

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP

Mondays 7-8:30 PM

IHM social hall

Each week we give praise, honor, thanks, and love to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We seek to build up the Body of Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit.

We listen to God in our hearts. We share words from God. We discuss God's work in our lives. We pray for petitions and enjoy fellowship.

All ages are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019
5:00 PM + Fr. Lou Ogden

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019
8:15 AM + Doreen Oblack
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019
NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstein

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019
9:00 AM + Mary Anthony

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019
9:00 AM + John Potocki

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019
9:00 AM + John Melhorn

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019
5:00 PM + Helen Behe

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019
8:15 AM + Shirley Oliver
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth & Alice Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen Lawrence, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Brenda Freed, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Gerald Serfoss, Becky Tako, Robert Despres, Scott Hale, Nickolas Willis, Charlotte Smith, Timothy Pieczynski, Landon Merryman, Loretta Gambrell, Richard Gawthrop, Bob Fitzpatrick, Scott & Mary Becker, Judy Goley, Steve Luckenbaugh, Candi Gilbert, and Easton Tolson.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.” Is the Lord calling you to follow him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-480/frbwayne@hbgiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

“Called to serve the people and the common good, [civil leaders] have a duty to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures.”

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE
Feb. 17th-23rd

- Monday, Feb. 18th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
- Monday, Feb. 18th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 4, 7 PM
- Monday, Feb. 18th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
- Wednesday, Feb. 20th – Boy Scouts 6-9 PM
- Wednesday, Feb. 20th – Parish Pastoral Council In the REC, 7 PM
- Thursday, Feb. 21st – Faith Sharing Group in the Den after 9 AM Mass
- Saturday, Feb. 23rd – Fusion in the Den, 6 – 8:30 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Feb. 23-24
5:00 PM Mass: Keira & Madilyn Slonaker, Nathan Maysilles
8:15 AM Mass: Hans Livelsberger, Adam Geringer, Mary Murphy
11:15 AM Mass: Nick & Erich Steinke, Edie Rumbaugh
 Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Feb. 23-24
5 PM MASS – Don Myers
8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker
11:15 AM MASS – Alex Wolf
 Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Feb. 23-24
5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Mat & Holly Robinson, Steve Signorello, Sam Spiese
8:15 AM: Rich & Marie Danglovitch, Ken Glass, Pat Robinson, Midge Stokes
11:15 AM: Joyce Menges, Diane & John Schlaline, Leland Steinke, Barb Wantz
 Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Glass of our parish who died this week and Nancy L. Niedererr, mother of Donna King who died this week.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Thanks to all who donated and also to those who braved the cold weather to pack the truck. We collected 79 condiments, 96 laundry detergent, and 816 soup or other food items. That’s a total of 991 items (up from 880 last year). All those donations combined with those from six other area churches will be a big help for stocking the shelves at the Abbottstown/East Berlin mobile food pantry.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Beginning this month the Pastoral Council is focusing in a very special way on **reaching out to Catholics** who are not actively practicing their faith in order to welcome them back to our parish family. They will be contacting those parishioners listed as inactive in our database in order to listen to them, answer questions they may have, and invite them to great opportunities that our parish has coming up. This outreach is also the main reason why we are praying the new "Disciples Called to Witness" prayer before weekend Masses. The Holy Spirit is the engine of the New Evangelization!

Also, beginning in February, each weekend a different **parish ministry or organization** will be highlighted. They will have their trifolds (from the Ministry Fair) on display in the main vestibule of the church; they will share a brief announcement at the end of Mass about their group, and then have a member stationed by the display after Mass to share their group with you; and, the yellow box on the front of the bulletin will feature each week's group. Our parish groups foster a sense of belonging where you can find a place with others to invest your faith and put it into action in a particular way.

2. From February 25 through March 1 I will be away on my **annual priest retreat**. God must have knew that I would need a break after all of the funerals that we've been having lately. May God grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, and may the Good Shepherd, who welcomes them into paradise, be the source of comfort and strength for those who grieve their deaths.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

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 Feb. 10, 2019 we sold \$2410 for a profit of \$120.50.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 36,000.00
Income for Jan. 6th	\$10,541.00
Jan. 13th	7,583.00
Jan. 20th	7,438.50
Jan. 27th	9,846.80
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$35,409.30

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:

Jan. 1 st Collection	\$ 2,860.75
Eastern Europe/Africa	1,325.00
Capital Improvements	1,512.95

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students at Delone Catholic High School for achieving honor roll status:

FIRST HONORS: Audrey & Abigail Sell
SECOND HONORS: Julia O'Brien & Harrison Smith
COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Christian Powell & Avery Kuntz

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.

