Cross, the Play
Saturday, March 24th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night with Stations of the Cross
Fridays, April 6th – May 11th, 7 – 8:30PM – Bible Study

UPCOMING CONCERT – The *York County Senior Honors Choir* will be performing a concert on Sunday, March 18, at 7 PM at IHM Parish. If you are not familiar with this organization you should check out their website at www.theychc.org. This choir is composed of approximately 100 10th through 12th graders throughout York County who are selected after a formal audition process. Two of the Senior Honors Choir members are also members of this parish: Eamonn and Margaret Mailey. The choir will be singing a wide range of songs, from spiritual to contemporary. This really is an amazing opportunity to be able to host this wonderfully talented group of young people. Please come support them! You will be in for a musical treat! There is no admission fee for the performance, however, a free will offering will be accepted after the concert. For more information, or to offer assistance (these teens love snacks!), please contact Rachel Mailey at 717-577-0139 or red91maley@gmail.com.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DIOCESE – PART II
BY FATHER EDWARD QUINLAN

Pastoral care for Catholics settling in the original 13 colonies was first entrusted to Jesuit priests from England and later some from Germany. Parishes and missions were under the supervision of the Diocese of London as these were English colonies. With the end of the Revolutionary War and our official separation from England, as memorialized in the Treaty of Paris in 1783, the time was ripe for the formal foundation of the Church in our new country. Pope Pius VI in 1790 will create the Diocese of Baltimore and appointed Father John Carroll as the first bishop. The diocese included all of the United States at the time. The new diocese was estimated by Bishop Carroll to have 25,000 Catholics and he had 25 priests to serve them. The US population was about 4 million at that time.

The new country was open for business and by 1830 began to grow rapidly. Immigration was slow at first then significantly increased in the 1830’s. Many Germans were among those arriving in this wave. By 1845 large numbers of Irish were coming to the US to flee starvation in their native land. With succeeding decades the new arrivals were coming from central and southern Europe as well. This was significantly increasing the Catholic population in the country.

By 1808 Pope Pius VII creates Baltimore as an Archdiocese, dividing it to form the dioceses of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Bardstown (KY). Philadelphia at this time encompasses the whole state of Pennsylvania. Our central Pennsylvania homeland is part of this early diocese, and we are blessed to be able to account as one of our bishops, Saint John Neumann. In time, the state will see other dioceses created from the western counties, Pittsburgh (1843) and Erie (1853).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM CATHOLIC CHURCH of New Oxford will hold their monthly “All-You-Can-Eat” Turkey Dinner on March 18th in the parish hall, located behind the church, from 11 AM until 2 PM. Questions regarding the dinner may be directed to the parish office at 717-624-4121. Ticket prices are $9 for adults, $4 for children (6-12) and under age 6 is free.

SLOP DINNER – Join us on Sunday, March 11th from 11:30 AM to 2 PM for a traditional Delone Catholic “SLOP” turkey dinner with beverage and dessert. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. Carry out is also available with a purchased ticket. Walk-ins are welcome! To pre-purchase tickets, call 717-637-5969, x211. All proceeds benefit Delone Catholic HS’s Tuition Assistance Fund.

THANKS TO
ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Jan. 3rd served 96 families which included 269 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, March 7th is www.volunteersignup.org/TF7AL. 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.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

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TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME $38,449.47

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
- Jan. 1st Collection $1,945.00
- Capital Improvements $1,645.10
- Churches in Eastern Europe $1,803.50

IHM ADVENTURE CLUB – The Adventure Club of IHM is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit the tomb of Christ. Please plan to travel with us to share the experience. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is $76 which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus. Deadline to signup is March 26th.

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.

CHOIR REHEARSALS – The IHM choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, Feb. 25th at 9:40 AM in the church. They will begin singing for the 11:15 AM Mass on March 11th and through Easter Week and on Holy Saturday. If you would like to join this fun group who like to sing, please consider coming to the rehearsals. For more information, contact Roy Wainwright at 717-619-7243 or Kathy Schwar at 717-259-9086.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Discerning God’s Will 20’s, 30’s, married or single – Retreat Dates Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12. Registration 4-6 PM on Friday, May 11th. Held at Refreshing Mountain, 455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA. Cost before 3/9/18 is $75 and after 3/9/18 is $90. Based on 5 person occupancy, four full meals. Retreat Directors are Rev. Brian J. Wayne and Sr. Geralyn Schmidt. For registration and other questions, contact Mr. Rob Williams, Director of Youth and Young Adults at 717-657-4804, ext. 328 or rwilliams@hbgdiocese.org. You can also find online registration at https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/discerning_gods_will_retreat.

