

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

5:00 PM + Helen Behe

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Frank Burda

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

9:00 AM – Special Intention of Lester Hoover

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

6:30 PM – Special Intention of Ronnie Reimert

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

9:00 AM + Ray Menges

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

9:00 AM + Msgr. Francis Taylor

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:00 PM + Michael Carley

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

8:15 AM – People of the Parish

11:15 AM + Theron Menges

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 / Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

SICK OF THE PARISH – Please keep our members in your thoughtful prayers: Susan Goughnour, Fred & Yvonne Staub, Kenneth Williams, Don & Roxey Myers, Helen & Laverne Lawrence, Polly Renaut, John Feiser, Doris Pohlman, Marilyn Drummer, Louise Snoots, Norma Woerner, Alice Williams, Brenda Freed, Micheline Starcher, Ken Jacoby, Syndia Helmers, Addie Mannarino, Hector & Carmen Miranda, Kai Goley, Richard Doll, Ethan Slagle, Maria Tweardy, Gerald Serfoss, Susan Pieczynski, Becky Tako, Ronnie Reimert, Bernadine Filliben and Valerie Strine.

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 Feb. 11, 2018 we sold \$1020 for a profit of \$51.00.

A LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE EASTER VIGIL

Midweek Lenten Services are held at the following locations on the Wednesday's during Lent from Noon until 1 PM:

Feb. 21 – Zwingli UCC, East Berlin

Feb. 28 – IHM, Abbottstown

Mar. 7 – St. John's, Abbottstown

Mar. 14 – St. John's, Abbottstown

Mar. 21 – Trinity, East Berlin

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Feb. 18th-24th

Sunday, Feb. 18th – Adult Enrichment Class in social hall, 9:30 – 11 AM

Monday, Feb. 19th – Cub Scouts, 6:30 PM

Monday, Feb. 19th – Charismatic Prayer Group in social hall, 7 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 20th – Bible Study in the den, 9:30-11 AM

Tuesday, Feb. 19th – Legion of Mary Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg, Room 5, 7 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Boy Scouts, 7 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Parish Pastoral Council at 7 PM in Red El Bldg

Thursday, Feb. 22nd – Faith Sharing Group in the Den, 9:30-11 AM

Friday, Feb. 23rd – Lenten Dinners from 4:45-6:45 PM

Friday, Feb. 23rd – Stations of the Cross at 7 PM

Saturday, Feb. 24th – Youth Night in the Den from 6-8:30 PM

MISSION FOR LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALTAR SERVERS for Sat/Sun Feb. 24-25

5:00 PM Mass: Kayla Bream, Jonah & Abbi Robinson

8:15 AM Mass: Noah Racioppa, Liam Miriello, Ethan Aiello

11:15 AM Mass: Autumn, Madi & Alex Kuhn
Coordinator is Lori Kuhn.

LECTORS for Sat/Sun Feb. 24-25

5 PM MASS – Pat Brodbeck

8:15 AM MASS – Lauren Wicker

11:15 AM MASS – Leland Steinke
Coordinator is Dianne Giampietro.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION (EMHC) for Sat/Sun Feb. 24-25

5:00 PM: Steve Signorello, Pat & Randy Slonaker, Mary Margaret Thorne, Janet Todt

8:15 AM: Bill Bowker, Kevin Heilman, Margie & Sam Leese, Midge Stokes

11:15 AM: Carmelita Garcia, Bonnie Hensel, Joyce Menges, John & Diane Schlaline

Coordinator is Claire Wentz.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

