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Admission tickets: Adults \$5.00, Children (6-12) \$2, Teens (13-17) \$3, children 5 and under-free.

Experience the spiritual blessings of that day-faith, friendship and fellowship of our parish as a caring community of believers for a worthy cause.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

5:00 PM + Ron Filliben

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

9:00 AM + Hector Miranda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

6:30 PM + Joseph Behe III

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

9:00 AM + Evelyn Henry

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

9:00 AM + John Potocki

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

9:00 AM + Dwain Smith
5:00 PM + Lawrence Aumen

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

8:15 AM – People of the Parish
11:15 AM + Pat Schwar & Jay Stevens

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

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 –“God is making His appeal through us.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Talk to frbwayne@hbqdiocese.org or check out www.diocesepriest.com.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Groft, uncle of Anita Hale of our parish.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

March 31-April 6

- Sunday, Mar. 31st – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM
- Sunday, Mar. 31st – Adult Enrichment Class in the social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM
- Monday, Apr. 1st – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM
- Monday, Apr. 1st – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg room 4, 7 PM
- Monday, Apr. 1st – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM
- Wednesday, Apr. 3rd – Boy Scouts 6-9 PM
- Wednesday, Apr. 3rd – K of C in social hall, 7 PM
- Thursday, Apr. 4th – Faith Sharing Group in the den after 9 AM Mass
- Thursday, Apr. 4th – “Healing Hearts” in Den 6-7:30 PM
- Friday, Apr. 5th – Lenten Dinners, 4:45-6:45 PM
- Friday, Apr. 5th – Stations of the Cross, 7 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun April 6-7
5:00 PM Mass: Jonah Robinson, Luke O’Brien, Matthew Wonders
8:15 AM Mass: Peyton Duty, Ethan Aiello, Andrew Eyester
11:15 AM Mass: Nick & Erich Steinke, Carlos Marques
Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun April 6-7
5 PM MASS – Pat Renaut
8:15 AM MASS – Barb Bowker
11:15 AM MASS – Alex Wolf
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun April 6-7
5:00 PM: Steve Hoffman, Holly & Charles Fletcher, Jen Gentile, Dan Landis
8:15 AM: Kim Aiello, Doug Barnhart, Jason Duty, Ken Glass, Midge Stokes
11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Joyce Menges, John Schlaline, Jr., Leland Steinke, Barb Wantz
Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

“Because life is our first and most basic gift from an infinitely loving God, it deserves our utmost respect and protection. Direct attacks on innocent human life are always gravely wrong.”
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

***EASTER FLOWERS** – If you would like to memorialize a loved one with flowers for Easter, envelopes are available at all the entrances. Please fill out and return no later than April 14th.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

4th Sunday of Lent

1. A very special thank you to those of you who have contributed or will contribute to the **Diocesan Annual Campaign**. Although our two weekends of in-pew pledging have concluded, contributions can still be made by contacting the parish office, or by making an online donation (by clicking the link on the homepage of our parish website – **www.ihmparadise.org**). Our assessment this year is \$62,000. Please know that I am extremely grateful to all of our parishioners for their generosity to this important campaign!
2. The next **Soup and Sermon** will take place on April 3 right here at IHM. A simple Lenten meal begins at 12 noon in the church hall. At 12:30, a short service starts, and a sermon is given by an area pastor. By 1pm, we're all finished. Popular Lenten hymns and prayers are part of the service. All are invited to join in.
3. On Tuesday, April 16th our **Parish Penance Service** will be held starting at **7pm**. There will be 9 priests from our local area here that evening hearing Confessions!! Please plan to attend as a family and make this opportunity for Reconciliation a part of your Lenten journey toward Easter. If you are unable to attend that evening, other penance services in the area are listed in this week's bulletin so you can go to Confession during Lent. Additionally, Confession will be offered the morning of April 16th right after the 9am Mass.
4. This weekend at the Sunday 11:15am Mass, the **Second Scrutiny** will take place. Perhaps you've never heard of these before. They are very special rites celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent for those candidates and catechumens ("the elect") from RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – those preparing to be received into the Church as Catholics). These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or in fact do, sin. The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. This year, we have **four candidates** (baptized non-Catholic Christians) and **one catechumen** (non-baptized person) who are anticipating being received into the Catholic Church.
5. **SAVE THE DATE:** On **Saturday, May 11** from 10 am - 3 pm, our parish will host an exciting event – **Come to the Banquet**. It will be a wonderful day of spiritual renewal that will bring our parish family together and strengthen our faith as a community of believers. Activities will start in the morning with an engaging and dynamic preaching by Fr. Stan Fortuna, a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This will be followed in the

afternoon by a colorful food festival where you will enjoy a variety of delicious ethnic dishes. The day will conclude with a delightful music concert by Fr. Fortuna. Tickets for admission to the event and to buy food will be sold in advance to avoid long lines and to help us determine how much food to prepare. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Friar's homeless shelter and Youth center programs for the poor in the Bronx, New York. More information will be coming soon!