FUSION - Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary's youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.

Challenge of the Week: Pray to Blessed Stanley Rother!

February 17 & 24, March 3, 17 – April 7, 2:30 – 4 PM:

Living Stations of the Cross Practice

February 8 - 10: Mount 2000

February 23, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night

March 9, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night

March 10, 5 – 6:30 PM: *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

March 23, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night

April 9, 6 - 9 PM: *Living Stations of the Cross Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory)*

April 10, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: *Passion and Penance*

April 12, 7 - 8:30 PM: *Living Stations of the Cross Play*

April 13, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night

April 27, 6 - 8:30 PM: Youth Night

May 5, 4:30 – 7 PM: Reel Talk: *Coco (2017)*

May 7: *Deadline to register for Day by Day Retreat*

May 18, 8AM - 4:30 PM : *Day by Day Retreat* at Mount St. Mary's Grotto

May 19, 6 - 9 PM: Game Night/ Unlock the Truth: The Catacombs

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

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THRIFT SHOP, 5 Carlisle St., New Oxford, is having a clothing sale. Buy two and get the third one free (third item must be equal to or less in value). Shop hours are Monday to Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Questions, call 717-624-1272.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BVM CHURCH will hold their monthly “all-you-can-eat” Turkey Dinner on Feb. 17th in the parish center 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 are free.

CATHOLIC FAITH BASED WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM & BIBLE STUDY – Light Weigh is a 12 week Catholic bible Study DVD program recommended by an Archbishop, priests, doctors, nurses, nutritionists & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. There are no weigh-ins. Meetings will be held in the old convent building of Saint Rose of Lima, 950 West Market St., York at 6:30 PM. For questions or more information, please call Joyce Bankowski at 717/308-7245.

DVD PRESENTATION – A DVD presentation on the **Unbound** Prayer Ministry, developed by Neal Lozano, will be offered at St. Joseph Church, Hanover, on four consecutive Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, starting **February 25th**. Unbound helps us apply the truth to our lives by using five basic responses called the Five Keys. Each key incorporates practical direction on how to respond to the grace that opens a door and sets us free from past hurts and negative influences. The Five Keys are: Repentance and Faith; Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father’s Blessing. For more information or to register, contact Carolyn Blaszczyk at 717/889-2623 or cbis4@comcast.net.

1966 DCHS CLASS LUNCHEON – Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Inn 94, New Oxford. 11:30-12:30 social hour, 12:30-3:30 meal and fellowship. Contact Pat (Breiner) Webb via email to pw4893@gmail.com. OR Julie (Houser) Hawbaker via phone to 717/632-0620 or text 717/818-5051.

VNA SCHOLARSHIP – The VNA Annual Florence deHaven Stick Memorial Scholarship application is now underway. Anyone in the areas surrounding Hanover and Spring Grove or in any part of Adams County is encouraged to apply. Scholarships range from \$4,000 to \$5,000 and will be awarded to students enrolled in an accredited nursing program or accepted for classes beginning in the fall of 2019 for a career as an RN or

LPN. Completed applications are due back to the VNA by March 15, 2019 and may be obtained at www.vnahanover.org or by contacting Heather Reynolds at 717/637-1227 or 1/800-422-3197, ext. 292.

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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER AT MASS

From a letter by Bishop Gainer: "The challenges of our present time have shaken the faith and broken the hearts of many of the Catholic faithful throughout the Church. I have had opportunities to listen to the cries of outrage and concern at deanery gatherings, after visits to parishes, and through the many letters I have received... Over the last several months, many parishes have begun to recite the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel at the celebration of Mass and many other parishes and individuals have asked me to mandate the use of the prayer throughout the Diocese. After discussing the issue with the Council of Priests and in light of those many requests, I am asking that all parishes throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg begin to recite the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel either before or after Holy Mass... Brothers and sisters in Christ, broken members of the Body of Christ: let us agree to pray for healing and heavenly help that, together, in the company of all the angels and saints, we may purify the Church of infidelity and pursue the path to heaven with perseverance." Here at Immaculate Heart of Mary, we will begin praying this prayer on the First Sunday of Lent.