WEEKDAY MASS PARKING – Anyone attending the weekday Masses are asked to park in the lot beside and
NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: Daniel Frey, Abbottstown
Matthew & Danielle Rudisill & family, Abbottstown
Bryan & Louise Cheeseman & family, Dover
Ryan & Melissa Pysher & family, Dover
John Orendorff, Thomasville

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.

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

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND –
Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg and visit the grave of St. Patrick, the Diocese’s Patron Saint, on a 12 day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Bishop Ronald Gainer. The trip will take place August 28 – September 8, 2018. The group will depart from Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to Washington is available. For more information, contact Mark Totaro, Catholic Charities Executive Director/CEO at 717-657-4804 (ext 276) or visit www.cchbg.org on line.

ENGLISH RETREAT – for college aged young adults and recent graduates. Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 310 Hertzler Road, Mechanicsburg. The season of Easter is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information, contact your Catholic Campus Ministry Office or the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Diocese, 717-657-4804, ext. 327. On line registration is also available at https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_retreat.

CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS – The Harrisburg Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, with the sponsorship of Knights of Columbus Council 14081, invites you to attend an afternoon full of fun activities. You will learn about Father Michael McGivney and how he can inspire all of us to put our faith into action.
You’ll also receive a free patch!
When: March 18, 2018 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM
Where: Holy Name of Jesus Church (social hall)  6150 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg
Cost: $0, though we ask everyone to bring at least one canned food item to donate
Registration: Den/Pack leaders should contact Patrick McCormack at Patrick.a.mccormack@gmail.com. At least one registered leader for every eight Scouts will be required to remain on site during this activity. Annual Health and Medical Records, Parts A and B, must be completed for each participant and brought to the event. Registration is required by February 15th.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents and adults in a small, friendly,
confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Accepting Medical Assistance insurance (Medicaid) and County Mental Health funding (York and Dauphin Counties, for low income uninsured people who are determined to be eligible). Other clients can pay fee on a sliding scale. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Not accepting private/commercial insurances. Local offices are York Counseling, 253 E. Market St., York (717-845-2696) and Paradise Counseling, 6156 W. Canal Rd, Abbottstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary). Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

Fusion News
Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary’s youth ministry; open to all teens in grades 8 to 12. For information, please call or email Paul Oakes at: (717) 259-0611 ext. 8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

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.

PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.IHMPARADISE.ORG.

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.

HIPPA LAWS – Please note that HIPPA (health care privacy laws) prevent hospitals from automatically notifying the parish office when you are in the hospital. Therefore, we ask you to please give consent (permission) for the parish office to be notified. If you would like Fr. Marcoe to know of your hospitalization, please inform the parish office before going into the hospital OR once hospitalized, ask the nurse or hospital chaplain/pastoral care staff person to notify the parish.

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.

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.

AERO ENERGY PLAN – For each parishioner who is or becomes an Aero customer, IHM receives up to 3 cents per gallon of oil or propane. This is an excellent way to help your parish! If you are not already registered with Aero Energy for this program, please call Aero Energy at 888-480-1271 and sign up for the House of Worship Program. Any questions, please call Anita in the parish office.

RUTH’S HARVEST – the next Ruth’s Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30th at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. It only requires an hour (or less) of your time, so feel free to join us. Also, please remember to place donations in the Ruth’s Harvest boxes. We are collecting individual sizes of rice with chicken and vegetables (Chef Boyardee), beef stew (Dinty Moore), soup and fruit cups.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM – We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propane needs. Immaculate Heart of Mary receives 3 cents per gallon on all propane and oil throughout the heating season. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give to your Church as well as savings for yourself. NEW this year is Aero Energy is offering $50 credit for any member of our Church who becomes a NEW customer to Aero Energy. They are also giving IHM $50 as well for any new customer. There are brochures on the pamphlet rack or you may call Anita in the parish office with any questions.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL UPDATE – The current enrollment at St. Teresa of Calcutta School is 438 students with the possibility of adding 5 more. Sacred Heart Campus has 168 enrolled in grades
K through 3 and McSherrystown Campus has 271 enrolled in grades 4 through 8. The school colors will be dark blue, light blue and orange and will be known as “The Crusaders”. Grades 2, 4, and 8 will have 3 sections and all other grades will have 2 sections. Let us continue to keep the students, teachers, staff and families of St. Teresa School in our prayers in this ongoing time of transition.

**PRAYER SHAWLS** – Are you in need of a prayer shawl? Do you know someone who is? Please call Jan Melhorn at 308-2532. The next prayer shawl meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the RE Building. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, we can teach you. Skeins of new yarn are always welcome and there are bins at the church entrances for these donations.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED** - Our Parish is in need of several more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, **especially for the 8:15 AM Mass**. This ministry plays an important role assisting Father in distributing Holy Communion to our parishioners at Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation. Please call Father if you feel God is calling you for this ministry. You must 18 years of age or older, a practicing Catholic and a member of our parish.

**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.