PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018
5:00 PM + Katie Antonaccio

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018
8:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018
NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
9:00 AM + Dick & Joanne Borchardt

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018
9:00 AM + Alice Healey

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018-HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 PM + Fr. Lou Ogden

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018-GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 PM – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018-EASTER VIGIL
8:00 PM – Special Intention of Elaine Melhorn on her birthday

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018 – EASTER SUNDAY
8:15 AM + Charlie Kulynych
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
John 20:1-9

SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen & Laverne Lawrence, Polly Renault, John Feiser, Doris Pohman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Sloat, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Michelene Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Hector & Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Twardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, Valerie Strine, Doreen Oblack, Jeff Gastley, and Robert Despres.

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. During the week of March 18, 2018 we sold $1130 for a profit of $56.50.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE EASTER HOLIDAY.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

March 25-31

Sunday, March 25th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
Sunday, March 25th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
Monday, March 26th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
Monday, March 26th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
Monday, March 26th - Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM
Tuesday, March 27th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM
Tuesday, March 27th – Parish Penance Service, 7 PM
Wednesday, March 28th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM
Friday, March 30th – Prayer Service at 3 PM in the social hall

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun March 31-April 1
8:00 PM Mass: Aaron Oravitz, Mary & Joseph Murphy, Jonah Robinson
8:15 AM Mass: Tyler Raubenstine, Harrison, Landon & Ella Smith
11:15 AM Mass: Margaret Mailey, Jacob & Molly Fleming, Edie Rumbaugh

LECTORS for Sat/Sun March 31-April 1
8 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck
8:15 AM MASS – Barb Bowker
11:15 AM MASS – Jess Socrates

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun March 31-April 1
8:00 PM: Jen Gentile, Steve Hoffman, Dan & Barb O’Brien, Mary Margaret Thorne
8:15 AM: Jason Duty, Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Liz Kohler, Jeff Seifert
11:15 AM: Rita Becoski, Joyce Menges, John Schaline, Pat Spiridonoff, Stella Thomas

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS — “Morning by morning He wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.” Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seeking to know your vocation. If He is asking you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.dioceseanpriest.com.
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

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

2. On Tuesday, March 27th our Parish Penance Service will be held starting at 7pm. There will be about 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, Confessions will be offered March 27th in the morning after the 9am Mass.

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

4. Please note that on Saturday, March 31st there will be NO 5pm Mass (with Confessions prior). Rather, the Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm that evening. Sunday Masses on Easter Sunday follow the usual schedule: 8:15am and 11:15am.

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

6. **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

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** – The Good Friday Collection supports the people of the Holy Land and the pilgrims who visit. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the US and a number of other countries support ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. Last year’s Pontifical Good Friday Collection supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions; helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-k through grade 12 students; supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers; helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families; provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth; created 1500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians; and preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets.

**LENTEN APPEAL** – It is with deep gratitude from both Bishop Gainer and I for your devotion to the Bishop’s Annual Lenten Appeal. To date we have pledged $69,755.00 toward our goal of $60,100. Just as Jesus demonstrated His love for us in His willingness to suffer, this Lent we have an opportunity to continue His loving ministry through the sacrificial gift we are willing to make. We must never tire of demonstrating our love for the Lord by loving and helping our brothers and sisters most in need. REMINDER: every dollar that we exceed our goal is refunded to our parish, unrestricted.

**DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES** –

IHM, Abbottstown – Tuesday, Mar. 27 – 7 PM

**CEMERTERY CLEANUP** – Please remove all winter decorations from the cemetery by this weekend. Anything left on the graves will be removed and placed behind the Church for one week and then discarded.

**CHURCH DECORATING**

We will be decorating the Church for Easter on March 31st, Holy Saturday morning @ 9:30 AM. We would be most appreciative if you would be able to give us an hour or so of your time so that we can make our Church beautiful for the celebration of Easter.

**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.

**PCCW** – the Parish Council of Catholic Women would like to thank all the bakers and buyers for making our bake sale a big success. $211.00 will be sent to Catholic Relief Services-Water for Life.

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry held on March 14th served 89 families which included 205 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, April 4th is **www.volunteersignup.org/7J3CL**. 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.

**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.
UNITED STATES - MARCH 14: The Delone Catholic Women in a Secular Society, "Love Notes from God to Recovering Women", "Service Project for the Homeless – Supplies will be provided". There will be a meditation room, exhibits, religious and Fair Trade items for purchase. COST: $25 includes continental breakfast and lunch. You may register with Pat Slonaker or contact Linda at 717-939-3629 or linda.hartzell@comcast.net to register BY MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018.

DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Musical Association is hosting its Annual Mulch Sale on Saturday, April 7, 14 and 21 from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The cost is $5 per 3 cubic ft bag of mulch. Free delivery to McSherrystown/Hanover area and curb side sales are available. To place an order, contact Kim Lowrie at 240-217-7570 or kimmerslow@gmail.com.

FUSION NEWS - Did You Know? Palm branches are widely recognized as a symbol of peace and victory. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is also highly symbolic. It represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. Saturday, March 24th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night with Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, March 27th – Deadline to sign up for Bible Study
Fridays, April 6th – May 11th, 7 – 8:30PM – Bible Study

93rd HDCCW CONVENTION – The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) cordially invites all women of the Diocese to attend the 93rd Annual Convention, Monday, April 16, 2018 from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, PA. the theme is “Joined in Christ”. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer is the principle celebrant and homilist at Mass, concelebrating with many Priests and Deacons of the Diocese.

Keynote speaker, Rose Folsom, will talk about “Cultivating the Garden of Your Soul”. She is the Founder of Virtue Connection, she is a lay member of the Dominican Order, Conductor of workshops for religious education classes, Women’s Conferences and for the First National Symposium on Family Peace. She has written over 100 articles on her virtueconnection.com blog and launched a Virtue Connection Facebook page.

There are four afternoon workshops: “Women Disciples: Sharing our Gifts with Others”, “Living as Catholic Women in a Secular Society”, “Love Notes from God to Recovering Women”, “Service Project for the Homeless – Supplies will be provided”. There will be a meditation room, exhibits, religious and Fair Trade items for purchase. COST: $25 includes continental breakfast and lunch. You may register with Pat Slonaker or contact Linda at 717-939-3629 or linda.hartzell@comcast.net to register BY MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018.

DELONE CATHOLIC SPRING OPEN HOUSE will be held Sunday, April 22. Meet the teachers, take a tour led by one of our Squire Ambassadors and learn about extracurricular opportunities. The 8th Grade Scholarship Competition will also be held. Pre-registration required for the competition and available on the school web site at www.delonecatholic.org.

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.

THANKS TO
FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget          $ 35,200.00
Income for Feb. 4th     7,467.75
Feb. 11th               10,248.25
Feb. 18th               7,599.47
Feb. 25th               9,353.75

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME    $ 34,669.22

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
Black & Indian Mission  1,487.50
Capital Improvements   1,493.70
Membership Collection  1,279.25

FUSION
Saturday, April 14th, 6 – 8:30PM – Youth Night
Saturday, April 28th, 6 -8:30PM – Youth Night with Adoration
Tuesday, May 1st – Deadline to sign up for Seton Retreat
Saturday, May 12th, 6 – 9PM – Game Night in the Social Hall
Saturday, May 19th, 6 – 9PM – Laudate Open Mic Night
Saturday, May 26th, 9AM – 3PM – Seton Retreat

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.

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.

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
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.

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

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.

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!

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.

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

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 needed 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.