

The Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2008

On this second Sunday of Advent we hear John the Baptist calling us to repent and to prepare a way for the Lord. Let us recall that our time on earth is short and ask God to make us ready for heaven.



Beginning December 8, 2008

MON: Frederick J. Sperato Beulah Rexroade
TUES: Rev. Michael W. Carrion (SI) Paul Schneider
WED: Mercedes Frades John Herring
THURS: Dorothy H. Furlong The French Family
FRI: Garrett Radcliff (SI) John Patrick Codd
SAT: Pasquale & Assunta Gugliano Savino & Lucia Cucola

Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008

4:30 pm Jean A. Kutz Domenica E. LaPira
6:00 pm Dennis Wolford Archie Hamilton

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Jerome Bozek William Haines
10:30 AM Edward Lauterbach, Jr. Harold "Hatsie" Clasing
Noon: Rita & John Billstone Harriet Hunter
Holy Day December 8th
School Mass: Berbard Goloboski Paul Mangione
Noon: Martha Olejniczak Donald Foxworthy
7:00 PM Helyn Pessaro Peggy Hitt
N.H. - indicates Nursing Home
S.I. - indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 14, 2008

FIRST: Isa. 61:1-2a, 10-11 Glad tidings to the poor and brokenhearted.
SECOND: 1 Thess 5:16-24. Rejoice. Pray without ceasing.
GOSPEL: John 1:6-8; 19-24. A voice crying in the wilderness.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have a PRAYER REQUEST call any member of the IHM Prayer Chain: Call Ann Connolly 410-661-6947, Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410-665-8193

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIGHT OUR ADVENT WREATH? AT EACH LITURGY DURING ADVENT WE INVITE PARISHIONERS TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE. IT IS A SIMPLE WAY TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE LITURGY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS, PLEASE CALL DONNA AT THE PARISH OFFICE 410-668-7935 TO VOLUNTEER FOR A LITURGY OF YOUR CHOICE.

Ushers are needed to help with the Special Liturgy at 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 7. Please call Moe Chalkey at 410-665-6349 if you are able to help at this special celebration.

Collections for the Weekend of Nov. 30, 2008

Envelope Donations	\$ 8224.50
Loose	\$ 1552.16
Children	\$ 78.84
Total	\$ 9855.50
Less Cathedralium	\$ 1478.32
Available for Parish	\$ 8377.18
Poor Box	\$ 409.72

Electronic Offertory Contributions for November

Offertory	3,331.50
Maintenance	191.00
Youth	151.00
Poor Box	94.00
Capital Campaign	1,219.49
Total	<u>5,591.99</u>

Resounding In Praise: The total amount collected for the Month of November for the Campaign: **\$18,137.54**

RESPECT LIFE – The US Bishops have approved an “Order for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb” at the general assembly in Baltimore. This blessing was prepared because many dioceses could not find an existing blessing for a newly conceived child. This pray asks God’s blessing for a safe and healthy pregnancy and gives thanks for the gift of this child. The new blessing will be included in future editions of the *Book of Blessings* - *Our parish Advent giving next week is the Baltimore Pregnancy Center. Please pray for these women and their children.*

To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645.

ALTAR FLOWERS During the **Season of Advent** we will not be taking special memorials for Altar Flowers in the Church. Please call the Parish to check the availability of dates if you would like to place flowers in Church after Christmas.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Mass Schedule is:

4:00 PM Sunday, Dec. 7th

Consecration of the Church.

Monday, Dec. 8th 8:00 AM, Noon and 7:00 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Preparation Program for students in at least 9th grade by November 2009 will begin in January 2009. Information has been mailed to home to current 8th grade students. Please contact Amie Post if you do not receive information.

Are you a parent of young children? Plan a break for yourself and get a preview of your children's development!!! Volunteers are needed to help with YM@IHM. Consider being a small group discussion leader for Confirmation prep, a member of the hospitality committee for youth ministry events, part of the communication team, leadership team for the Sunday night youth group or anything else you can think of! Please contact Amie for more information 410-668-7935 x211

Middle Schoolers are invited to **drop-in** on Monday afternoons 3:15 – 4:15 in the Youth Room (basement, Rectory) for prayer, scripture and fun. Snacks are served!

IHM Parish Middle School Dance – December 19th – **TOYS FOR TOTS**. The cost is \$5.00 and you are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy –Chaperones are still needed for this special Holiday Event. Contact Amie Post at 410-668-7935 ext. 211.

CONSECRATION OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

Please join us on Sunday, December 7 at the 4:00 pm liturgy for the consecration of IHM church. This Liturgy will be the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day.

We were informed on Wednesday last that Great Occasions at Overlea would not be able to accommodate our needs as planned for the 60th Anniversary Dinner. Our event has been moved to Martin's East 9000 Pulaski Highway. Slight change of Menu - Major Change of Venue. Time is 6:30 to 10:30 PM

Sodality – Christmas party, December 17 – Luncheon Slip deadline – Return as soon as possible. Before December 15.

The Sodality Bake, Jewelry and Craft Sale will be the weekend of December 20/21 in Cartwright Hall after all the Masses.

THE STORY OF THE JESSE TREE Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." It is a vehicle to tell the Story of God in the Old Testament, and to connect the Advent Season with the faithfulness of God across 4,000 years of history. The branch is a biblical sign of newness out of discouragement, which became a way to talk about the expected messiah (Jer 23:5). It is therefore an appropriate symbol of Jesus the Christ, who is the revelation of the grace and faithfulness of God. Copyright ©, CRI / Voice, Institute. Each week during Advent new symbols will be added to the tree.

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WATCH LISTEN PRAY ACCEPT

**ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM – WEEK THREE
DECEMBER 13 – 14**

BALTIMORE PREGNANCY CENTER

This Center has been helping expectant mothers for over 20 years. They are assisted throughout the entire pregnancy and after the arrival of the infant. They are offered help with clothing, diapers, cribs, etc. The items most needed:

Baby Bath/ Soap and Lotions	Baby Shampoo
Wipes	Bottles
Diapers (size 2-6)	Bibs and Gowns
Onesies (Newborn and Small)	Crib Sheets
Receiving Blankets	Rattles Teething toys
Sleep & Play (Newborn & Small)	Towels/Washcloths
Socks - infant and toddler	Undershirts – all sizes
Clothing (Newborn & Toddler)	Sweater Sets (infant)

Please do not wrap the gifts. Bring them to Mass next weekend.

St- Vincent de Paul – Gift Cards from Target, Giant, etc. will be used to make Christmas a happier time for our parish community families who are in need. If you would like to adopt a family, please call Gary Brown at **410-663-4357**.

FOOD PANTRY - Next weekend, December 13 & 14 is our weekend to collect food for the pantry.

Following are the items most needed for the pantry:

Cereal ,tuna fish, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, Jell-o, hot drinks, tea bags, Mac & cheese.

Thanks to your generosity, 70 families were helped last month with food, rent, BGE bills and bus tokens. Please check the dates on the food. Three bags of food were discarded Our pantry is very low after Thanksgiving, please help us restock our Food Pantry.

We need food for the Christmas baskets. If you are away the week of the food drive, You can bring your donation another weekend.

DEDICATION PROGRAMS: Copies of the program from the recent Blessing and Mass of Dedication of the new Schantz Pipe Organ are available in the pamphlet rack in the rear of the church. The program contains the names of the donors to the organ through the *Resounding In Praise Capital Campaign* as well as information about the organ.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS