

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2008

On this first Sunday of Advent our readings speak to us of the last days. The candles of the Advent wreath remind us of the passing of time. As we light the first candle, let us pray for the grace to make of our lives a preparation for eternal life with God.



MON: Andrew Simon (SI) JoAnne Wrenn
TUES: James Morgereth Pierce Shields
WED: Charles R. Gallagher Mary Conklin
THURS: Fernando Tayag, Sr. Blaise Fusting
FRI: Dorothy Drury Don Schanberger
SAT: Marie Van Fossen James M. Monroe, Sr.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008

4:30 pm The Serio Family (SI) Joseph J. Cicero
6:00 pm Karwacki, Kufera & Siatkowski Families
Frederick M. Sperato

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008

7:30 AM Marie A. Folan Dave Dannen
9:00 AM Ethel & Roland Burns Lavona Speckard
10:30 AM Paul F. Wooden Charles Coulbourne
Noon: Frederick Heiderman Frances & Michael Kutz
Consecration of the Church – Eve the Solemnity
4:00 PM People of the Parish
N.H. – indicates Nursing Home
S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 7, 2008

FIRST: Isa. 40 1-5, 9-11. Comfort says our God.
SECOND: 2 Pet 3:8-14 Conduct yourselves in holiness.
GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8 The Baptist prepares the way.

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

The IHM Holy Name is selling Entertainment Books. If interested call Don Ward at 410-882-6644.

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.

Envelope Donations	\$ 8073.50
Loose	\$ 1959.00
Children	\$ 65.00
Total	\$ 10097.50
Less Cathedralium	\$ 1514.62
Available for Parish	\$ 8582.88
Second Collection	\$ 7724.38 Resounding in Praise
Poor Box	\$ 226.00

RESPECT LIFE – The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is now pending in the U.S. Congress. According to the U.S. Bishops, FOCA is the “most radical abortion legislation in U.S. history.” If this extreme measure is enacted, it will impose an abortion regime far worse than *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. For further information go to <http://www.nchla.org/> and click on Freedom of Choice Act. --Archdiocese of Baltimore, Respect Life Office 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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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.

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!

SUNDAY NIGHT ROCKS WITH YM@IHM!!!! Come on Sunday, November 30 for High School Youth Group. **Meet in the Youth Room at 6:30 – 8:30** for pizza, prayer, discussion and FUN! We'll learn about St. Thomas Aquinas and one of his most memorable contributions to theology: the Five Ways. Participants explore the fundamentals of these arguments for the existence of God and will examine their own belief in God.

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 – followed by a **gala dinner** at Overlea catering. They are now **\$35.00**. Those who have already paid will be contacted about their refund. We hope that this makes it possible for many more to join us for this celebration. Please call Fran Wiegmann at 410-668-9335 for tickets*

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

For the nursing home Christmas party. The dates are: Monday – December 15th – 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Cromwell nursing home. Tuesday – December 16th – 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Loch Raven nursing home. If interested please call the Outreach Office at 410-663-4357 and speak with Gary Brown

OUR DAILY BREAD - Thursday, December 4th, is our day to collect casseroles for OUR DAILY BREAD. They will be collected on the rectory parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Pans and recipes are available in the back of church and at the parish offices. Please freeze casseroles. We will **not** be collecting casseroles on Thursday, January 1st, 2009. In addition to collecting casseroles in December we will be accepting cash donations or checks payable to IHM St. Vincent de Paul towards buying hams, potato salad, etc. for a party at OUR DAILY BREAD for New Years Day January 1st 2009.

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WATCH LISTEN PRAY ACCEPT

ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM – WEEK TWO DECEMBER 6 – 7 HICKEY SCHOOL/FORWARD MOTION

This Home helps young men between 13 and 18 years of age. Most of them come from abusive homes. They have little if any family support. Our parishioner, Pat Hanges, is a child advocate for these young men.

Suggestions – No glass containers Do Not Wrap Gifts

Puzzle Books	Word Search	Toothbrushes
Uno Card Game	Dove Soap	Lotions
Deodorant	Shampoo	Comb & Brush
Knit Hats	Board Games	

Also, monetary contributions or gift certificates from Target, Wal-mart or the local food stores will be used to make Christmas a happier time for our parish Community families who are in need. If you would be interested in **Adopting** a family for Christmas please call Garrett Brown at the IHM Outreach Office. The number is 410-668-4357.

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

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.

CONFIRMATION 2008

Congratulations to the 61 young people of our parish who were CONFIRMED last weekend. Our prayers and hopes for the future are with you.