



*“Peace be with you. As the  
Father has sent me, so I send  
you.”  
John 20:21*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

5:00 PM + Msgr. Robert Gribbin

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

8:15 AM + James & Elizabeth Wotherspoon

10:00 AM + Barb & Fran Brandl (outside)

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

NO MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

9:00 AM +Jimmy Drummer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021

9:00 AM -Special Intention Jill Cullen

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

9:00 AM + Shirley Southland

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

9:00 AM + Irene Langstaff

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021

5:00 PM + Joseph Karmazin

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

8:15 AM- People of the Parish

10:00 AM +Joe Kebil (outside)

11:15 AM+ Susan Klunk

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

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**SICK OF OUR PARISH** – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Fred Staub, Kenneth & Alice Williams, Helen Lawrence, Norma Woerner, Brenda Freed, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Nickolas Willis, Loretta Gambrell, Steve Luckenbaugh, Sharon Nowakowski, Stephen Nowakowski, Sarah Arigo, Jerome & June Rahm, Bobbi Pfaff, David Hartlaub, Holly Fletcher, Madison Six, Lisa Marie Smith, Regina Luckenbaugh, Peg Aumen, Ceili Calderon, Erik Wolfer, Heather Hoffman, Fr. James Kennedy, Robert & Edna Lang, Larry Redding, Don Myers, Mary Bohrer, Shawn Hendrickson, Jo Seymore, Dawn & Francis Kuhn, Lori Kuhn, Geraldine Olsen, Kimberly Nine Kiser, Marie Weeks, Julie Brown, Troy Heining, Doug Kent and Tammy Sanders.

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**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE** – At the present time, we will continue our weekend Mass schedule as follows:

Saturday, 5 PM

Sunday, 8:15 & 11:15 AM – inside Church

10 AM - outside

**Any changes will be announced!**

This Weekend's Mass can be viewed on your smart phone, tablet, computer or smart TV on Sunday Morning. Click on the link on the IHM Website home page ([www.ihmparadise.org](http://www.ihmparadise.org)) and it will link to a YouTube recording of the Mass. It will be available anytime on Sunday.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – “And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.” If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Jonathan Sawicki at [frjsawacki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawacki@hbgdiocese.org) or call 717-657-4804 ext. 282.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** – Jesus was worried about His disciples and He turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spend trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

**POSTING OF EVENTS** – REMINDER: There is no hanging of posters, flyers, advertisements, etc. allowed on any walls/doors in the Church, social hall or bathrooms. If you would like something posted, it must be submitted to the parish office for approval and posting on proper bulletin boards. Posting with certain adhesive material and tape damages the walls and/or doors. Thank you for helping us to keep our church property as beautiful and professional as possible.

**GROCERY CARD SALES** – We still sell Weis and Giant grocery cards through the parish office. Stop in between 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM. There is also a form on our website [www.ihmparadise.org](http://www.ihmparadise.org) that you can use to purchase cards. Please fill out the form and place the form and money marked “grocery cards” in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Cards will be handed out the following week when you attend Mass or you can make arrangements with Anita in the parish office to pick them up. IHM receives 5% from the purchase of all cards which benefits our Religious Education Program. Thank you!

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Athene Steinke and her sons have extended the following invitation to our parish: Please join us in celebrating Leland's life on Saturday, June 26th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM at Cousler Park, Pavilions C&D, 1060 Church Road, York, PA. We will share memories, laughs and some tears. Feel free to bring stories, pictures, or anything else you desire. A meal of some of Leland's favorite foods will be served. So that I can be sure to have enough food available, please let me know by calling (717) 887-6842 by June 5th if you will be able to join us. Thank you all! Athene

## Message from the Pastor

Good news!

With the announcement from the CDC and the Governor's Office there are some significant changes taking shape that affect us

First, beginning Memorial Day Weekend, we are permitted to stop the distancing between pews so we can move to full capacity and after next weekend no one needs to call and request seating in our parish. Also, beginning Memorial Day Weekend we no longer have to sanitize after every service. The Exchange of Peace has NOT been restored but I suspect that will be coming soon.

