

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

5:00 PM + Edward Hoffeins, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Theron & Brenda Menges

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

9:00 AM + Laverne Lawrence

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

9:00 AM + Bob Felty

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Jill Cullen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Frances Verroca on her 100th birthday

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

5:00 PM + Ralph & Corrine Smith

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

8:15 AM – Special Intention of Chris Betts

11:15 AM – People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen Lawrence, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Becky Tako, Valerie Strine, Robert Despres, John Melhorn, Theresa Staub, Joanne Hallisey, Scott Hale, Nickolas Willis, Cecilia Hopper, Dylan Strine, Charlotte Smith, Timothy Pieczynski and Steve Smith.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for Anna Krolick, mother of Bishop Gainer, who died last week.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are in memory of Hector Miranda.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sept. 9-15

Monday, Sept. 10th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

Monday, Sept. 10th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 5, 7 PM

Monday, Sept. 10th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 11th – Bible Study in the Den 9:30-11:00 AM

Wednesday, Sept. 12th – PCCW in social hall, 7 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 12th – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Thursday, Sept. 13th – Faith Sharing Group in the Den after 9 AM Mass

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Sept. 15-16

5:00 PM Mass: Kayla Bream, Audrey Sell, Keira Slonaker

8:15 AM Mass: Anastasia, Sophia & Madelyn Galysh

11:15 AM Mass: Margaret, Clare & Nora Mailey
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Sept. 15-16

5 PM MASS – Alfred MacArthur

8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM MASS – Alex Phillippi

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Sept. 15-16

5:00 PM: Jen Gentile, Dan Landis, Barbara Reichart, Pat & Randy Slonaker

8:15 AM: Doug Barnhart, Liz Kohler, John & Kelly Maysilles, Beth Smith

11:15 AM: Niki Davis, Dianne Giampietro, Joyce Menges, Stella Thomas, Claire Wentz

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – “Be strong, do not fear!”

With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804

frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out

www.diocesanpriest.com.

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. During the week of Sept. 2, 2018 we sold \$1,450 for a profit of \$72.50.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. The other day in prayer, the Lord gave me these words to share: "Do not live your life in such a way that you think you can be good on your own. "I am good alone", says the Lord. Many people try to create a utopia in this world of so-called "goodness". The problem with this is that sin is not far away from the human condition. You may be able to act good for some time. But, to truly be good, you must be rooted in Me, for I am goodness itself. Trust in Me. Trust in My promise. An you will see this goodness -- what is truly good -- come to fruition in your life and in the world."

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: Chris & Juanita Horst & family, Thomasville
Scott & Adeline Brown & family, York
Christopher & Victoria Bruha & family, East Berlin

RCIA NEWS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will once again continue the RCIA (**R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults) ~ ~ a series of basic instructions in the Catholic Faith. If you are a member of another Christian Denomination or was baptized Catholic and then never taught the Faith, you are invited to come and check us out. Our primary objective in offering these instructions is to answer your questions and to help you deepen your faith in God. For more information about RCIA, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS – Beginning Sunday, Sept. 23rd, all are invited to attend the Adult Enrichment Classes held in the social hall from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The topic this year will be what the Catholic Church and the Bible teaches concerning the last things. Some of the topics that will be covered include Heaven, Hell, judgement, the second coming of Christ and teachings concerning the end times.

CHOIR – Choir rehearsals start next Sunday, Sept. 16th, at 9:40 AM in the choir loft of the church. The choir is open to everyone, please come and join us! Contact Kathy Schwar at 717-259-9086 or Roy Wainwright at 717-619-7243 if you are interested or have questions.

PCCW NEWS – Come, check out what the Parish Council of Catholic Women will be doing this coming year. Our first meeting of the season will be in the social hall at 7 PM, Wednesday, Sept. 12th. The meeting is started with the Rosary, for many special intentions. Hope to see you there!

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!

