

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

It's almost Super Bowl Sunday and we are celebrating again this year by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring collection to benefit the Abbottstown/East Berlin Food Pantry and New Hope Ministries. Start shopping for soup, condiments and laundry detergent. Tables will be set up in the hall for your donations between now and Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

5:00 PM + Jim Drummer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

8:15 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine  
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Marilyn Drummer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020

9:00 AM + Rod Filliben

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Elmer & Theresa  
Spangler on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

9:00 AM + Luz Sanchez

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

9:00 AM + Richard Mondejar  
5:00 PM + Rita Heckman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

8:15 AM + John Melhorn  
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

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**SICK OF OUR PARISH** – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth & Alice Williams, Helen Lawrence, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Brenda Freed, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Nickolas Willis, Loretta Gambriil, Judy Goley, Steve Luckenbaugh, Candi Gilbert, Easton Tolson, Sharon Nowakowski, Stephen Nowakowski, Rose McMaster, Dianne Giampietro, Sarah Arigo, Dawn Kuhn, Jerome & June Rahm, Bernard Noel, Mary Ann Staines, Bobbi Pfaff, David Hartlaub, Bill & Marie Hallisey, Holly Fletcher, Dave Wolford, Madison Six, Antoinette Baguley and Lisa Marie Smith.

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** – When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately," but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

- Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
- Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Adult Enrichment Class in The social hall, 9:30-11 AM
- Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
- Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 4, 7 PM
- Monday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in Social Hall, 7 PM
- Wednesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts, 6-9 PM
- Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Social Hall 9:30 - 11 AM

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

- ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 1-2
- 5:00 PM Mass:** Mary & Joe Murphy, Matthew Wonders
- 8:15 AM Mass:** Amelia & Adam Gerringer, Andrew Eyster
- 11:15 AM Mass:** Margaret, Claire & Nora Mailey  
Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

- LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Feb. 1-2
- 5 PM MASS** – Pat Brodbeck
- 8:15 AM MASS** – Susan Fobes
- 11:15 AM MASS** – Susan Altobelli  
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Feb. 1-2
- 5:00 PM:** Jen Gentile, Paul & Marjorie Oakes, Dan & Barb O'Brien
- 8:15 AM:** Bill Bowker, Ken Glass, Pat Robinson, Elaine & Mitch Walton
- 11:15 AM:** Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Diane & John Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff  
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffrey Stimer, son of Harvey & Nancy Stimer of our parish and Marc Rhodes, son of Steve & Mary Rhodes of our parish, who died this week.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4:12-23). If God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org), call Father Jonathan Sawicki at 717-657-4804 or write: [frjsawacki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawacki@hbgdiocese.org).

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*Flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Elmer & Theresa Spangler for their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH COLLECTION** will be held next weekend. The theme this year is **One Family in Mission**. It calls to mind the essential nature of the Church as the people of God on mission to bring Christ to the whole world. Essentially, the Church exists not to aid those in material need, but to bring all people into communion with God, through Christ, and into the fullness of the Kingdom.

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Jan. 3rd served 44 families which included 124 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Jan. 2nd was 22 for a total of 54 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on **Wednesday, Feb. 5th** at the East Berlin location is [www.volunteersignup.org/MYX8P](http://www.volunteersignup.org/MYX8P) and **Thursday, Feb. 6th** at the Abbottstown location is [www.volunteersignup.org/FPFHR](http://www.volunteersignup.org/FPFHR). 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.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION** - Next weekend is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ~ a feast celebrated 40 days after the birth of Jesus when Mary and Joseph, being an observant Jewish couple bring Jesus to the Temple to induct him into Judaism. Jesus is the Promised One, whose light shines, beaming rays of hope to all the world.

This day was also known as "Candlemas Day." This is the day that the Church blesses the candles for use at Mass, baptismal candles, and candles used for the sanctuary lamp, etc. At the beginning of each Mass next weekend all of these candles will be blessed. We would like to invite you, our parishioners, to bring any candles you may use for devotional purposes in your home, and have them included in this blessing. You would just bring them and hold them while the celebrant is blessing the Church candles.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** - If your son or daughter (grade 3 and older) is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext 7 by **Friday, February 14th**. Altar Server Training Dates have been set for: Sunday, February 23rd (12:30-1:45 PM); Thursday, February 20th (6:00-7:15 PM) and Saturday, February 22nd (10:00-11:15 AM). All new Altar Servers must attend at least two of the Training Dates.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** – Souper Bowl of Caring. We are again participating in this annual drive for the Abbottstown / East Berlin Food Pantry. You are encouraged to donate cans of soup or any can or boxed food item. We are also collecting condiments and laundry detergent. Tables are set up in the hall for your donations from now until February 2. Let's see if we can beat last year's outstanding total of 991 items. (If unable to take your donations to the hall, leave them on the window sills and someone will get them.) If you prefer to make a cash donation, place it in an envelope

