

*PARISH PICNIC*

*Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019*

*11:30 AM – 4:30 PM*

*Come enjoy good food,  
games, theme basket  
auction, cake walk and  
much more!*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019

5:00 PM + Henrietta Mackowsky

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

10:15 AM + Susan Klunk

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019

9:00 AM + Lori Brown

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019

9:00 AM – Special Intention of the Jacoby Family

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

9:00 AM + Patricia Bittinger

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Randy Swords

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

5:00 PM – Special Intention of Dave Hartlaub

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

8:15 AM + Patricia Bittinger

10:15 AM – People of the Parish

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

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**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, Easton Tolson, Sharon Nowakowski, Stephen Nowakowski, Rose McMaster, Dianne Giampietro and Sarah Arigo.

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Just like the seventy two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's gospel, families are expected to be MISSIONARIES. By our lives, words and life style we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity and respect to a culture caught up with violence and gratification.

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR LAST WEEKEND** were in honor of Hector & Carmen Miranda's wedding anniversary and Janet Todt's birthday.

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

July 7<sup>TH</sup>-July 13<sup>TH</sup>

**Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM**

**Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 4, 7 PM**

**Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – Charismatic Prayer Group in Social hall, 7 PM**

**Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study in Den, 9:30 AM**

**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – Faith Sharing Group in Den After 9 AM Mass**

**MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

**ALTAR SERVERS** for Sat/Sun July 13-14

**5:00 PM Mass:** Ella & Landon Smith, Sadie Wicker

**8:15 AM Mass:** Ryan Gebhart, Nathan & Hannah Maysilles

**10:15 AM Mass:** Edie Rumbaugh, Luke & Stephen Guaragno

Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

**LECTORS** for Sat/Sun July 13-14

**5 PM MASS** – Betsy Miriello

**8:15 AM MASS** – Midge Stokes

**10:15 AM MASS** – Jess Socrates

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION (EMHC)** for Sat/Sun July 13-14

**5:00 PM:** Rose Dietz, Jen Gentile, Bertie Kuhn, Larry Miller, Steve Signorello

**8:15 AM:** Marie & Richard Dangelovitch, Carol Stroud, Mitch & Elaine Walton

**10:15 AM:** Rita Becoski, Kevin Behr, John & Diane Schlaline, Pat Spiridonoff

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

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**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 June 30, 2019 we sold \$640 for a profit of \$32.00.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** –“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Burger or Fr. Jonathan Sawicki, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804 or check out [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com).

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM** – We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all those who participate in the Aero Energy House of Worship Program. Our parish received a check in the amount of \$527.16 from this past heating season! IHM receives 4 cents per gallon for anyone using heating oil or propane that is a current customer of Aero Energy or anyone who becomes a NEW customer. If you are not already participating in this program and would like to, please call Aero Energy at 888-827-1713 to sign up for the House of Worship Program. There is no additional cost to anyone who participates – it is a donation from Aero Energy to our church. Thanks to all who participate!

**THANK YOU** - We wish to thank everyone who made the Celebration of our Parish Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions so special. A special thank you to Fr. Dwight Schlaline, our homilist, to Roy Wainwright and *INFUSED* for providing our worship music; Joe Creavey, our Seminarian, our Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for your participation in these sacred days.

To Steve Signorello and his faithful helpers for providing a delicious meal for our guest priests, sisters, deacons and staff on Tuesday evening before the Solemn Closing of our Eucharistic Devotions.priests,

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** - Some of you reading this parish bulletin were never baptized; some were raised as members of other Christian denominations. Some of you were baptized Catholic, but never instructed in the Faith; some of you married a Catholic and you have felt some kind of attraction to Catholicism. Some of you have been attending Mass, at least occasionally with Catholic family members or friends. You have listened to many homilies, but you still have questions concerning Catholicism. Perhaps you were once ready to inquire, but you did not know how to go about it.

Is the Lord urging you to learn more? This year Immaculate Heart of Mary will continue the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) ~ ~ a series of basic instructions in the Catholic Faith. You are invited to check us out! Your attendance and participation in this process will not be interpreted as a "hard and fast" decision to become a Catholic. Our primary goal in offering these instructions is to answer your questions and to help you deepen your faith in God. For more information about the RCIA process, please call Sister Rosanne at (717) 259-0611, ext. 7

**SAVE THE DATE** - Our annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, August 4th** from 11:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Plan to join us for some good food, games, Theme Basket Auction, Cake Walk and much, much more! For more information, please call Sister Rosanne at (&17) 259-0611, ext. 7

**CORPUS CHRISTI MEN'S RETREAT** – the annual men's retreat, sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish, will be held on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University,