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.

**Sunday, Feb. 10th – Religious Education from
9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Feb. 10th – Adult Enrichment Class in the
Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

BISHOP GAINER'S LISTENING SESSIONS

The remaining Listening Sessions with Bishop Gainer are:

Feb. 26 – St. Rose of Lima, York – 7 PM

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions but would still like to ask Bishop Gainer a question, please email your question to AskBishopGainer@hbgdiocese.org.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Jan. 2nd served 49 families which included 114 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Jan. 3rd was 30 for a total of 50 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on **Wednesday, Feb. 6th** at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/FTCCD and **Thursday,**

Feb. 7th at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/3Q7E8. 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.

THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE OF HEALTH CARE MINISTERS AND HELPING MINISTRY (PARISH CARING COMMUNITY AND PARISH NURSING PROGRAM) will resume their quarterly meetings. Some of you may be familiar with these meetings. The meetings were a great opportunity for enrichment on ministry specific topics, for resource sharing and to network with other health care ministers. If you know of any new ministry members that would like to be part of these meetings, please share this information with them. The following are the meeting dates and topic for each date.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 – Topic: Compassionate Mental Health Care. Presenter: Lori Peters, Counselor for TrueNorth Wellness Services

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – Topic: Boundaries for Thriving in Ministry. Presenter: Marianne C. Sailus, BCC, PA Society of Chaplains

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019 – Topic: POLST and Advance Health Care Directives. Presenter: Very Rev. David Danneker, Vicar General and Medical Ethicist

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 – Topic: Assisted Suicide. Presenter: Maria Gallagher, PA Pro-Life Federation.

All meetings will be at 10:30 AM at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. To confirm your participation, please send an email to jcurran@hbgdiocese.org or call Jackie Curran at 717-657-4804, ext. 313.

PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION – Father Michael Reid invites everyone to a Special Travel Presentation on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 that will describe a pilgrimage he will lead in March 2020 to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, San Sebastian de Garabandal, Lourdes, and Barcelona. The per person double occupancy cost for air and land travel is \$3,979.00. There is an additional cost of \$315 for travel insurance. A \$500 deposit is required with registration. To receive an informative brochure and reserve a seat for the presentation, please contact Father Michael Reid at 717-637-4625 or email message at frmreid@hbgdiocese.org.

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 (Español); York 717-845-2696; Paradise School Office (Abbottstown) 717-259-9537. Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK PRAYER

Generous Lord, with love beyond all telling, Jesus sends us to shower your love on those most in need, particularly in our ministry to the sick. In the spirit of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, inspire us to serve with courage, love and generosity.

Give us courage to guard the dignity of those who are abandoned and discarded, especially the dying, unborn, migrant and refugee. Let those among us whose voices are strong raise them in defense of the weak.

Give us love that unveils the face of Christ in the face of every individual we meet, particularly in those we find most difficult to care for.

Give us generosity born from the knowledge that all good things are gifts of your love and, through us, are to be shared with the world. Amen

Pope Francis

CLOSING MASS FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE – Please join Bishop Ronald W. Gainer as Celebrant and Homilist to conclude the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Diocese of Harrisburg. A reception, featuring a sampling of ethnic foods from various ethnic and cultural groups that comprise the faithful of the Diocese, will be held immediately following the Mass. The Closing Mass will be held at Good Shepherd Church at 3 PM on March 3, 2019. For additional information, visit www.hbgdiocese.org/150.

SAVE THE WEEK

2019 Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 15th through Friday, July 19th from 6:00-8:30 PM for children ages 4 up to and including those finishing 6th grade. Please mark your calendars now so that your children don't miss the opportunity to attend "CAMP HEALING."

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.

GUIDED PRAYER APP – Alessandro DiSanto, a Holy Name of Jesus parishioner, has worked with a few friends to build an app aiming to help people grow in their faith lives through guided prayer and meditation sessions. The app is called Hallow and offers guided audio sessions through a variety of prayer types, including Christian Meditation, the Examen, Lectio Divina, and Spiritual Writing. To learn more, visit www.hallow.app or feel free to reach out to Alessandro At alessandro@hallow.app. The app is available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK PRAYER –