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

MIDWEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS – Held each Wednesday during Lent from Noon to 1 PM:
April 3 – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbottstown
April 10 – Morning Hour Chapel, East Berlin

HEALING HEARTS is a support group for widows/widowers. The group will meet once a week on Thursday nights from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Den of the Religious Education Center starting April 4, 2019. 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 by calling (717)476-7504 or emailing her at jkilo1@hotmail.com.

CEMETERY CLEANUP – Please remove all Christmas/Winter decorations from the graves in our cemetery. The deadline is April 7th. After that, anything left on the graves will be removed.

RUTH'S HARVEST – There has been a change in the April date for Ruth's Harvest. Remaining dates for this school year are now April 10th and May 22nd at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on March 6th served 56 families which included 140 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on March 7th was 34 for a total of 66 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on **Wednesday, April 3rd** at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/AAHRM and **Thursday, April 4th** at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/H3J3B. 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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES –
St. Vincent DePaul, Hanover, Mar. 31st, 2 PM
St. Aloysius, Littlestown, April 6th, 11 AM
St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg, April 8th, 7 PM
Annunciation BVM, McSherrystown, April 10th, 7 PM
St. Joseph the Worker, Bonneauville, April 11th, 7 PM
Sacred Heart, Conewago, April 13th, 10 AM
Immaculate Heart of Mary, April 16th, 7 PM
St. Joseph, Hanover, April 17th, 7 PM

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – Were you married in 1969? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary, there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 14, 2019 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 no later than April 22nd.

"DISCOVERING CHRIST"

Is your relationship with God cold and formal, or warm and personal? Is Jesus at the center of your life? Why does Jesus matter? "**DISCOVERING CHRIST**" can help you answer these questions and more. This seven-week series invites YOU to revitalize your faith, to grow in / or develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to have fellowship in your faith journey and to explore the meaning of life in Jesus. It provides a *relational* experience in which you are encouraged to bring family members, friends, and neighbors to hear the good news and to personally encounter Jesus Christ! This very inspiring and exciting series will begin on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more information and/or to register, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7

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 March 24, 2019 we sold \$730.00 for a profit of \$36.50.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – April 6, 2019

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond...the annual **Diocesan Men's Conference** is Saturday, **April 6, 2019**, at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is **Men Called to be Saints**. The Keynote Speaker is **Dr. John Bergsma**, noted Catholic author, speaker, Bible expert, and theology professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville. The title of his keynote address is **The Top 3 Reasons I Became Catholic and Always Will Be: Perspectives from a Former Protestant Pastor**. Besides the keynote, the Men's Conference includes 40+ workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with benediction, opportunity for Confession, beautiful music, good food, numerous Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to 1,000 men from around the Diocese of Harrisburg and beyond. Each of the past two years we have had 1,000 men attend this conference. We expect another large crowd this year. Please register now at www.hbgdiocese.org/men. We'd love to see you at the Men's Conference on April 6th!

HERSHEYPARK DISCOUNT TICKET OFFER

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are once again available for significant savings. Gate admission for Regular price tickets is \$69.80; our price is **\$35.50 (for**

all ages 3+). A regular parking pass is \$15.00; our price is **\$7.50**. If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful offer, you can pick up an order form on the ledge behind the last pew. Sister Rosanne must receive all orders by **Sunday, April 28th**. Please put your order and payment in an envelope with: **Attention: Sister Rosanne** and drop it in the collection basket.

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

Every week during Lent, at Fusion, we're challenging our members to pray a daily prayer. Please join us as we pray during Week 4:

God of Infinite Mercy,

This week, I pray You will guide my every thought and action, and help me share with others the loving kindness You have shown to me. Help me in my moments of weakness and strengthen me in my resolve to be a living example of Your love, and walk every day in the light of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

March 31 & April 7, 2:30 – 4 PM: Living Stations of the Cross Practice

April 2: Deadline for Permission Slips to see The Passion of the Christ

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

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

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY – Established in 1969, The John Timon Reily Historical Society, McSherrystown, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. Thus, a celebration will be happening at Hoss's Restaurant in Hanover on Sunday, April 7th at 1 PM. Invitations are being sent to the local Catholic congregations because Mr. Reily wrote so much about the progress of the Catholics in Conewago Valley. You are invited to attend this event. There will be a speaker, Tom Weaver, and of course, a special meal. For members, the meal is free. For non-members, the cost is \$15. You are cordially invited to join us for this celebration.