marked Souper Bowl and drop it in the collection basket. Checks should be payable to IHM Church with Souper Bowl written on them.

**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 Jan. 19, 2020 we sold \$360 for a profit of \$18.00.

**FUSION** - *Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary's youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.* **THERE'S STILL TIME: If any high schoolers would like to help as a Peer Leader for Amplify, please contact Paul Oakes.**

- **Sunday, January 26, 5 - 7:30 PM:** Youth Night
- **Friday, January 31, 6 - 7:30 PM:** Amplify Kick-Off Night

*For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext.8 or [poakes@hbqdiocese.org](mailto:poakes@hbqdiocese.org)*

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL** will be hosting a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open House for prospective students on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 11-1:30 PM at the Conewago Campus. To RSVP call Melissa Guy at 717-637-3135.

**SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES**  
On Feb. 8, 2020 Annunciation BVM Parish will begin the Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues program. It will run through Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 10 AM. Cost is \$15 for the study guide (optional). We will meet at the Parish Center at 9 N. Third St., McSherrystown. To find out more information and to register, please contact Connie Klunk at 717-634-9319 or [connieklunk61@gmail.com](mailto:connieklunk61@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL WINTER WORKSHOP** – Event will be held at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 from 9 AM to 3 PM. See [aliveinthepirit.net](http://aliveinthepirit.net) for more information. Pre-registration is necessary for lunch choice: Ham, Turkey Sandwich or Gluten Free/Salad with side tuna. Cost is \$20 per person. Deadline for pre-registration is Friday, Feb. 14, 2020. Call Joyce at 717-308-7245 or email [jbankski5639@comcast.net](mailto:jbankski5639@comcast.net).

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Do you need service hours for school? The Parish Council of Catholic Women are looking for a few volunteers to help at the Sweetheart Dinner Fun Dance from about 5 PM until 8 PM. If interested in helping, please call Pat Slonaker, 717-624-3245 before Feb. 15.

**WEEKDAY MASS PARKING** – In inclement weather please use common sense for traveling for daily Mass. Do not put yourself in any harm. 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.

**SUB SALE** – The Knights will be selling subs. Pickup dates are after the Masses on the weekend of Feb. 1 and Feb. 2. Orders must be returned by January 26<sup>th</sup>. The order form along with payment can be placed in the collection basket marked “subs” or you can give it to one of the Knights. We will also be selling after the Masses on the weekend of Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can be found on the ledge behind the last pew.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**PARISH MISSION** with Rev. William Garrott, OP. He will preach at all the Masses on May 2, 3. The Mission will be held in the church May 3,4,5 at 7pm.

**PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH** on June 7 at 10:15am. Most Rev. Ronald Gainer will be with us for Mass and the reception to follow.

**PARISH EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS** will be September 13, 14, 15 at 7pm and Rev. David Hereshko will be here to preach for our Devotions.

**THURSDAY MORNING FAITH SHARING GROUP** – All are invited to the Thursday Morning Faith Sharing Group’s presentation of Bishop Robert Barron’s **The Mass** beginning on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and ending on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each session will begin after the 9 AM Mass at approximately 9:30 AM until 11:00 in the social hall. The video presentation will begin at 9:45 AM. For more information, please contact Bernadine Filliben at 717-259-9006 or Midge Stokes at 717-515-2693. **Optional:** If you wish to purchase a workbook, which coincides with the series, please contact Deb Robinson at 717-357-8817.

**SWEETHEART DINNER FUN DANCE** – Treat your Sweetheart to a wonderful evening of delicious food, great fun, and fellowship. The annual Sweetheart Dinner Fun Dance sponsored by the Parish Council of Catholic Women will be on Saturday, Feb. 22 (snow date Feb. 29) starting at 6:15 PM with appetizers followed by regular, seafood and vegetarian lasagna and homemade desserts. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations can be made by using the sign up sheets on the window sills or calling Diane Schlaline at 717-259-9360 or Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245 by Feb. 15.