Loving Father, Protect, we pray, all those forced from their homes by violence and persecution, guide them to places of shelter and safety, and grant that people migrate always by choice and not necessity. Watch over children who migrate alone, protect them from the risks they face all by themselves, help them reach their destination safely, and reunite them with those from whom they have been separated. Guide all migrants who seek a better life, to new opportunities, and grant them a new beginning. We beseech you to give each of us the strength and generosity to welcome the stranger and to open our homes to the newcomer, and in doing so to comfort those who are suffering. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY – "FOLLOW ME"

A Bible Study entitled "Follow Me" meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. It is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Jesus calls us to be disciples, to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love, and to love others as He loves us. "Follow Me" invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. The Study begins on Thursday, Jan. 31st from 6:30-8 PM in the Msgr. Rost Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Basilica, 30 Basilica Dr., Hanover. It is an 8 week course, and the cost is \$20 to cover materials. Contact the parish office at 717-637-2721 or John Barrett at 717-633-1082 for more information.

CATECHETICAL CLASS ON THE MASS

Come join us as we prepare our hearts for Lent by diving into a Catechetical Class on the Mass. Over the course of five sessions, we will be examining what the Mass is, why we say the things we do, and why we kneel so much. There will be two chances a week to come, to fit everyone's busy schedules. Our first session will be held on both February 4th (7PM and 8:15 PM) and Feb. 10th (5PM and 6:15PM). Please consider coming and making your heart more ready for Lent with a class designed on the source and summit of daily Christian life, the Mass. To be held at St. Vincent de Paul [School Building](#).

PRAYER SHAWL RETREAT on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with Mass, followed by knitting/crocheting, praying the Rosary, fellowship and lunch. The retreat will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome to this day of sharing and fellowship in this special ministry. The cost of \$10 includes lunch, advance registration is required. Please call or text Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Debbie Black at 717-514-8815, or e-mail them at kakoko120@comcast.net or mvdb01@verizon.net to register. The registration deadline is Sunday, February 10, 2019. The retreat is hosted by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and all women of the Diocese are warmly invited to attend.

SURVIVING DIVORCE – St. John the Baptist Parish, New Freedom, is pleased to announce another session of *Surviving Divorce*, a ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. This program includes 12 video presentations featuring a psychologist, priests, and personal testimonies from Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their family. Topics covered include shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. ***Surviving Divorce is for the newly separated and divorced as well as those who are still struggling many years later.*** It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope and begin authentic healing.

This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity after divorce. For more information about this program, visit <http://www.catholicsdivorce.com> and the parish website www.sjbnf.org.

The 12 week *Surviving Divorce* program begins on Feb. 6, 2019 at 6:45 PM. A \$25 fee includes the *Surviving Divorce* Personal Guide and all program materials. Please email facilitators, Deb Cousin at deb.cousin@verizon.net or Pat Smith at dontel972@aol.com or call the parish office at 717-235-2156 for more information.

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.

FLOWERS – Looking for a way to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? A beautiful way would be to order flowers on the altar. Most weekends are available from now through the end of the year. **Please call Anita in the parish office to make arrangements.**

MASS INTENTIONS – Mass intentions are a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, remember those who have died or are sick and in need of our prayers. Please consider this as a “gift” for someone. Call Anita in the Parish Office to arrange your Mass intentions.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – CAN YOU DONATE NEW YARN? During the last year, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has made over 50 items for our own parishioners, Rachel’s Vineyard retreatants, Cross Keys Village Skilled Nursing patients, Spiritrust Lutheran hospice and Hanover Hospital Maternity. **We rely on your donations to help with our yarn expense.** We can always use red, white and blue yarn for military veterans in hospice care. Please drop off your donations in the covered gray boxes at the entrances to the church. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, please call the parish office at 717-259-0611. Thank you!

Check out our new website at www.ihmparadise.org.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM – This program was established to provide Aero Energy customers an opportunity to give to our church. To participate, Aero Energy customers sign up by phone or online and Aero Energy donates 4 cents for every gallon of fuel they use to us. Please call if you are not already part of this wonderful program. It’s an easy way to benefit Immaculate Heart of Mary. Call 888-827-17136.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

SUGGESTION CARDS are available on the back ledges and at the entrances of the church. If you have any suggestions on how to make our parish better, please fill one out and return it in the collection basket.

SUMMER WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday 5 PM,
Sunday 8:15 AM and 10:15 AM

LOST AND FOUND – Please check our Lost and Found bin in the sacristy for any items you may have left in Church. Any unclaimed items will be discarded.

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

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

Holly Fletcher

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.

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 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. 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