THRIFT SHOP – the Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop is having a 50% off sale on everything in the store. Shop hours are Monday to Saturday 9 AM until 3 PM. Questions, call 717-624-1272.

HOUSE OF NAZARETH ADORATION CHAPEL – is in desperate need of adorers for the following hours:
Sunday @ 6 am; Monday @ 12 am, & 11 am; Tuesday @ 5 am, 7 am, 9 am & 10 pm; Wednesday @ 2 am & 6 pm; Thursday @ 12 am & 9 pm; Saturday @ 8 am, 4 pm, 5 pm, & 9 pm.

THANKS TO

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SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars so that your child/children don't miss this wonderful week. The theme for our 2019 Vacation Bible School is **"CAMP HEALING"** and will be held **Monday, July 15th to Friday, July 19th** from 6:00-8:30 PM. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins.

GOLF OUTING – Hanover Country Club will host a golf outing to support the Adams Christian Prison Ministries on Monday, April 29th. Tee times beginning at 9 AM. Entry Fee: \$35 per player (includes golf cart, range balls and green fees). **Entry deadline is April 23rd** for the first 150 players. To make reservations, call the Hanover Country Club at 717-259-8422, ext 3.

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 with Adoration

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

May 7: Deadline to register for Day by Day Retreat - \$10 per person

May 11, 10AM – 3 PM: Come To The Banquet! - \$5 (adults) & \$2 (children)

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

May 19: Deadline to register for Dynamic YOU

June 9 – July 8; August 11 & 18, 6 – 8:30 PM: : Dynamic YOU Summer Teen Program

ADVENTURE CLUB – Get ready for another adventure filled year with IHM Adventure Club! First stop – St. John Paul II National Shrine, Washington DC on Tuesday, April 30th. Leave IHM at 7 AM, return at 6 PM with a dinner stop at the Golden Corral in Frederick. Cost of the trip is \$70 plus gratuity. Reservations and payment due by March 17th. For more information, contact Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384.

"DISCOVERING CHRIST"

Committing your life to Jesus as Lord provides a new beginning, a new life in the Spirit. How do we move forward and live this new life? Growing in this new life is not automatic. We need to join our efforts to God's grace. Jesus is the Master teacher and provides the power and teaching to live the Christian life.

We are personally known and loved by the Father! **"DISCOVERING CHRIST"** can help you experience all that Jesus wants you to know in a more personal (heart

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Come and share the good news! Bring your family and friends. Experience the spiritual blessings of that day-faith, friendship and fellowship of our parish as a caring community of believers for a worthy cause.

For more details, questions and information about the event and how you can help and participate, contact Luz Socrates at luzvsoc@gmail.com and call or text her at 717-873-3650.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 36,000.00
Income for Feb. 3rd	\$10,165.69
Feb. 10th	10,762.53
Feb. 17th	8,876.50
Feb. 24th	8,740.35
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$38,545.07

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:

Membership Collection	\$ 1,733.00
Black & Indian Mission	1,358.16
Capital Improvements	1,768.00

TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS – Once again the Diocese is pleased to announce the availability of Tuition Assistance Grants. These grants will be awarded for the 2019-2020 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. This financial assistance is intended to provide tuition aid to needy children in order that they might receive a Catholic education. The deadline to submit the Tuition Assistance Grants is **Friday, March 15, 2019**. Please mail all completed applications to:
Attn: Heidi Kline
Harrisburg Catholic Administrative Services
4800 Union Deposit Rd.
Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710
Or hkline@hbgdiocese.org

WELCOME! We welcome the following to our parish family:
Roy & Carol Johnson, Dover
Kimberly Johnson, Dover

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.

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.

PCCW NEWS – Parish Council of Catholic Women dates to remember:
Sunday, March 17 – PCCW bake sale, all baked goods greatly appreciated
Saturday, March 23 – Lenten Retreat, St. Joseph's, Hanover from 12 – 3:30 PM, no charge
Saturday, May 11 – 94th annual Harrisburg CCW convention in Harrisburg, deadline to register 4/24/19
If interested in any of these events, please call Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245.

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

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICES:

Depression and anxiety can occur when we have a loss or a major change in our life. A licensed skilled therapist can help you by listening, processing, and giving you the power to make positive change. Catholic Charities Counseling Services is accepting new clients for four office locations throughout the Diocese. Catholic Charities Counseling is for anyone: children, adolescents, adults, and couples. Services are provided in a confidential office setting. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling, and parent-child counseling. We accept Medical Assistance, or clients can pay for services (discount fee schedule available). Just call for an appointment: Capital Region 717-233-7978; Lancaster 717-299-3659 or 717-392-2113 (Espanol); York 717-845-2696; Paradise School Office (Abbottstown) 717-259-9537. Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

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

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.

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

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. 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