### *Message from the Pastor*

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**WHEN:** Every First Friday of the month beginning Jan. 3, 2020

**WHAT:** Two Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

**WHERE:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

**TIME:** 7 PM – 9 PM

**HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES** - 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!

**2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN** - The 2019 Diocesan Annual Campaign (formerly known as the Bishop’s Lenten Appeal) is coming to a close. Pledge reminders have been mailed to all donors who have a pledge balance for the 2019 effort. Our parish benefits from the many ministries and educational programs that the Diocese supports. Please be sure to honor your



commitment for the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Gifts made before Dec. 31, 2019 may provide tax benefits to you.

If you have not made a gift to this year's campaign, it is not too late. You can make your gift securely online at [www.hbgdiocese.org/dac](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/dac). 100% of the monies collected over our parish goal are returned to the Parish for our use. As you think about your personal philanthropy at the end of the year, please consider your Parish and the many programs supported by the Diocese that benefit our parish.

**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.** 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!

**END OF THE YEAR NOTICES –** Most taxpayers will no longer need to itemize their deductions and will take the standard deduction amount. Therefore, since many people no longer use the end-of-year statements for tax purposes, we will only send out to those who request them. If you are interested in receiving a statement, please contact Anita in the parish office. The Diocese will no longer automatically generate year end statements, unless it is requested by the donor. You may contact the Office of Stewardship & Development at the Diocese at 717-657-4804 ext 245.

**SURVIVING DIVORCE –** Hope and Healing for Catholics. This program was developed to bring hope and healing to those who have suffered the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The program is designed to work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, find personal healing and hope, discover understanding of God's love for you, and to gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. This 12 week program will be offered at St. Aloysius Parish on Tuesdays, Feb. 25 – May 12, 2020, 6:30 – 8 PM. Program cost is \$25 to cover materials. Registration is required. Please contact Kathleen Hunter @ 410-259-2159 or [kas3820@comcast.net](mailto:kas3820@comcast.net) to register. **Deadline 2/10/20.**

**WELCOME!** We welcome the following new members into our parish family:  
Clyde & Barbara Krebs & family, Abbottstown  
Julianne Rowe & family, Hanover  
Brian & Ruth Kaley, Dover  
Derek & Amanda Albin & family, Spring Grove  
Mark & Amy Gingrich & family, Dover

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students at Delone Catholic High School for achieving honor roll status:  
FIRST HONORS: Audrey & Abigail Sell, Jacob Fleming  
SECOND HONORS: Harrison Smith, Avery Kuntz & Julia O'Brien

**A CELTIC EVENING –** Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Hanover is hosting "A Celtic Evening" on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 in Msgr. Gotwalt Auditorium, 65 South Street, Hanover. Irish music will be provided by award winning "Across the Pond". Doors open at 6:30 PM. Entertainment begins at 7 PM and concludes at 9 PM. No admission fee. Donations accepted. You may want to bring a designated driver. Any questions, contact Anthony DePastina by email [adepastina@depastinalaw.com](mailto:adepastina@depastinalaw.com).

**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

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

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| <b>Monthly Budget</b>       | <b>\$ 36,400.00</b> |
| <b>Income for Nov. 3rd</b>  | <b>\$10,129.50</b>  |
| Nov. 10th                   | 10,991.06           |
| Nov. 17th                   | 10,292.00           |
| Nov. 24th                   | 8,932.05            |
| <b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b> | <b>\$ 40,344.61</b> |

**ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:**

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| <b>Capital Improvements</b>  | <b>\$1,714.00</b> |
| <b>All Saints Collection</b> | <b>1,713.00</b>   |
| <b>Military Collection</b>   | <b>1,858.50</b>   |
| <b>Matthew 25 Collection</b> | <b>2,100.37</b>   |

**RUTH'S HARVEST –** Ruth's Harvest packing will be Wednesday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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!

**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](mailto:patrenaut@hotmail.com).

### **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!

### **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.

### **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!

**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.

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 cruet 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](mailto:jkilo1@hotmail.com).

### 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](http://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](mailto:roywainwright3@gmail.com) or 717-619-7243.

**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 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.

#### **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](http://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 ask 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.**

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 cremation 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. 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](http://www.YouthProtectionHBG.com)

***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***