FISHERS OF MEN DINNER – To benefit the Seminarians of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, Friday, Oct. 5th at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg. Hor d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 PM and dinner will begin at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$150 per plate, \$800 per table of eight. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the parish office.

LADIES – IT'S OUR TURN!

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – The 4th Annual Diocesan Women's Conference will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 at Bishop McDevitt High School. The theme is **Women of Life and Love: Celebrating the Beauty of Humanae Vitae**. The keynote speaker this year is Jennifer Fulwiler. Besides the keynote address, there will be 36 topic choices offered. Come and enjoy beautiful music by *Women at the Well* and fellowship with women from around the diocese and beyond.

FEED YOUR MIND AND SOUL WITH ONLINE FAITH FORMATION! The Diocesan Institute schedule of Fall adult faith formation offerings is available at www.hbgdiocese.org/institute. Online courses and sessions allow you to access faith formation at your convenience.

GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES – Geisinger Holy Spirit Hospital will be offering a 5 week Grief Support Series beginning on Sept. 12th and will run through Oct. 10th. Each session will focus on a different stage in the process of grief, allowing the participant to gain an understanding of the process while sharing their own experiences within it. The Sessions will be from 1 pm-2:30 PM on Wednesdays and will be held in the Pastoral Care Consultation Room. For further details please call 717-763-2118 or 972-4255. Registration is required. Sessions are free and open to the public.

"WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?" - EWTN

Dr. Ralph Martin, *The Choices We face* published April 13, 2018 is recommended for all people of faith to see in light of the current crisis in the Church. It deals with "The Last Confrontation" spoken of by St. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, our fight against evil, and the need for cleansing in the Church of both clergy and laity. See the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbyZCuoMpSU>

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.

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

Saturday, September 8th, 6 – 8:30 PM – Youth Night

Saturday, September 15th, 10 AM – 10 PM – Uprise 2018

Saturday, September 22nd, 6 – 8:30 PM – Youth Night with Adoration

Sunday, October 7th, (TBD): Not Alone Bullying Prevention Program

Friday, October 12th: Deadlines for *Fan the Fire and Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk*

Saturday, October 13th, 6 – 8:30 PM – Youth Night

Saturday, October 20th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM – Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk

Saturday, October 27th, 6 – 8:00 PM – Youth Night

Saturday, October 27th, 8:15 – 9:15 PM – Festival of Praise Holy Hour

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Come join, in peaceful prayer, the fall 40 Days for Life campaign outside of Planned Parenthood, 728 S. Beaver St., York from Sept. 26-Nov. 4. Tom and Pattie Evans, the coordinators, invite you to call them at 717-999-4025 or email them at tomevans54@comcast.net for further information. You may also go to 40daysforlife/York to sign up for vigil hours.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BINGO – Our semi-annual Bingo will be held Sunday, Sept. 30th at 1:30 PM in the IC School cafeteria. Plan to attend this popular event for an afternoon of fun with family and friends. Prizes include *Thirty-One, Coach and Vera Bradley* items, *Alex and Ani* jewelry, local gift certificates and more! Mark your calendar and get your tickets early. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 12:00. Proceeds benefit IC Church. For tickets or information, call Rosemary Lowas at 717-825-1922.

CALENDAR RAFFLE - St. Teresa of Calcutta School. Our biggest fundraiser this year will be the PA Evening Pick 3 Calendar Raffle. The PA Pick 3 Calendar Raffle is tied to the evening drawing. The payouts range from \$50-\$500 depending upon the day. There will be a winner every day! Each calendar costs \$25 and gives the owner 100 chances to win! If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets, please call Julie Deal at the McSherrystown campus (717-637-3135) or Sue Poist at the Conewago campus (717-632-8715).