Secondly, the CDC announced that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or keep social distancing in most settings. To be clear, fully vaccinated is two weeks after the reception of the second Pfizer or Moderna Vaccine or two weeks after the single Johnson and Johnson Vaccine. People who do not meet those requirements are not considered fully vaccinated, and must keep taking all precautions. The State of Pennsylvania has adopted these recommendations effective immediately. The other requirements of sanitization and social distancing remain in place until Memorial Day. Here is a link to the CDC guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Therefore, in continued alignment with local, state, and federal health guidelines, effective immediately, the fully vaccinated may attend Diocese of Harrisburg Masses without wearing a mask.

In consultation with Bishop Gainer and Fr. Brommer, the Diocese is requesting that parishes post signs in prominent locations in our churches, and that a verbal announcement be made before each Mass as well, that says: "If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask." We must continue to do our part to keep the unvaccinated as safe as we possibly can.

Fr. Philip Burger

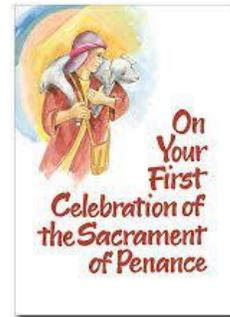
**PENTECOST COLLECTION** – The 2021 Pentecost Collection will take place this weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, in all parishes in the Diocese of Harrisburg. This annual collection supports the educational costs for seminarian formation. The Diocese is blessed to have 23 men in formation at this time. The cost of one year of seminarian education exceeds \$40,000. Please be as generous as possible so that the future of our faith remains strong. Thank you!

## VATICAN EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

The Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles is coming to St. Mary's Parish in Fairfield the week of June 6-13. This photo exhibit displays many of the over 170 Catholic Church approved Eucharistic miracles of the world. All are invited to come and read the stories of these Eucharistic miracles. Admission is free. For more information, contact Fr. Peter Di Tomasso at the parish office at 717-642-8815.

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let us turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."



## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Let us join in congratulating the following children from our parish who celebrated their First Reconciliation:

Tyler Clabaugh, Benjamin Deaven, Mario DeRienzo, Sean Donahue, Claire Grimm, Addyson Horn, Owen King, Nolan Kuhn, Gage Mauro, Dominick Rabena, Samuel Rumbaugh, Daniel Shifler, Claudia Smith.

## THANKS TO

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## **CATHOLIC WITNESS NEW WEBSITE**

### **Check out *The Catholic Witness*' New Website, and Sign up for the Free Digital Edition**

*The Catholic Witness* recently unveiled its first-ever website, in a new and exciting effort to deliver more up-to-date news, photos and videos to its readers. The site, [www.catholicwitness.org](http://www.catholicwitness.org), includes the latest features, all in a user-friendly, mobile and dynamic layout. Through the website, parishioners can register to receive *The Witness*' free bi-weekly digital edition directly to their inbox. The digital edition includes links to the most recent news features, as well as a printable PDF file. Visit [www.catholicwitness.org](http://www.catholicwitness.org) and sign up today!

## QUO VADIS DAYS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual Quo Vadis Days retreat for young men, ages 15-25, will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, from Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$75.00 per participant. Pandemic precautions are in place, and to participate the retreatant must show either proof of full vaccination or have taken a Covid-19 test with a negative diagnosis within three days of the start of the retreat. Registration forms will be sent to parishes and schools shortly.

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

### Did You Know...



**IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS**, please pray for

### DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT DAY OF REFLECTION

The Young Adult Day of Reflection is June 12, 2021 at St. John Neumann Parish, Lancaster. If you are a Catholic Young Adult, or a non-Catholic who has some interest in the Catholic Church, and are 18-39 years old, this day is for you! The theme is: *To Jesus through Mary*. Father Benjamin Dunkelberger, Pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Shippensburg, and the Catholic Center Chaplain at Shippensburg University will be the Retreat Leader. There will be two spiritual talks by Fr. Dunkelberger, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, recitation of the Rosary, opportunity for Confession, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There will also be some time for solitude and quiet reflection. Light breakfast fare and a catered lunch are included in the registration cost, which is \$15 per person. To register, see the following

link: [https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/young\\_adult\\_day\\_of\\_reflection](https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_day_of_reflection). Registration Deadline is June 8 at 4 pm.

