



Father,  
bless our veterans  
and all who serve our nation defending our  
freedom.  
For those who bravely gave their lives,  
grant them eternal rest.  
For those who are serving,  
give them courage.  
For those who served,  
we offer our deepest gratitude.  
We offer our prayer through Christ our  
Lord.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

5:00 PM + Judy Goley

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

8:15 AM – People of the Parish  
10:00 AM + The Faithful Departed (**rectory lawn**)  
11:15 AM + Theron & Brenda Menges

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

9:00 AM + Lorrie Raubenstine

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

9:00 AM + Paul Reilly

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

9:00 AM + The Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020

9:00 AM + The Faithful Departed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020

5:00 PM + The Faithful Departed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

8:15 AM + Dustin Riggs  
10:00 AM + Juliana Antonik  
11:15 AM – People of the Parish

\*\*\*\*\*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

\*\*\*\*\*

**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, Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Nickolas Willis, Loretta Gambriell, Steve Luckenbaugh, Sharon Nowakowski, Stephen Nowakowski, Dianne Giampietro, Sarah Arigo, Jerome & June Rahm, Bobbi Pfaff, David Hartlaub, Bill & Marie Hallisey, Holly Fletcher, Madison Six, Antoinette Baguley, Lisa Marie Smith, Regina Luckenbaugh, Peg Aumen, Rogene & Ronald Blocher, William Riley, Joyce Brooks, Bob Myers, Ceili Calderon, Melinda Roth, Erik Wolfer and the Conklin family.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Flowers on the altar this weekend are in memory of Francis & Margaret Arigo.*

In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Glenn Gastley**, father of Kim Trees of our parish, who died this week.

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.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – Are your eyes open to the presence of God? Is your lamp lit? Are you prepared to sit, wait and welcome God in your midst? (Matthew 25:1-13). If God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org), call Father Jonathan Sawicki at 717-657-4804 or write: [frjsawacki@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjsawacki@hbgdiocese.org).

**OUTDOOR MASS**

The 7:15 AM Mass, which we began on August 2<sup>nd</sup> will be changed to 10 AM, effective Oct. 4, 2020. We will continue to social distance in front of the rectory. Just a reminder that you need to bring your own chair and we need to be mindful of "social distancing." Please bring your mask, but you will not need to wear the mask during the entire Mass because of being outside and social distancing. In the event of **rain** on Sunday morning, the Mass will **NOT** be celebrated at 10:00AM.

**ALL SOULS DAY** – In your packet of contribution envelopes which were mailed, you received an envelope for All Souls. Please use your All Souls Envelope to list the names of your loved ones you would like remembered, which will rest on the altar during the month of November.

**WREATHS FOR VETERANS GRAVES** – Our parish will be placing wreaths upon the veteran's graves in the IHM cemetery again this Christmas season. We currently have 81 veterans in our cemetery. We are asking parishioners to consider sponsoring a wreath at a cost of \$20. Sponsorships will be available after Masses on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations can also be sent to the IHM church office or placed in the offering basket. A wreath placement ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin DePaulis, Troop 127 Scoutmaster at 717-319-1100 or [kevindepaulis@gmail.com](mailto:kevindepaulis@gmail.com).

**COOKIE SALE TO COMBAT WORLD HUNGER –**

This year the cookie sale will be handled differently due to covid-19. There will be NO cookie trays sold, instead there will be a **request for donations**.

The cookie sale provides food for starving children in Haiti through the help of Cross Catholic Outreach’s school feeding program. This is often the only meal these children receive for the day. Last year, IHM provided 26,625 meals to the school feeding program. More information will follow.

**SCRIP ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS –** This year we will be offering ONE opportunity to order scrip cards for Christmas gift giving. Due to Covid-19, some stores have closed completely or just in certain areas. Before ordering, be mindful of the cities where stores may have closed. We are asking that all orders be turned in no later than Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> so all cards can be received here in time for holiday gift giving or mailing.

**GROCERY CARD SALES –** Since we haven’t been able to sell the Weis and Giant cards after the Masses, please see the form included this week for anyone who would like to purchase Weis or Giant gift cards as well. If you are ordering with Christmas in mind, please fill and return as early as possible so we have them in time. You can use this form anytime you wish to purchase Weis or Giant cards. The form can be found on our parish website, [www.ihmparadise.org](http://www.ihmparadise.org).