1st Sunday of Lent

1. Welcome to the first Sunday of Lent! A **list of all parish Lenten events** was in last week's bulletin, and you can always find that list on our parish website (www.ihmparadise.org) or Facebook Page (@ihmparadise). Please allow me to highlight that each **Wednesday evening** of Lent at 6:30pm **Mass** will take place. There will be NO 9am Masses on Wednesdays during Lent, except for April 28. Also, each Friday of Lent, except for Good Friday, **Lenten Fish Fry Dinners** (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus) will be held in the social hall from 4:45 to 6:45pm, and then **Stations of the Cross** will take place in the church at 7pm. All are encouraged to participate as you are able.
2. **Lenten Lunches** (offered by the Abbottstown-East Berlin ministerium) are beginning. The first one is this Wednesday, Feb. 21st, AT Zwingli UCC in East Berlin! Then, we will be hosting here at IHM on Feb 28th. Each afternoon begins with lunch at 12noon and ends by 1pm – all are welcome. No need to register in advance just show up.
3. Finally, please allow me to inform you that the **Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal** is coming up the weekends of Feb 24/25 and Mar 3/4. I am so very proud to say that our parish has been so fortunate to reach our goal each year thanks to your generosity and support! This year's parish assessment has remained the same at \$60,100. The Lenten Appeal benefits many diocesan ministries that serve the larger Church, many of which parishioners here at IHM benefit from directly or indirectly. Thank you very much for your continued generosity and support – I truly appreciate it all!
4. **Want some different ideas of penitential practices for this Lent?** How about: refrain from negative or hopeless comments, saying things only in positive ways; avoid watching TV or movies with negative messages or dialogue; trade the time you usually spend on screens or sports viewing to spend time with family or friends; skip buying desserts or treats and use the money you save to purchase flowers for someone who needs a day-brightener; write cards to family and friends expressing ways they help you feel more hopeful and thanking them for their support; at Mass, introduce yourself to one new person each week or; actively watch for someone each day who needs an extra helping hand in your family, in your neighborhood, at work, or at school.
5. Our **Ash Wednesday Collection** will be used to benefit our parishioners in need. Thank you for your generosity and your sacrificial giving to help our brothers and sisters here at IHM.

God bless you and your week. Fr. Marcoe

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS –“Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.” Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support. If you are considering a vocation to religious life or priesthood, talk to Fr. Marcoe or Fr. Brian Wayne, Director of Vocations, at 717-657-4804/frbwayne@hbgdiocese.org or check out www.diocesanpriest.com.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE – March 10, 2018

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg may now register online at www.hbgdiocese.org/men, for the **7th Annual Men's Conference**, Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Bishop McDevitt High. Theme: *Men of Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist*. Keynote Speaker: Father Chris Alar, MIC, noted speaker and expert on Divine Mercy. Besides the keynote, the conference includes 34 workshops from a blue-ribbon panel of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction, many Priests available for Confession, beautiful music, good food, Catholic vendors, Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant and Homilist, and fellowship with up to a thousand men from around the diocese. Last year we had 1,100 men attend. It looks like we will have another very large crowd this year. Do not miss this opportunity to deepen in the knowledge and love of Mary, Mercy, and the Eucharist and all the graces that the Lord Jesus wants for you and your family!

IHM ADVENTURE CLUB – The Adventure Club of IHM is planning a trip to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to journey back in time to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and visit the tomb of Christ. Please plan to travel with us to share the experience. We will also visit the Franciscan Monastery for a Holy Land Exhibit. Cost of the trip is \$76 which includes both the Museum, the Monastery and dinner. Lunch and driver tip is not included. Call Janet McIntyre at 717-633-9384 for more information and to reserve a seat on the bus. Deadline to signup is March 26th.

UPCOMING CONCERT – The *York County Senior Honors Choir* will be performing a concert on **Sunday, March 18, at 7 PM at IHM Parish**. If you are not familiar with this organization you should check out their website at www.theychc.org. This choir is composed of approximately 100 10th through 12th graders throughout York County who are selected after a formal audition process. Two of the Senior Honors Choir members are also members of this parish: Eamonn and Margaret Mailey. The choir will be singing a wide range of songs, from spiritual to contemporary. This really is an amazing opportunity to be able to host this wonderfully talented group of young people. Please come support them! You will be in for a musical treat! There is no admission fee for the performance, however, a free will offering will be accepted after the concert. For more information, or to offer assistance (these teens love snacks!), please contact Rachel Mailey at 717-577-0139 or red91mailey@gmail.com.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER – Join in the celebration of Saint Patty's Day, Saturday, March 10th from 6-9 PM. Enjoy the Seasons Irish Band, and a buffet of authentic Irish food. Tickets will be sold after each Mass. Adults are \$20, ages 12-18 are \$15, ages 6-11 are \$5 and under 6 free. Get your tickets early, limited to space. Contact Ken Glass at 717-814-0265.