Emmitsburg, MD on the weekend of August 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday evening until early Sunday afternoon). Included are 2 nights' lodging and 6 good meals, which are incidental to a most enjoyable spiritual experience. If you've never attended a retreat, or it's been a long time since your last one, why not take a chance and "treat" yourself this year? Father Bill Garrott O.P., Saint Dominic Priory, Washington DC will lead us this year and "satisfaction is guaranteed". A minimum reservation deposit of \$60 will hold your room. For more information, contact Jess Socrates email: [jesssocrates@phikappamu.com](mailto:jesssocrates@phikappamu.com), office 717-637-4551 X4152, cell 717-817-1608 (leave text message if no answer)

**WELCOME!** We welcome the following to our parish family:

Cory & Hannah McCoy & family, Dover  
Orlan & Melinda Morgan & family, Dover  
Eric & Dee Thieme, Dover  
Ryan & Danielle Peters & family, East Berlin  
Kenneth & Cindy Gordon, Spring Grove  
Thomas & Sherry Groft, Spring Grove

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** – Due to our Forty Hour Devotions, the Prayer Shawl Group will meet Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Room 1 of the REC.

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

**July 7, 6 - 8:30 PM: DY Session 5: Truth and Freedom**

**July 14, 6 - 8:30 PM: DY Session 6: Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful**

**July 21, 6 - 8:30 PM: DY Session 9: Priesthood, Consecrated Life, and Celibacy**

**July 28, 6 - 8:30 PM: Polar Vortex Night – DY Session 7: Language of the Body**

**August 11, 6 - 8:30 PM: DY Session 8: Marriage**

**August 18, 6 - 8:15 PM: Closing Night – DY Session 10: Friendship, Dating, and Family**

**August 18, 8:30 - 9:15 PM: Work-In-Progress Concert**

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

**JOB OPENINGS** – Delone Catholic High School has immediate openings for the following positions: Part-time French Teacher, Building Service Manager and Main Office Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. Interested applicants can visit the Employment page at [www.DeloneCatholic.org](http://www.DeloneCatholic.org) for the complete job posting.

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**THRIFT SHOP** – The Immaculate Conception Thrift Shop, 5 Carlisle St., New Oxford is having a 50% off moving sale now until Saturday, July 13th. Shop hours are Monday to Saturday from 9 AM until 3 PM. Questions call 717-624-1272. We will be moving to Immaculate Conception School, N. Peter's St. (behind the Church) and plan to open on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please note date changes.

**RETREAT** – please join us in New Oxford, PA for a one day retreat on August 24, 2019 sponsored by Breadbox Media featuring Dr. Scott Hahn who will provide 3 talks. Lunch will be included. Details can be found and tickets may be purchased at <https://breadboxmedia.com/paconference/> or by contacting Pete Socks at 818-521-3137 or [pete.socks@breadboxmedia.com](mailto:pete.socks@breadboxmedia.com).

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

The 12TH Annual "Swing for the Sisters" Golf Tournament to benefit the retired Sisters of Saint Joseph will be held on Saturday, September 28th @ Flatbush Golf Course in Littlestown, PA. For more information or to register for a Foursome, please call 800-482-6510.

**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*

#### **MAY FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 36,000.00</b>
<b>Income for May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$11,355.50</b>

May 12 <sup>th</sup>	9,121.80
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	9,406.00
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	10,280.00
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 40,163.30</b>

**ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:**  
**Capital Improvements**                    **\$1,748.75**

**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.

**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.

**ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK** – The food pantry in East Berlin held on June 5<sup>th</sup> served 60 families which included 158 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on June 6<sup>th</sup> was 33 for a total of 75 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on **Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the East Berlin location is [www.volunteersignup.org/79FEK](http://www.volunteersignup.org/79FEK) and **Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Abbottstown location is [www.volunteersignup.org/RHDHF](http://www.volunteersignup.org/RHDHF). 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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall.

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

FIRST HONORS: Audrey & Abigail Sell, Christian Powell and Julia O’Brien

SECOND HONORS: Harrison Smith & Avery Kuntz

COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Christian Powell & Avery Kuntz

**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.

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Religious Education from**

**9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Adult Enrichment Class in**

**The social hall, 9:30-11 AM**

**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.

**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.

**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](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 asks 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](http://www.hallow.app) or feel free to reach out to Alessandro At [alessandro@hallow.app](mailto:alessandro@hallow.app). The app is available on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

### **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.

**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!

**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.

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

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

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

**HEARING IMPAIRED –** Anyone who is hearing impaired may find it helpful to sit in Pew #9 on the Sacristy side. You will notice "hearing impaired" stickers on the side of the pew to indicate the best place to sit if you are hearing impaired.

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

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

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe