

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2010

Today we hear the story of John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus, who is imprisoned and fearing for his life. He sends his friends to ask Jesus, "Are you the one or should we look for another?" Even this holy man needed reassurance in his hour of need. We all need reassurance sometimes, especially when the world looks harsh. On this third Sunday of Advent, we are called to rejoice, for the Son of God really is born into our world.

Proclaim the joyful message; gather in the spirit of the Lord.


Masses for the Week

Beginning Monday December 13, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Pasquale & Assumta Gagliano
 Savino & Lucia Cucola & Family

TUES: Ann Marie Manz

WED: Edgardo Simon Robert Sprankle

THURS. Mary Glace (S.I.)

FRI.: John Patrick Codd Arnel Simon (S.I.)

SAT. Wagner and Lochte Families

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010

4:30 PM Robert Fedo Thomas & Clara Kovell

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010

7:30 AM Jeanette Burchman

9:00 AM Richard Coyle Vincent Lombardi, Sr.

10:30 AM Mildred Streckfus

Noon: Louis A. Welsch, Sr. Josephine Marie Reed

S.I. - indicates Special Intention

NH indicates Nursing Home

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 19, 2010.

First: Isa. 7:10-14 God invites us to ask for a sign

Second: Rom. 1:1-7 Jesus, son of David, is the Son of God.

Gospel: Matt: 1:18-24 God sends Joseph a dream

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 410-252-2009; Anne Morgan - 410-668-7554.

Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church and are in the monthly packets and the Parish mailing.

Your contribution the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each weekend benefits our St. Vincent De Paul Outreach

Collections for the Weekend of Dec. 5, 2010

Envelope Donations	\$	9445.00
Second Collection	\$	3880.07
Loose	\$	1696.83
Children	\$	72.62
Total	\$	15094.52
Less Cathedralicum	\$	2264.17
Available for Parish	\$	12830.35
Poor Box	\$	229.35

Electronic Fund Transfer for November

Offertory	4,902.50
Maintenance	397.50
Youth Ed	236.75
Extra. Needs	483.50
St. Vincent	260.00
Capital Campaign	1,183.49
	<u>7,463.74</u>

ELECTRONIC 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. Forms are available in the pamphlet rack at the doors of the Church or by calling the parish office

RESPECT LIFE - The future of the pro-life movement rests on the shoulders of our youth. The National Right to Life Academy is a six week intensive summer training course for college students to provide them with the necessary tools to become pro-life leaders in their communities and in the nation. The program runs from June 22 through Aug. 5, 2011 and provides a demanding but engaging challenge as students learn to defend the equality of life ethic by understanding every aspect of the pro-life position. The hands-on training offered is the core of the Academy training because it gives students the skills needed to communicate the pro-life position in real-life situations. Applications are due by Feb. 15, 2011. For more information call 410-269-6397 or go to www.mdrtl.org

Crisis Pregnancy? 1-800-492-5530
Suffering after abortion/Project Rachael 410-625-8491
Project Gabriel 1-800-ANGEL-OK

Update on Fr. Risacher -

Many of you know that Fr. Jim has been suffering with a recurrence of his Crone's disease. Fr. Jim will be having surgery on December 16th in hopes that this procedure will help this difficult health situation. After a time of recuperation Fr. Risacher hopes that he will be back to IHM in the New Year. If you would like to send a card to him, please mail it to the Parish Office and we will forward it on to him. Please continue to keep Fr. Jim in your prayers.

BAKE, JEWELRY AND CRAFTS SALE will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 18/19 December after every Mass. Hope to see you again this year. Refreshments served. This is a Sodality sponsored event.

HOLY NAME - JOIN THE IHM HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND ENJOY FOOD, DRINK AND WATCH THE GAME ON A LARGE SCREEN TV. MONTHLY MEETINGS IN CARTWRIGHT HALL START AT 7:30 PM ON THE 2ND MONDAY AFTER THE 1ST SUNDAY. STOP IN AND JOIN US. CONTACT JIM MEYD AT 410-828-1953. OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

FAMILY PRAYER helps children realize the value and importance of prayer in everyday life. Enrich your life and that of your children by praying morning, night, and meal prayers together.

Do you knit or crochet - Would you like to share your talent? PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - MARY'S HANDS is the Prayer Shawl Ministry of the IHM Sodality - Learn about this special ministry. Inquires about the shawls or for more information about the Ministry contact Pat Novak at 410-321-1438 or BIRD6734@aol.com

The crowds went to the desert in search of new life. In the waters of baptism, we are given new life in Christ. Some are called to share that gift as priests and deacons. Continue to support vocation promotion. For more information, please visit the Vocation website: www.becomeapriest.org

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** will be on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Anyone wishing to help decorate the altar for Christmas please come to the church on **THURSDAY** December 23rd at 2PM. Many hands make light work!

ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM

Week Four December 18 - 19

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.

Our Parish Food Pantry is always in need of canned goods and non perishable foods at this time of year. You can bring your donations to the parish office or to Mass with you any weekend.

Thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for the donation of 68 casseroles, \$115.00 cash and dry goods donated for **OUR DAILY BREAD** on December 2nd

IHM MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Church Organ & Cantor Vocal Quartet
Carols at 3:40pm
4:00 p.m. Hall Family Liturgies - Contemporary
Ensemble - Cantata at 3:30 pm
6:00 p.m. Church Organ & Soloist

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

December 26 Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday Masses Only

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve - 4:30
New Year's Day 9:00 am
Mass for Jan 1 & 2 - Sat. 4:30 PM only
January 2nd 7:30, 9, 10:30 and Noon