St. Teresa Winter Sports Registration Night – Attention CCD Students: Registration for 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls wishing to participate in CYO basketball or cheerleading at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School for the 2018-2019 season will take place in the Conewago Campus gym on Thursday, Sept. 13th at 6:30 PM. Registration forms can be found on the Athletics page of the School's website

(<http://stck8school.org/associations-committees-2/athletics/>) and should be completed prior to the registration meeting, as signatures from athletes and both parents/guardians are required on the forms. The meeting will include information regarding the upcoming season, submission of registration paperwork, and a chance to meet the coaches for your child's division. In the meantime, all parents will students interested in participating should sign up for Team App for the most up-to-date information. Instructions for registering for Team App can also be found on the Athletics page of the School's website. For any additional information or questions, please email stcathletics@stck8school.org.

SAVE THE DATE! We will be joining Catholics around the world on Oct. 7th at St. Joseph's Church, Hanover, to pray together to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness. Program: Eucharistic Adoration (music provided by the Hernandez family), 3-4 PM; Scriptural Rosary, 4-4:30 PM; Reflection and Marian/Patriotic songs, 4:30-5 PM. More info at www.RosaryCoasttoCoast.com. Questions, contact Dan Mlinek at dmlinek@comcast.net.

DELONE CATHOLIC HS FALL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Oct. 21st from 12-3 PM. We invite you and your family to come and visit with our inspired community of students, teachers, parents, coaches and extracurricular sponsors. We are excited to showcase our academic programs and services as well as all of the activities, clubs and sports that contribute to your student's high school experience. For more information, visit the school web site at www.DeloneCatholic.org or contact Mrs. Jennifer Hart at jhart@delonecatholic.org.

ST. VINCENT'S BAZAAR – St. Vincent's Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 3rd has vendor tables available. Please call Steve Edwards at 717-632-2488.

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towels, large plastic cups, 30-gallon trash bags, baby lotion, plastic silverware, laundry detergent, women's deodorant, toilet paper, women's slippers (sizes 7-10), young women's bathrobes (sizes small and medium), and newborn to 6 month old boys and girls clothing. Donations can be dropped off here in the collection site at the entrance of the church, labeled "Lourdeshouse".

MEN OF THE PARISH – the next That Man Is You program begins on Sept. 15th. We hope to see you there! It is different than all of their other programs and is made up of 9 different speakers. The great thing about this year's program is that even if you stopped coming in the past, now you can jump into this new content. We would love to have you join our small group Saturday mornings at 8 AM in the Immaculate Conception Adult Education room located in the parish center. Contact Pete Socks for more details at pete.socks@gmail.com or 717-521-3137.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on August 1st served 92 families which included 235 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on **Wednesday, Sept. 5th** at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/EE3JJ and **Thursday, Sept. 6th** at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/RYPJ8. 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

IHM VETERANS DAY DINNER will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, following the evening Mass.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC):

A training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 5125 Grandview Rd., Hanover. Deacon Tom Aumen will conduct the training session. This 2 hour session (6:30-8:30 PM) covers the teaching of the Diocesan church regarding the responsibilities of being an EMHC, and explains the use of the sacred vessels used at Mass and for the distribution of Holy Communion. This training session is for new candidates; but, anyone seeking a renewal of their mandate (required every 3 years) may also attend. Please check with the parish office to complete a diocesan application form and if you are a first-time candidate, you must arrange for an interview with Fr. Marcoe.

RUTH'S HARVEST – Our Ruth's Harvest ministry is resuming for another school year. Those interested in packing the bags should meet at the Abbottstown Fire Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 29th, at 10:00 AM. Along with members of other area churches, we will pack 105 bags of food for students of the Bermudian Springs School

CHARITABLE CHILDREN'S GROUP – The Charitable Children's Group will host a potluck lunch Sunday September 16th at 12:30 pm in the parish social hall. We would like to invite all parishioners to attend. We will be collecting donations for the New Hope mobile food pantry. Please bring a non-perishable food item or hygiene product to donate and a covered dish to share. If your last name begins with A through I bring a main dish, J through R a side dish or S through Z a dessert. Please join us for this event as we share our "bounty" with each other and those in our community. This is a wonderful way to spend time in fellowship with our parish family. If there are any questions please contact Monica Hoey at 717-668-5866.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR LOURDESHOUSE MATERNITY HOME – Lourdeshouse Maternity Home, a Catholic Charities residential program for pregnant women and their babies located in suburban Harrisburg, is in need of the following donations: paper

District. For more information, call Pat Renaut at 717-637-1110.

