

**MARCH FOR LIFE
2019
BUS TO
WASHINGTON, D.C.
JANUARY 18th 2019**

**7:30am - Depart for
Washington, DC**

**7:30pm - Estimated return to
IHM, Abbottstown, Pa**

COST FOR THE BUS: \$10

**RESERVATION
DEADLINE DEC 18th, 2018**



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

5:00 PM – Special Intention of Harold Todt, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM – Special Intention of Dr. John Leib

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

9:00 AM + William H. Boeshore, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

9:00 AM + Edna Helmstetter

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

9:00 AM + Mary Anthony

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

9:00 AM + Maria Maxwell

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

5:00 PM + Ann Wainwright

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Theron Menges

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth & Alice Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen Lawrence, John Feiser, 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, John Melhorn, Joanne Hallisey, Scott Hale, Nickolas Willis, Charlotte Smith, Timothy Pieczynski, Landon Merryman, Loretta Gambrell, Barbara & Kyle, Richard Gawthrop. Bob Fitzpatrick, Scott & Mary Becker, Judy Goley and Steve Luckenbaugh.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Thomas Mannion, former Pastor at IHM, and Patrick Yealy, son of Kathleen Yealy, who died last week, as well as Maria Twardy, daughter of Heidi Twardy who died this week.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Dec. 9-15

Sunday, Dec. 9th – Religious Education from 9:30 – 11 AM

Sunday, Dec. 9th – Adult Enrichment Class in the Social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM

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

Monday, Dec. 10th – Legion of Mary in Rel Ed Bldg Room 4, 7 PM

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 15th – Cub Scouts in the social hall 6:45 - 9 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Dec. 15-16

5:00 PM Mass: Keira Slonaker, Harrison & Landon Smith

8:15 AM Mass: Dempsey Boden, Lauren Wicker & Ethan Aiello

11:15 AM Mass: Nora, Margaret & Clare Mailey
Coordinator is Kelli Maysilles.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Dec. 15-16

5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck

8:15 AM MASS – Barb Bowker

11:15 AM MASS – Susan Altobelli

Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

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

5:00 PM: Donna Cassatt, Dan Landis, Paul & Marjorie Oakes, Barb Redding

8:15 AM: Marie & Richard Danglovitch, Jeff & Terri Seifert, Carol Stroud

11:15 AM: Andy Altobelli, Rita Becoski, Carmelita Garcia, Bonnie Hensel, Barb Wantz

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – Are you seeking

“knowledge and full insight to help you determine” your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in 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.

PCCW – The Parish Council of Catholic Women would like to thank everyone for their great support of the angel giving tree.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2nd Sunday of Advent

1. Please mark your calendars for our **parish Penance Service on Tuesday, December 18th**. Starting at 7pm that evening, we will begin with a short prayer service, followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation. There will be many priests hearing Confessions that evening. I encourage each of you, especially if it's been a while, to come to Reconciliation as a means of preparing yourself spiritually for Christmas. You'll find guides to making a good Confession on the confessional (reconciliation room) door or on our parish website (www.ihmparadise.org – listed under Sacraments – Reconciliation).
2. Also, please see today's bulletin for more information on the **weekday Advent prayer services**, which are sponsored by the Abbottstown-East Berlin churches (ministerium). This year's theme is *The Star*, based on the recent movie. We will even be showing some clips of the movie during our weekly services! This Wednesday I'll be preaching at Trinity in East Berlin.
3. This Wednesday, December 12th is the feast day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of unborn children and the pro-life movement. Part of the reason for Mary receiving this title is that in the actual image that miraculously appeared on St. Juan Diego's tilma, she is shown to be pregnant with child. Our Lady of Guadalupe was also proclaimed by Pope Saint John Paul II to be the Patroness of the Americas (from Canada to Argentina). Our Lady of Guadalupe, please pray for our parish, our children, and our families.
4. Thank you to those of you who supported the various fundraisers we recently had at our parish, including the **Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger** initiative. God bless you for your generosity and support.
5. Did you know that we have a local Catholic store? It's called **A & B Religious Shop**. It's located at Address: 1150 W Elm Ave, Hanover, PA (near Delone). Phone number is (717) 632-7384. And, no, I'm not a paid sponsor – just wanted you to know. There is a great selection of various items there from books to cards to crucifixes and lots more.

God bless you and your week – Fr. Marcoe

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 Dec. 2, 2018 we sold \$880 for a profit of \$44.00.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES – Held from 12 Noon until 1 PM:
Dec. 12 – Trinity Lutheran Church, East Berlin
Dec. 19 – St. John's Lutheran Church, Abbottstown
Please join us!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES – Listed below are the area Penance Services for Advent:
St. Aloysius, Littlestown – Dec. 15th at 10 AM
St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg – Dec. 17th at 7 PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary – Dec. 18th at 7 PM
St. Joseph, Hanover – Dec. 19th at 7 PM
Sacred Heart, Conewago – Dec. 22nd at 10 AM

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Anyone who would like to memorialize a loved one during this Christmas season can do so with beautiful poinsettias. There are envelopes at the entrances to the Church. Please fill out and drop in the collection basket no later than Dec. 23rd.

FUSION - *Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary's youth ministry; open to all teenagers in grades 8 to 12.*
Did You Know? Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. She was officially declared the patroness by the first Council of Baltimore in 1846. Remember, the feast of the Immaculate Conception is this week. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Saturday, December 8th, 6 – 8:30 PM: Youth Night
Saturday, December 22nd, 6 – 8:30 PM: Youth Night with Adoration
Saturday, January 12th, 6 – 8:30 PM: Pro-Life Night
For more information, please call or email Paul Oakes: (717) 259-0611 ext.8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

ANNUNCIATION CHRISTMAS TREE SALE – Boy Scout Troop #107, 237 Main St., McSherrystown is holding a Christmas Tree Sale. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 5-8:30 PM, Saturday from 9AM – 9 PM and Sunday from 11AM – 8 PM.

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SAVE-THE-DATE – Prayer Shawl Retreat on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. More details to follow in the Catholic Witness and our bulletin.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019 – The Knights of Columbus Council #13692 will again sponsor a bus on January 18, 2019 for the March for Life. The bus will depart IHM parking lot at 7:30 AM and return approximately 7:30 PM. Cost is \$10 per person and reservation deadline is Dec. 18th. More details to follow. Contact Steve Signorello at 717-253-5924 or John Schlaline at 717-699-4534.

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT – Prepare your heart and mind for Christ this Advent with resources available at www.HbgDiocese.org/advent. You will find daily suggestions for prayer, reflection, action and blessing that can be used during the Advent season. A list of Advent Penance Services along with Penance and Reconciliation resources will be available. Also find a list of the top 20 Christmas movies from Catholic News Service. The material is courtesy of Diocesan offices, the US Catholic Bishops and other fine Catholic institutions.

USCCB – On Nov. 14, 2018, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved the formal statement, “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism.” This letter is not the first time the U.S. Bishops have spoken as a collectively on race issues in the United States, but it is the first time in almost 40 years. Below I share with you

the full letter and some pastoral resources provided by the USCCB:

-Pastoral Letter: "Opening Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism"

-Educational Resources for Grades K-8, High School, College and Adults

-A Prayer Service for Racial Healing in Our Land in English and Spanish

Additional resources will be posted on <http://www.usccb.org/racism>.

ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry in East Berlin held on Nov. 7th served 71 families which included 206 individuals. The number of families served at the Abbottstown location on Nov. 8th was 22 for a total of 45 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on **Wednesday, Dec. 5th** at the East Berlin location is www.volunteersignup.org/9FDLT and **Thursday, Dec. 6th** at the Abbottstown location is www.volunteersignup.org/CAHME. 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.

Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg Night with the Hershey Bears - Celebrate Catholic Schools' Week with the Hershey Bears Hockey Team vs. Laval Rockets at the Giant Center in Hershey on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 7 p.m. This fun-filled action packed night at the Giant Center is open to all and is a great way to celebrate Catholic Schools! Discounted tickets are available for \$16.00 each for all ages, from the regular admission price of \$25. Deadline to order is Friday, January 18, 2019. For more information see order form or contact jdise@HersheyPA.com

PCGG Symposium: Prison Christian Growth Group (PCGG), a Catholic organization which brings the message of Christ to inmates in prisons all throughout Pennsylvania, will be holding a Symposium on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Internationally known motivational speaker, John Foppe will speak as well as our Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer. Learn how you can be energized in your faith and hear how you can serve Jesus Christ by serving others. The registration fee of \$25.00 includes coffee, donuts and lunch. See flyer in back of the church or parish office for details.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT –	
Monthly Budget	\$ 36,000.00
Income for Oct. 7th	9,572.10
Oct. 14th	10,661.30
Oct. 21st	8,499.26
Oct. 28th	8,219.60

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 36,952.26**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:	
Capital Improvements	1,916.22
World Mission Collection	1,417.00
Disaster Relief Collection	1,564.42

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.

SHOE DRIVE – Donate your **gently** worn shoes to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School: Help us raise funds for our school by donating your gently worn, used or new shoes! Our school will earn money for every pound of shoes we collect. Plus, all collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors in developing nations. (Micro-enterprises are small businesses operated by one person or a family.) All shoes can be dropped off during regular school hours in the collection bins located outside of the McSherrystown and Conewago school offices. There is also a plastic bin located at the entrance to our Church marked for this drive. Our shoe drive has begun and will run until Jan. 2, 2019. **We can only collect shoes that are in good condition, meaning that the soles are intact, they have laces (if necessary), there are no holes, they are dry & clean, and they still have life in them.** Thank you! Please contact JoAnn Garman at 717-637-3135 with any questions.

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

FIRST HONORS: Audrey & Abigail Sell

SECOND HONORS: Julia O'Brien & Harrison Smith

COMMENDABLE EFFORT: Christian Powell & Avery Kuntz

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.

LADIES SAVE THE DATE! Women's Conference next year will be Oct. 12, 2019. Helen Alvare will be the keynote speaker.

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.

FLOWERS – Looking for a way to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion? A beautiful way would be to order flowers on the altar. Most weekends are available from now through the end of the year.

Please call Anita in the parish office to make arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS – Mass intentions are a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, remember those who have died or are sick and in need of our prayers. Please consider this as a "gift" for someone. Call Anita in the Parish Office to arrange your Mass intentions.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – CAN YOU DONATE NEW YARN? During the last year, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has made over 50 items for our own parishioners, Rachel's Vineyard retreatants, Cross Keys Village Skilled Nursing patients, Spiritrust Lutheran hospice and Hanover Hospital Maternity. **We rely on your donations to help with our yarn expense.** We can always use red, white and blue yarn for military veterans in hospice care. Please drop off your donations in the covered gray boxes at the entrances to the church. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, please call the parish office at 717-259-0611. Thank you!

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.

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

AERO ENERGY HOUSE OF WORSHIP PROGRAM – This program was established to provide Aero Energy customers an opportunity to give to our church. To participate, Aero Energy customers sign up by phone or online and Aero Energy donates 4 cents for every gallon of fuel they use to us. Please call if you are not already part of this wonderful program. It's an easy way to benefit Immaculate Heart of Mary. Call 888-827-17136.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

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

LOST AND FOUND – Please check our Lost and Found bin in the sacristy for any items you may have left in Church. Any unclaimed items will be discarded.

lane BEFORE 11 AM, OR come in the usual entrance way AFTER approximately 11:07 AM.

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

EVENT NOTICE – I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for more than 40 years and employed in the newspaper business for more than 20 years. We have many wonderful events happening here at our parish and we'd like to get the word out to the public. Please feel free to send me any events that would be of interest to our local community – from Lenten dinners to youth events to Bible studies and everything in between! You can send information to: 6fletch@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

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.

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

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.

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 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.

positive media images, such as reports of individuals helping those in need.

Additional information is available at www.YouthProtectionHBG.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. Let your children know about successful community efforts. You may want to share