

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 28, 2008

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and so we greet one another as family. In the Gospel We will hear about Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple. We have among us children who are just beginning to be open to the power of the Gospel. Let us pray for them and for the child within each of us, so that we may together learn to live as the family of God.



8:00 AM DAILY MASS

MON: Robert Kelly Dennis Woolford
TUES: Joseph E. Drury Sr. Mary Magdalen Joseph, OSF
WED: Ruth and Leman Francis Ann Marie Manz
THURS: No 8:00 AM Mass
FRI: Corine E. Gatto Charles R. Gallagher
SAT: Sr. Mary Pierre Newman, SSND Mary E. Taylor

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009

4:30 pm Anthony Banaszewski Constance Selby
 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009

7:30 AM Mary Powers Lowell Dwight Griffith
 9:00 AM Paul Wunder Joseph Martin
 10:30 AM Jordan Adams Mary Hill
 Noon: Carol Peters Sharon Fedo

EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

4:30 PM Julia Narango Viola T. Gronowski
 6:00 PM Laura Ruby Bill Serbeck

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD.

9:00 AM Victor Schiattareggia Rose Sodaro
 11:00 AM Joseph Grady Stephen Fury

N.H. - indicates Nursing Home

S.I. - indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Jan. 4, 2009

FIRST: Isa. 60:1-6 Nations shall walk by your light.
SECOND: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.
GOSPEL: Matt: 2:1-12 The Magi came for the east, following the star.

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.

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.

The bulletin went to press early because of the Holidays. Collections for the Weekend of December 22, 2008 and the Collection for Christmas will be printed in the bulletin for January 4, 2009.

RESPECT LIFE – HEALING THE TRAUMA OF ABORTION - Do you know someone hurting from abortion...mother, father, sister, or friend? Help save a life. Rachel's Vineyard, healing the trauma of abortion one weekend at a time, will hold retreats on the following dates: **January 23-25, March 6-8, May 1-3.** Cost is \$150-\$200 per person (scholarship assistance is available). For more information, visit www.project-rachel.net or call 1-800-286-4224. The national Rachel's Vineyard hotline is 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645.

ALTAR FLOWERS - We will begin taking requests for Altar Flowers on the weekend of January 18th. Please call the Parish to check the availability of dates if you would like to place flowers in Church after Christmas.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA
 The Apostleship of the Sea Ministry to international seafarers in the Port of Baltimore needs volunteer office workers to do computer data base work(bulk mailing labels, donations, etc), and general letter correspondence typing, electronic and hard copy filing, as well as monthly bill paying procedures. Just a few hours a week per volunteer, time and day are flexible. The Apostleship of the Sea Ministry is also in need of men and women to become ship visitors for a time of four hours once a week or once every two weeks. Training is provided. Requires driving a 7 or a 12 passenger van. Your ship visits schedule (morning, afternoon, or evening) is flexible any day of the week. Also needed are gently used men's clothing, religious and secular magazines, medals, scapulars, rosaries, prayer books/cards to distribute to international seafarers. Call Msgr. John L. FitzGerald at 443 690 2447 for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Preparation Program for students in at least 9th grade by November 2009 **BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 2009**. Information has been mailed 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! We are resuming this afterschool activity on January 12th. Come Join Us!!!

Sodality –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.

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.

OUR DAILY BREAD - We will not be collecting casseroles collection on Thursday, January 1st, 2009. Monetary donations will be accepted for the buying of hams for that day. Checks made payable to IHM .St. Vincent de Paul.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

The Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

The Mass Schedule is:

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve – 4:30 & 6:00 pm

New Year's Day

January 1st - 9 am & 11 am in Church

BAPTISM The Baptism Preparation Program for **new or expecting parents** is held each month on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the New Parish Center. Our next class will be on January 8th When possible we encourage parents to participate in this program before their baby's birth.

Please call the Rectory to schedule this program as soon as you know that you are expecting. We encourage families to share this sacrament with the worshipping community by having their children baptized at the regular Saturday evening or Sunday Masses.

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

THANK YOU

MANY THANKS to all those who helped in any way to make our **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** so beautiful and meaningful. It takes many hours of planning, rehearsals and preparation. We are blessed at our Parish to have so many giving people who share of their time, talent and treasure so willingly. It enables us all to remember the true meaning of the season.