**HOMESPUN PROJECT –** Many families have benefited from the Homespun Project since it’s beginning of 2006. To date we have donated 1291 BLANKETS. Many of these have gone to organizations throughout our area, families in need, and For the Love of a Veteran. One deployed Veteran from Afghanistan had said, Thank you, the crocheted blanket I received was like a ‘Hug from Home’. Another shared a story of how returning from the field, they were without electricity and they were wet and cold. At the end of his bed lay a crocheted blanket. He wrapped himself up, lay down, and fell asleep. He was so grateful for the thoughtfulness. I thought you should know your gift from your hearts and hands are cherished. Please continue to make blankets and contact Lori Ann Ziolkowski at 717-633-5135. Arrangements will be made for pickup. God bless!

**TURKEY DINNER –** Immaculate Conception BVM of New Oxford will hold their monthly Turkey Dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup> (TAKE OUT ONLY) in the parish center located behind the church, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Ticket prices are: \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children (6-12) and under age 6 – free.

**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>

**THANKS TO**

\* \* \* \* \*

\* \* \* \* \*









**SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –**

<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 36,400.00</b>
<b>Income for Sept. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9,090.00</b>
<b>Sept. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11,194.00</b>
<b>Sept. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7,414.00</b>
<b>Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10,533.00</b>
<b>Diocesan on-line giving for Sept.</b>	<b>400.00</b>
 <b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME</b>	 <b>\$ 38,231.00</b>
 <b>ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS:</b>	
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 1,193.00</b>
<b>Peter’s Pence</b>	<b>1,182.00</b>
<b>Natural Disasters</b>	<b>1,799.00</b>

**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.

Donations can be placed in an enveloped marked “Cookie Sales” and placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of November and proceeds mailed the beginning of December.

**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.

**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).



**PARKING LOT SAFETY** - Our Religious Education Classes have begun on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder for all of us to be cautious of the parking lot behind the Church as our students are dropped off and picked up. **PLEASE** be mindful of coming into and exiting the property according to the correct signs at the driveways.

**WELCOME!** We welcome the following new members into our parish family:  
Daniel & Jennifer Kaczynski & family, Abbottstown  
Melvin & Maureen Lee, Dover

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald W. Gainer".

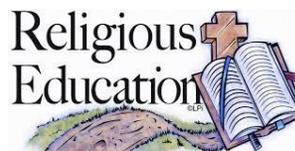
Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer



### **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

The RCIA is the process of spiritual conversion and growth, over time, in one's relationship with God and the Christian community. It is a faith journey where adults are fully welcomed into the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring a relationship with Jesus Christ and celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, please consider. For more information about RCIA, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7

Please visit the Diocesan website [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org) – Health Alerts page for the most up-to-date information regarding the Diocese's response to COVID-19, including a listing of Diocesan event cancellations and postponements, as well as additional COVID-19 prevention measures and recommendations.



If you have a child / children ages 4 through grade 8 who are not registered in a Catholic School for the 2020-2021 School year, you are invited to register them for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Classes here at Immaculate Heart of Mary. To register or for more information, please call Sister Rosanne @ (717) 259-0611, ext. 7

**JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will be able to celebrate Mass again here at IHM. The obligation to attend Mass every Sunday is still dispensed by the Bishop until further notice. Anyone whose health is compromised or doesn't feel safe to gather in large groups is **NOT** obligated to attend Mass. This year we will **not** be following a summer schedule for Mass. We will continue with Masses Saturday at 5 PM, Sunday at 8:15 AM and 11:15 AM. In addition, we will have Mass Tuesday through Friday at 9 AM. Because of the seating capacity, we request that you reserve your place beforehand. If you wish to attend one of the **Masses on the weekend, call Sr. Rosanne at 717-259-0611, ext. 7.** If you wish to attend the

**9 AM Mass on Tuesday or Thursday, call Anita at 717-259-0611, ext. 5.** If you wish to attend the **9 AM Mass on Wednesday or Friday, call Carol Stroud at 717-814-7918.** The call to reserve a seat needs to be made by the **Friday** before a particular weekend, no later than 3:30 PM, so that the seating plan can be completed properly.

Any group gatherings must be held outdoors, bring your own chairs and maintain safe distancing as required. **The indoor facilities ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.**

**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.

**MESSAGE FROM NEW HOPE – Do you know someone who needs help because of COVID-19?**  
Maybe someone who cannot find a job, is having a hard time keeping up with their expenses like rent or utility payments, or has been impacted in other ways from the health crisis? If they live in our service area, please let them know that New Hope is here to help!

### **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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – NEW DATES!

+ Our **PARISH MISSION** with Rev. William Garrott which was scheduled for May 3-5 has been rescheduled for Dec. 6-9, 2020.

### 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.

### *Message from the Pastor*

#### **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 (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 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.

**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@embargmail.com](mailto:6fletch@embargmail.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.

**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)