ADVENTURE CLUB – Okay Adventure Club travelers! We walked through the Tomb of Christ, experienced the mysteries of the Bible. NOW it is time for Sight and Sound in Lancaster to meet Jesus. Join us Tuesday, Oct. 2nd at 9:30 AM in the IHM parking lot to embark on this journey. After the “meeting”, we will dine at the Shady Maple Buffet and return home around 7:30 PM. Deadline for reservation is **Friday, Aug. 31st**. Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 to reserve a seat. Cost is \$110 plus driver’s tip.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - The Parish Pastoral Council would like to announce that we had two members of our parish community volunteer to serve on the council. Please join us in thanking and welcoming Rosemary Connelly and Lynn Murphy to the council. Given that there were only two vacancies, there will be no need to hold elections as in some years past. The Pastoral Council is here to serve our parish family. Please feel free to talk with any of the members when you have concerns, ideas or questions.

PCCW – the Parish Council of Catholic Women and the Conewago District Council of Catholic Women cordially invites all women of the parish to join us for the 81st Annual Mass and Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 13th at St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg. Mass will be celebrated at 6 PM followed by dinner at the Lutheran Seminary Refectory, 148 Seminary Ridge. Menu is chicken, wild rice, green beans, salad, desserts and beverages. Cost is \$20 per person. Guest speaker Sr. Marianne Therese Lallone, Vocation Director at Immaculata University will share information about the NCCW Vocation Purse Club, a program which assists young women entering religious life. Please RSVP no later than August 31st to Pat Slonaker at 717-624-3245.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 14-16, in Mechanicsburg, call 800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT –

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| Monthly Budget | \$ 45,000.00 |
| Income for July 1st | 9,929.00 |
| July 8th | 11,178.91 |
| July 15th | 8,381.17 |
| July 22nd | 9,154.73 |
| July 29th | 8,732.00 |

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 47,375.81**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements **1,734.00**

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 benefit Immaculate Heart of Mary. Call 888-827-17136.

DON’T GET SCAMMED! Scammers are now posing as priests and other clergy. In this latest scam, you might receive an e-mail that appears to be from your Pastor or another priest that you may know. The scammer would ask you to help someone in need by purchasing a gift card, and then providing the code to that card to the scammer who is posing as clergy.

Here’s how to protect from being scammed:

1. Know that scammers are out there. Be suspicious of any request for funds of any type via an e-mail message. Verify any request with a call to the person who supposedly sent it.
2. Know that any e-mail from a priest should be from a diocesan or parish e-mail account. Messages sent from free services, such Gmail or Yahoo, are more likely to be scammers.
3. Know that priests will **NEVER** ask for financial transactions via e-mail.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

WIND AND FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – Join us for a Charismatic Day of Renewal at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 8 AM – 4 PM. Music by “Breakthrough”. Keynote speaker Sister Pamela Smith, SSCM, Ph.D, Secretary for Education and Faith Formation for the Diocese of Charleston, SC will talk about the Holy Spirit and Biblical Living and Discernment & Healing. Registration: Make check for \$20 per person payable to Diocese of Harrisburg. Mail check to Charismatic Renewal, c/o Cardinal Keeler Center, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg PA 17111 OR call Joyce at 717-308-7245 for registration form or questions. OR register on-line at aliveinthepirit.net or hbgdiocese.org/renewal.

Registration made prior to Sept. 10 will include lunch. Please do not call the Diocese to register.