FUSION NEWS - Did You Know? Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the forehead. Ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Ashes are made from blessed palm branches used from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

Sunday, February 18th, 2:30 – 4PM – *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

Saturday, February 24th, 6 – 8:30PM – *Youth Night with Adoration*

Sunday, February 25th, 2:30 – 4PM – *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

Sunday, March 4th, 2:30 – 4PM – *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

Saturday, March 10th, 6 – 8:30PM – *Youth Night*

Sunday, March 11th, 2:30 – 4PM – *Living Stations of the Cross Practice*

POSITIONS AVAILABLE – The Department of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Harrisburg is currently accepting Resumes and Letter of Interest for the newly created position of **President** of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg. Minimum qualifications: practicing, knowledgeable Catholic who is in good standing with the church and actively involved in the Catholic Community; thorough understanding of Catholic School Philosophy; Commitment to modeling the values of Catholic Educational Leadership; Catechetical Certification (or in process); Bachelors Degree in Finance, business or Education; 5 years of progressive leadership and managements in the field of education or an organization of equivalent complexity. Preferred Qualifications (in addition to the minimum qualifications listed above): Master's Degree in Finance, Business or Education; 5 years of Administrative experience. For more information go to <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/jobs>. **Send resume and letter of interest by March 15th to:** Livia Riley, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Harrisburg, 4800 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710, 717-657-4804 ext 222, email: riley@hbgdiocese.org.

Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry, Shippensburg University. Catholic Campus Ministry is seeking an Associate Director of Catholic Campus Ministry, a full-time, ten-month professional position. Needed to assist the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry in leading our Christ-centered Catholic Campus Ministry. Responsibilities include: creating innovative ways to bring people together; responding to inquiries about the Catholic faith; providing opportunities for young adult faith formation; attending

weekly CCM Mass; providing pastoral care to students; coordinating annual retreats; mentoring and guiding the student Leadership Team. We offer competitive salary and benefits. You must be a practicing Roman Catholic possessing the ability to respect, promote, accommodate, and not be in conflict with the mission, moral and social teachings, doctrines, and laws of the Roman Catholic faith and must be a Catholic in good standing with the Church. Preferred candidates will have previous experience in youth/young adult ministry and a strong academic background in a related field. All interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by March 15, 2018 to employment@hbgdiocese.org.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE PENNSYLVANICA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) is the public affairs agency of the eight Latin Rite and two Eastern Rite Catholic dioceses in PA. Located in Harrisburg, PA, PCC currently employees a professional staff of eight individuals who are under the leadership and supervision of an Executive Director. Due to the impending retirement of its present Executive Director, PCC is seeking a highly-qualified and experienced individual to assume that position. Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree in theology, political science, public policy or a closely related field. A graduate level or law degree is preferred. Experience working as a lobbyist or equivalent legislative and public policy experience is essential. The successful candidate must demonstrate a knowledge of and fidelity to the mission of the Catholic Church and its public policy positions. Applicants may present their qualifications by transmitting a curriculum vitae along with a letter of interest, in confidence, to:
PCC Executive Director Search Committee
c/o Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer
Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg
4800 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710

CASH BINGO sponsored by Delone Catholic Athletic Association and Notre Dame Club of Gettysburg. Date: Saturday, Feb. 24th. Cost \$15 per ticket which includes a roast turkey platter and 20 games of regular bingo paying \$50 per game. Time: Doors open at 4PM, dinner served from 5-6:15, bingo starts at 6:30 PM. Where: Delone Catholic High School cafeteria. Specials and speed bingo games are also available. Door prizes will be given out. No children under the age of 6 are permitted. Contact Patty Smith at 717-451-7618.

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DIOCESAN RESOURCES FOR LENT – Use this Lent to seek Jesus through prayer, fasting and works of charity. A variety of resources to help you are available on the Diocesan website at www.HbgDiocese.org/lent. Visitors will find access to information on the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance; prayer, fasting and almsgiving along with links to helpful information on the CRS Rice Bowl, Penance & Reconciliation, daily readings as well as prayers and devotions. A listing of local parish and school spiritual offerings and fundraisers such as Lenten Fish dinners is also available.

ANNUAL LENTEN REFLECTION – The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and the St. Thomas More Society of Central PA invite all physicians, health care workers, medical students and members of the legal profession to the Annual Lenten Reflection on Saturday, February 17th from 8:30 AM – 12 PM at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Penance Service, Reflection and Mass by the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L. Please RSVP for planning purposes to Kate Neri at KNeri@hbgiocese.org.

MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS – The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving 2 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.