### HOLY FAMILY RADIO, 720AM, Spring Fundraisers

It's spring and Holy Family Radio is busily preparing for several events. Our annual Spring Pledge Drive begins April 15, lasting through May 14. Please consider supporting the only Catholic radio station in our Diocese. On May 11 at 7 p.m., we invite you to join us for FAITH RENEWED, our first virtual fundraiser. Join us as we hear from Bishop Ronald Gainer, Msgr. William King, and our main speaker, Father John Trigilio of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland. This event replaces our annual dinner and it's not to be missed. An on-line auction will immediately follow the presentation and include themed baskets, dinner-theatre tickets and other special items. Please support Holy Family Radio 720 AM through your participation and generosity for all events. Purchase \$25 tickets to FAITH RENEWED at [720whyf.com](http://720whyf.com). Pledge Drive donations may be sent to Holy Family Radio, Inc, P.O. Box 6028, Lancaster, PA 17607-6028. For more information, call 717-525-8110. Thank you for your generosity.

### HARRISBURG DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN -

The month of May is dedicated to the honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Rosary is one of the most popular devotional prayers among Roman Catholics worldwide. For the past year, the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has led the Rosary (virtually) every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. As an expression of our faith and deep devotion to our Blessed Mother, we warmly extend an invitation for all to join us as we come together to pray the Rosary. There will be special guests who will lead a decade of the Rosary. If you have a Marian Shrine in your home, perhaps you would like to share pictures during the May calls. For more information to log-in, please email [ccwexecutivesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ccwexecutivesecretary@gmail.com) to be added to the group list. We look forward to praying with you.

### MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 36,400.00
Income for March 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 16,137.00
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	8,703.00
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	8,958.00
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	4,780.00
Diocesan on-line giving for Feb.	675.00

**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME \$ 39,253.00**

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	\$ 1,073.00
Catholic Relief	1,023.00

**IHM Fusion:** Immaculate Heart of Mary's youth ministry is open to all teenagers in grades 8 through 12. Currently, their events run on Sunday nights from 5 to 7:30 PM and we're meeting outside under the Pavilion. Please bring a folding chair and a mask. Below are their upcoming events.

- April 25 – Youth Night: *Jesus, The Way, The Truth, The Life*
- May 9 – Youth Night w/ Adoration

- May 23 – Outdoor Game Night
- June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1 –  
Emerge Summer Teen Faith Retreat

ATTENTION: FUSION IS IN NEED OF

VOLUNTEERS. Do you have a passion for working with teenagers? Do you feel called to youth ministry? Why not consider joining our dynamic team of adult leaders? We welcome all volunteers 18 years and older.

For more information or to register for any Fusion events, please contact Paul Oakes:

(717) 259-0611 x.8 or [poakes@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:poakes@hbgdiocese.org)

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC) UPDATE

I would like to thank all those who have contributed so far to the Diocesan Annual Campaign. Here at IHM, our goal is \$67,798. To date, we have \$38,550 committed with \$30,995 received. That brings us to 46% of our goal. If you have not yet contributed, you can fill out your form and drop it in the basket, mail it or bring it to the parish office. You can also donate on-line at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org).

The Diocesan Annual Campaign supports many of our programs throughout the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Diocesan Annual Campaign as an expression of your faith and of your gratitude for God's blessings in your life.

### WELLSPAN HEALTHY COMMUNITY NETWORK PROGRAM

is for those who require financial assistance with their medical care. Once an application is submitted, your household size and income will determine your eligibility. We also help people apply for Medical Assistance through the COMPASS website for insurance and food benefits. Please call Kristie Pribish at 1-800-429-2430 (day) or evening up to 7 PM at 717-515-7865.



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** – Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM in the Church. We are asking that you please sit in the front pews due to cleaning/sanitizing purposes.

### OUTDOOR MASS- UPDATE !

We will continue with our outdoor Mass at 10:00 AM Sundays. Instead of on the rectory lawn, Mass will be celebrated in front of the doors at the social hall. Father will stand at the social hall doors and people can either remain in their cars in the parking lot by the Parish Hall and the Education Building or bring a chair and sit under the pavilion. Please be sure to remain socially distant if sitting out of your car. In the event of **rain or snow** on Sunday morning, the Mass will **NOT** be celebrated at 10:00AM.

