

The Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2008

This Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday and our and our readings invite us to "Rejoice always!" As we light the rose candle on our Advent Wreath let us remind ourselves of the happy eagerness of little children who wait for Christmas.

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Intentions

Beginning December 15, 2008

MON: Edgardo Simon	Domenica E. LaPira
TUES: Harry McClellan	Archie Hamilton
WED: Arnel Simon (SI)	John Patrick Codd
THURS: Anna Patrick	Mary Rolandnitis
FRI: Thomas Kovell	Marjorie Marion Sisk
SAT: Bob Ryan	Richard F. Coyle

Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008

4:30 pm Robert Fedo	John J. Klima, Sr.
6:00 pm Joseph E. Drury	Sr. Magdalen Joseph, O.S.F.

Sunday, Dec 21, 2008

7:30 AM William Middleton	Ruth Francis
9:00 AM Mary Joseph Coyle	Paul Schneider
10:30 AM People of the Parish	
Noon: C. Vincent & Ellen Cragi Dolan	M. Loretta Dolan

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home
S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 21, 2008

FIRST: 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a, 16 - The promise to David, ancestor of Jesus

SECOND; Rom. 16:25-27 Christ is the manifestation of the mystery kept secret for long ages.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38 Gabriel's Announcement to Mary

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
When a petition is requested please share with us the outcome. Call 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. SOME TIME SLOTS FOR MASSES ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

Collections for the Weekend of Dec. 7, 2008

Envelope Donations	\$	8007.50	
Second Collection	\$	3099.00	Maintenance
Loose	\$	1055.00	
Children	\$	71.00	
Total	\$	12232.50	
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1834.87	
Available for Parish	\$	10397.63	
Poor Box	\$	164.00	

RESPECT LIFE – The Pro-Life Movement is a movement of mercy. Rachel's Vineyard is the largest ministry in the world for healing after abortion, and it functions worldwide under the umbrella of Priests for Life. Many of those who are healed then share their testimony of the harm abortion did and the healing Christ brought. The Silent No More Awareness Campaign gives them a platform to do this. The campaign is not a separate organization, but rather a joint project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life. To learn more about their missions of mercy, visit www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org and www.RachelsVineyard.org 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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AT IHM. – Electric Giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from either your checking or saving account, or it can be charged to your credit card. Your contributions to the collection can be weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Sign-up forms are available at the parish office and in the pamphlet rack in the back of Church .

COMMEMORATIVE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS are available after the Masses this weekend. They are \$10.00. They are also available in the Parish Offices. The Wine Glasses from the Gala Dinner are available for \$5.00.

Please Remember God's Poor by use of the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each Weekend.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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.

Sodality –The Sodality Bake, Jewelry and Craft Sale will be the weekend of December 20/21 in Cartwright Hall after all the Masses. – You are invited to join the Sodality at IHM. Since 1953 we have formally been a prominent parish organization. To learn more about our spiritual and social activities call Gloria Dayhoff at 410-665-2902.

OUR DAILY BREAD Thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for the 101 casseroles and dry goods donated for our Daily Bread last Thursday, December 4th 2008. There will not be casserole collection on Thursday, January 1st, 2009. Monetary donations will be accepted for the buying of hams F or that day. Checks made payable to IHM St. Vincent de Paul

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY-FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Each parish is invited to nominate a couple to represent them at the annual World Marriage Day liturgy at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, **February 8** at 3:00 pm. Archbishop O'Brien will preside at the Mass. If you would like to be considered as the longest Married Couple at IHM please contact Donna in the office. If you will be celebrating 25 and 50 years of marriage email wmdjubilee@gmail.com. All married couples are invited to attend, as well as priests and deacons from throughout the Archdiocese. A reception follows in the parish hall. This annual event is sponsored by the Division of Evangelization and Catechesis and World-Wide Marriage Encounter.

ADVENT 2008

WATCH LISTEN PRAY ACCEPT

Week December 20-21

Don Miller House provides 24 hour assisted living to those who have been diagnosed with end stage AIDS.

Household cleaning products	Laundry soap
Antibacterial liquid hand soap	Dryer Sheets
Lysol Spray and Floor cleaner	Bleach
Dishwasher and Dish Detergent	Window Cleaner
Sponges, scouring pads	Furniture Polish
Paper Towels, napkins, bath tissue, washcloths	
Dishcloths, dishtowels, pot holders, aprons	
Bath soap, toothpaste, mouth wash deodorant	

It is not necessary to wrap gifts

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.

IHM ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

A prayer service followed by individual confessions will be held on Monday Evening, December 15th at 7:30 PM in the Church

IHM MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Church Organ & Cantor Vocal Quartet
Carols at 3:40pm
4:00 p.m. Hall Family Liturgy – Contemporary
Ensemble – Cantata at 3:40 pm
6:00 p.m. Church Organ – Quartet & Cantor

CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Mass (Church) Carols begins at 11:30 p.m.
Parish Choir
9 am & 11 am in the Church
Organ & Cantor at both Liturgies

December 27/28 Feast of the Holy Family
Regular Weekend Schedule

9am Mass Church - the Adult Choir
10:30 am Mass in the Hall music led by the
Contemporary Music Ensemble.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve – 4:30 & 6:00 pm
New Year's Day
January 1st - 9 am & 11 am in Church