WINE IN THE WOODS FESTIVAL – St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School presents its annual Craft Beer & Wine in the Woods Festival on Saturday, Sept. 15th from 11 AM – 6 PM at Basilica Picnic Woods, Hanover. This event features local wineries and breweries including 5 Schmucks Winery, Brookmere Wine & Tastin Room, and Aldus Brewing Company, local vendors and artisans, music by The Dixie Hiway Band and the AKT Duo, a Meet and Greet with Lincoln Speedway 350 Series Champion Tim Wagaman, art under the pavilion, great local food, food trucks, corn hole and more. Advanced tickets are \$13 or \$15 the day of event. Order online (additional credit card processing convenience charge) at stck&school.org or contact Mrs. Frizzell at 717-632-8715 to purchase tickets.

STEWARDSHIP: A MISSION OF FAITH, invites you to join Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jason Evert, Christopher West, Damon Owens, Msgr. John Esseff, Marty Rotella, Devin Schadt, Mark Forrest, Megan Murphy, Bishop Alfred Schlert and many more, for an adult conference this fall. The event will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19th and Thursday, Sept. 20th. One and two-day tickets are available. The conference will be held in Elizabethtown, PA at the beautiful Stone Gables Estates which features the historic Star Barn Village and Ironstone Ranch. In between the 6 keynote talks, 24 workshops, daily Mass and evening adoration, you can enjoy 275 acres of God's creation including horseback riding, wagon rides, campfires, an outdoor stations of the cross, Marian grotto, vineyard and more. For complete information, visit us at www.stewardshipmission.org and click on the Fall Conference link.

CENTRALIA PILGRIMAGE – All are invited to a Pilgrimage at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Centralia, PA on Sunday, Aug. 26th. It begins at noon with Divine Liturgy with Bishop Andriy, of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Bishop Ronald Gainer will give a reflection and lead the praying of a Living Rosary at 7 PM before the historic and jeweled 18th century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, religious goods and food service will be available. For information, please contact 570-339-0650.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS – The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 3 presentations within the diocese concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends.
September 10 – Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, 7PM

September 12 – St. Philip Parish, Millersville, 7PM
September 17 – St. Joseph Parish, Hanover, 7PM
No prior registration is required. For further information, please call 717-657-4804, ext 304 or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org or visit www.HbgDiocese.org/annulments.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS – The Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg is hosting a night for young adults ages 21 to 40 from throughout the region called *Get Connected* on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018. The evening will begin with a 5 PM Vigil Mass at Saint Rose of Lima Church, York, followed by lite fare and a social at the Veranda Room at the York Fairgrounds. Registration and detailed information may be found at www.hbgdiocese.org/getconnected.

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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.

HIPPA LAWS – Please note that HIPPA (health care privacy laws) prevent hospitals from automatically notifying the parish office when you are in the hospital. Therefore, we ask you to please give consent (permission) for the parish office to be notified. If you would like Fr. Marcoe to know of your hospitalization, please inform the parish office before going into the hospital OR once hospitalized, ask the nurse or hospital chaplain/pastoral care staff person to notify the parish.

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

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.

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.

IHM MUSIC MINISTRY – Have you received the gift of being able to play a musical instrument? What a great blessing! We would like you to share this with us at church. During summer months, we will encourage the various instrumentalists to play prelude music and/or preparation music for the Mass. Obviously, the music must be appropriate; the instrumentalist must be of suitable proficiency and have practiced with the accompanist. What a great way to give thanks to God for the gift you have received! Please contact Roy Wainwright at 717-619-7243, roywainwright3@gmail.com or text 717-586-8412.

BIBLE STUDY – Our Tuesday morning Bible Study Group would like to welcome anyone interested to join them. They meet in the Den on Tuesdays after Mass until 11 AM. Topics discussed are the upcoming Bible readings. Any questions, please call George Severns at 717-292-0328 or email academia2@comcast.net.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRIP TO IRELAND – Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Harrisburg and visit the grave of St. Patrick, the Diocese's Patron Saint, on a 12 day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with Bishop Ronald Gainer. The trip will take place August 28 – September 8, 2018. The group will depart from Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. Bus transportation from Harrisburg to Washington is available. For more information, contact Mark Totaro, Catholic Charities Executive Director/CEO at 717-657-4804 (ext 276) or visit www.cchbg.org on line.

SPRING CLEANING? Please remember to donate any used clothes to the COMMUNITY AID BIN located in the IHM parking lot. Proceeds from the donations benefit Boy Scout Troop 127.

**Sunday, May 6th – Religious Education from
9:30 – 11 AM**

**Sunday, May 6th – Adult Enrichment Class in the
Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM**

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

FIRST HONORS: Julia O'Brien, Audrey Sell and Harrison Smith

SECOND HONORS: Christian Powell

COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Abigail Sell

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.

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!

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.

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

Holly Fletcher

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING SERVICE – Outpatient Behavioral Health Care is dedicated to providing access to high quality outpatient counseling for children, adolescents and adults in a small, friendly, confidential office. Services include individual and family therapy, marital counseling and parent-child counseling. Services are provided regardless of religious affiliation. Accepting Medical Assistance insurance (Medicaid) and County Mental Health funding (York and Dauphin Counties, for low income uninsured people who are determined to be eligible). Other clients can pay fee on a sliding scale. No one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Not accepting private/commercial insurances. Local offices are York Counseling, 253 E. Market St., York (717-845-2696) and Paradise Counseling, 6156 W. Canal Rd, Abbottstown (717-259-9537 – press 0 for secretary). Visit www.cchbg.org for more information.

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

PARISH WEBSITE HAS MORE PARISH INFORMATION, CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.IHMParadise.org.

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 worshiping.

AERO ENERGY PLAN – For each parishioner who is or becomes an Aero customer, IHM receives up to 3 cents per gallon of oil or propane. This is an excellent way to help your parish! If you are not already registered with Aero Energy for this program, please call Aero Energy at 888-480-1271 and sign up for the House of Worship Program. Any questions, please call Anita in the parish office.

RUTH'S HARVEST – the next Ruth's Harvest packing is Wed., Aug. 30th at 10 AM at the Abbottstown Fire Hall. It only requires an hour (or less) of your time, so feel free to join us. Also, please remember to place donations in the Ruth's Harvest boxes. We are collecting individual sizes of rice with chicken and vegetables (Chef Boyardee), beef stew (Dinty Moore), soup and fruit cups.

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM – We would like to thank those parishioners who partner with Aero Energy for their oil/propane needs. Immaculate Heart of Mary receives 3 cents per gallon on all propane and oil throughout the heating season. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to give to your Church as well as savings for yourself. **NEW this year** is Aero Energy is offering \$50 credit for any member of our Church who becomes a NEW customer to Aero Energy. They are also giving IHM \$50 as well for any new customer. There are brochures on the pamphlet rack or you may call Anita in the parish office with any questions.

PRAYER SHAWLS – Are you in need of a prayer shawl? Do you know someone who is? Please call Jan Melhorn at 308-2532. The next prayer shawl meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1 PM in Room #3 of the RE Building. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, we can teach you. Skeins of new yarn are always welcome and there are bins at the church entrances for these donations.

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 creation 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 once 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.

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE – Men's & Women's Retreats:

July 27-29: Casting Nets Evangelism Institute for DRE's, catechists, men, women and families. Led by Hector Molina, Chris Stewart and Tony Brandt.

October 7: Tent Revival and Rosary Rally. From 1pm to 7 pm. It is a day to honor the Blessed Mother as part of the National Coast-to-Coast Rosary Rally, along with invoking the Holy Spirit to re-ignite our spiritual lives and

a day of family inspiration and celebration under the big top. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior, and there's a special rosary walk. Speakers including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Johnnette Benkovic, Jesse Romero, Fr. James Blount, Kathleen McCarthy, Jennifer Hubbard, Teresa Peterson (music) and Marty Rotella (music). Free admission for all. Any questions regarding any retreats, visit their website www.malvernretreat.com

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