**WELCOME!** We welcome the following new members into our parish family:

Vito Renda, Dover

Joseph & Susan McPeak, East Berlin

Chad & Jennifer Mondorff & family, Hanover



### Meditation for the Year of Saint Joseph

#### Joseph the Carpenter

*What can Joseph, the Just, do  
When the very same Law  
To which he'd dedicated his life  
Demands he betray and expose  
The young woman who was to be  
His beloved wife?*

*What can Joseph, the Silent, say  
When his critics complain  
Her shame and infidelity  
Deserve nothing less than death?*

*How can Joseph, the Dreamer, respond  
When an angel first comforts  
Then disturbs his sleep  
With heavenly warnings  
To rise and flee to foreign lands?*

*When should Joseph, the Carpenter, teach  
His young son how to use his skill  
And strength, his hands and feet  
To work with wood, to feel its heft,  
To cut along the grain and bear  
Its weight on his young shoulder?*

*Behold! Joseph, most chaste, discovers  
A far more intimate and enduring love  
Than he ever dared dream, hope or imagine  
And he of whom Scripture records no words  
Provides guidance, strength and comfort  
To magnify the eternal Word..*

*By: Joseph R. Veneroso, M.M. (Maryknollmagazine)*



In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis has proclaimed a special 'Year of St. Joseph' beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the feast in 2021. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-10 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us to see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people, who though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service to the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St. Paul VI.

**WITH A FATHER'S HEART:** that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph."

**GROCERY CERTIFICATES** – The sale of the grocery cards is very beneficial to our parish. 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. We thank all those who continually support the sale of the Weis and Giant cards. The cards are available in the parish office throughout the week between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Please help support this wonderful program! From June 8<sup>th</sup> to present, we sold \$4,640.00 for a profit of \$232.00.

**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 support Immaculate Heart of Mary. Last heating season, IHM was among the top 5 churches in donations received! There is no additional cost to anyone who participates – it is a donation from Aero Energy to our church. Thanks to all who participate! To sign up, call 888-827-17136.

**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.

**UPCOMING PARISH MISSION**  
*Dates: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>*  
*Time: 7 - 9 PM*  
*Fr. William Garrott*

**RUTH'S HARVEST PACKERS** – We will start up Ruth's Harvest once again this year with our first distribution taking place on Friday, Nov. 13. We will pack 50 bags starting at 1:30 PM. You will be required to wear a mask, and we will have gloves to handle the food. Future dates (all Fridays at 1:30 at Abbottstown Fire Hall) are December 11, January 22, February 19, March 19, April TBA, and May 21. If you are able to help on Friday, Nov. 13, please respond to Pat Renaut at 717-637-1110 or [patrenaut@hotmail.com](mailto:patrenaut@hotmail.com).



**United States Bankruptcy Court  
for the Middle District of Pennsylvania**

**In re: Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg  
Case No. 1:20-bk-00599 (HWV)**

**Claims Notice for Victims of Sexual Abuse  
and Others with Claims Against the Roman  
Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg**

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, a Roman Catholic parish or Roman Catholic school within the geographical area of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, or have any claim against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, you must file a claim by **November 13, 2020**.



For more Diocesan information, visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org>  
or <https://dm.epiq11.com/RCDH>

For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania information, visit: <http://www.pamb.uscourts.gov/>

**DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT –** Information concerning the Publication Notice and Sexual Abuse Claims Filing Deadline of Nov. 13, 2020 is available on the bulletin boards in Church, as well as by visiting [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) or <https://dm.epiq.11.com/case/rcdh/info>. The direct link to file a claim is <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DOH-Restructuring-Claim-Form-Blank.pdf>

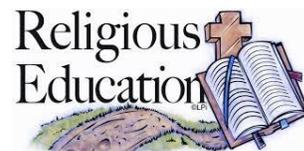
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As I know many of you are aware, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in February of this year. We made this decision in an effort to ensure our financial ability to both provide fair and equitable compensation for survivors of past sexual abuse and ensure the future of the missions and ministries of the Roman Catholic Church within our Diocese's territory.

In support of this effort, I have asked your Pastor (Parochial Vicar) to read this letter to all of you this weekend and again in September to ensure that we reach as many survivors as possible before the claims filing deadline. The claims filing deadline is November 13, 2020. Claims can be made confidentially. Information on how to submit a claim has been posted at every church and school within the Diocese. We have also made this information available on the Diocese's webpage and the webpage maintained by the Diocese's claims and balloting agent, Epiq Restructuring, at <https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdh/info>. Additionally, information will also be published at least twice in your parish's weekly bulletin and you can ask any priest within our Diocese for more information as well. I ask that you please share this information with your family and friends who are not here today. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please be assured of my continuing prayers and I ask that you please keep me as well as all of the priests, deacons, and consecrated religious of our Diocese in your prayers as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer



**DIRECT PAYMENTS FROM BANK TO IHM PARISH**  
Several parishioners have been utilizing this service from their Bank to IHM Church for the last several years. It has proven to be an easy and safe way for your parish contributions to be sent directly with little to no effort on your part.

Some parishioners lately have chosen the **TEMPORARY** service offered through the Diocese for their parish tithing. This is a temporary offer and the

Diocese is not offering recurring giving for the parishes for the Sunday Offering gifts.

If you have been utilizing this service from the Diocese and wish to continue an “auto payment” direct to IHM, we are asking that you contact your bank and make the arrangements to have your payments sent directly to IHM Church, 6084 W. Canal Rd., Abbottstown PA 17301. It is a very simple process – request the payment through the “bill pay” program, give them the amount and schedule you want these payments to be made (weekly, monthly, etc.). They will send the check directly to our Church and credit is given immediately. There is no fee by the bank for either the parishioner or the parish. However, utilizing the service from the Diocese does cost the parish a fee for each payment made or any credit card transaction occurs.

As always, we appreciate the financial support of our parish and if you have any questions regarding this “auto pay” method for your contributions, please contact Anita in the parish office at 717-259-0611 ext 5.

### **FOOD PANTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are currently NOT collecting donations for the local food pantry. However, there still is a need; and New Hope Ministries is greatly involved with assisting us with monthly distributions in both East Berlin and Abbottstown. If you would like to contribute, please send a donation to New Hope Ministries at PO Box 448, Dillsburg, PA 17019. If you have items you wish to donate, please take them directly to a New Hope location (e.g. New Oxford); it is recommended that you call first to make arrangements (717-624-4700).

The number of families served at the East Berlin Food Pantry on August 5<sup>th</sup> was 30, which included 74 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown Food Pantry on August 6<sup>th</sup> was 23, which included 63 individuals.

### **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 \$462.76 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!

**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. With the county stay-at-home orders in place, and our Masses being recorded for the website, we have not had Mass requests lately and therefore are running low. Please consider having a Mass said for a loved one or a special occasion.

**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 717-225-6516.

### **SIGN UP FOR THE DIGITAL CATHOLIC WITNESS**

The Catholic Witness transitioned to a weekly digital edition in May, reporting news and features that reach Catholics instantly. The digital format features a weekly e-newsletter with stories, photos and videos, as well as a designed PDF that can be printed and shared. The digital service is free to all subscribers. Sign up today at [www.hbgdiocese.org/the-catholic-witness-newspaper/catholic-witness-signup/](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/the-catholic-witness-newspaper/catholic-witness-signup/) and join us as we continue to share in the Church’s mission to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of today’s world.

### ***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.*

### **WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – Religious Education from  
9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – Adult Enrichment Class in  
The social hall, 9:30-11 AM**

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg  
Room 4, 7 PM**

**Monday, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in  
Social Hall, 7 PM**

**Wednesday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – Soup and Sermon, Noon – 1 PM in social hall**

**Wednesday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts, 6-9 PM**

**Thursday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in the Social Hall after Mass**

**Friday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross, 7 PM**

### MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun Mar. 28-29

**5:00 PM Mass:**

**8:15 AM Mass:**

**11:15 AM Mass:**

Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun Mar. 28-29

**5 PM MASS –**

**8:15 AM MASS –**

**11:15 AM MASS –**

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun Mar. 28-29

**5:00 PM:**

**8:15 AM:**

**11:15 AM:**

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

**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 anytime you park in these spaces.**

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Feb. 5th served 49 families which included 124 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Feb. 6th was 16 for a total of 41 individuals. The link to the

Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on **Wednesday, March 5th** at the East Berlin location is [www.volunteersignup.org/MYX8P](http://www.volunteersignup.org/MYX8P) and **Thursday, March 7th** 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 as LAUNDRY DETERGENT, etc. and place them in the food pantry barrels.

**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.

**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.

### **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

**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!

**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

**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!

**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.

### **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.

**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, fee free to call or text me at 717-357-8051. Thank you!

Holly Fletcher

**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.

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)