March 12 – St. Joseph, York – 7 PM

March 19 – Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, 7 PM

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Discerning God's Will
20's, 30's, married or single – Retreat Dates Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12. Registration 4-6 PM on Friday, May 11th. Held at Refreshing Mountain, 455 Camp Road, Stevens, PA. Cost before 3/9/18 is \$75 and after 3/9/18 is \$90. Based on 5 person occupancy, four full meals. Retreat Directors are Rev. Brian J. Wayne and Sr. GERALYN SCHMIDT. For registration and other questions, contact Mr. Rob Williams, Director of Youth and Young Adults at 717-657-4804, ext. 328 or rwilliams@hbgiocese.org. You can also find online registration at https://hbgiocese.formstack.com/forms/discerning_gods_will_retreat.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS – We welcome the following new parishioners to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church:
Daniel Frey, Abbottstown
Matthew & Danielle Rudisill & family, Abbottstown
Bryan & Louise Cheeseman & family, Dover
Ryan & Melissa Pysner & family, Dover
John Orendorff, Thomasville

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.

BEST LENT EVER – Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become the best version of ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter. This year, you can change that with BEST LENT EVER. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real life stories to encourage you in your journey. Simply sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

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.

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. All help is appreciated!

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.

CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS – The Harrisburg Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, with the sponsorship of Knights of Columbus Council 14081, invites you to attend an afternoon full of fun activities. You will learn about Father Michael McGivney and how he can inspire all of us to put our faith into action. **You'll also receive a free patch!**

When: March 18, 2018 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Where: Holy Name of Jesus Church (social hall)
6150 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg

Cost: \$0, though we ask everyone to bring at least one Canned food item to donate

Registration: Den/Pack leaders should contact Patrick McCormack at Patrick.a.mccormack@gmail.com. At least one registered leader for every eight Scouts will be required to remain on site during this activity. Annual Health and Medical Records, Parts A and B, must be completed for each participant and brought to the event. **Registration is required by February 15th.**

ENCOUNTER RETREAT – for college aged young adults and recent graduates. Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 310 Hertzler Road, Mechanicsburg. The season of Easter is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information, contact your Catholic Campus Ministry Office or the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Diocese, 717-657-4804, ext. 327. On line registration is also available at https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_retreat.

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.

IHM ADVENTURE CLUB

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ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD BANK – The food pantry held on Jan. 3rd served 96 families which included 269 individuals. The link to the Time to Sign Up page for the food pantry on Wednesday, Feb. 7th is www.volunteersignup.org/JFP8E. 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.

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

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT –

Monthly Budget	\$ 35,200.00
Income for Dec. 3rd	10,470.95
Dec. 10th	10,357.07
Dec. 17th	9,722.75
Dec. 27th	10,189.00

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME **\$ 40,739.77**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Capital Improvements	2,030.84
Immaculate Conception	1,721.85
Religious Retirement	2,897.17
Christmas Collection	16,785.68

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO – MOUNT ST.

MARY'S UNIVERSITY – listing of upcoming events:

Our Lady of Lourdes – Feb. 11, 2018 – includes rosary

Adoration, Reconciliation, Procession and Mass

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 14, 2018 – includes Adoration,

Reconciliation and Mass

Annunciation of the Lord – March 25, 2018 – includes

Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass

Palm Sunday – March 25, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass

Good Friday – March 30, 2018 – includes Adoration, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Homily of

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Last Seven Words and Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018 – includes Sunrise

Ecumenical Service, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass

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.

Fusion News

Fusion is Immaculate Heart of Mary's youth ministry; open to all teens in grades 8 to 12. For information, please call or email Paul Oakes at: (717) 259-0611 ext. 8 or poakes@hbgdiocese.org

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA SCHOOL UPDATE – The current enrollment at St. Teresa of Calcutta School is 438 students with the possibility of adding 5 more. Sacred Heart Campus has 168 enrolled in grades

K through 3 and McSherrystown Campus has 271 enrolled in grades 4 through 8. The school colors will be dark blue, light blue and orange and will be known as "The Crusaders". Grades 2, 4, and 8 will have 3 sections and all other grades will have 2 sections. Let us continue to keep the students, teachers, staff and families of St. Teresa School in our prayers in this ongoing time of transition.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED - Our Parish is in need of several more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, **especially for the 8:15 AM Mass**. This ministry plays an important role assisting Father in distributing Holy Communion to our parishioners at Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation. Please call Father if you feel God is calling you for this ministry. You must 18 years of age or older, a practicing Catholic and a member of our parish.

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.

