

*Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 19, 2010**

In today's Gospel we are reminded of Joseph's confusion, but also his openness to God's word. God sent Joseph a dream and Joseph listened to the message. God understands that we sometimes need signs to remind us of what we know deep down to be true. Let us prepare our hearts and minds today to be open to the signs God provides, pointing the way to our true happiness.

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

  
**Masses of the Week**

**Beginning Monday December 20, 2010**

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Bob Ryan

**TUES:** William Middleton Ruth Francis

**WED:** Jeanne Shanahan

**THURS.** William Tamulonis Rubin Escarcha

**FRI.:** Ann Marie Finnel

**Christmas Eve – Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

FRI. 4:00 PM (Hall): Anthony Rupp

FRI. 4:00 PM (Church) Rosalie Hagan Mark Chalkley

FRI. 6:00 PM: Genevieve Morawski George Kohlhoff, Jr.

**Christmas Day Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010**

There are no Saturday Evening Masses on Christmas Day

Sat. MIDNIGHT: People of the Parish

Sat. 9:00 AM: Urban Bowles

Walter J. Brown & Gugliano Families

Sat. 11:00 AM: Herbert J. Hand, Jr

The is no 8:00 Mass On Christmas Day

Sunday Dec. 26, 2010

Sun. 7:30 AM: Joseph & Sophia Izdebski

Sun. 9:00 AM: People of the Parish

Sun. 10:30 AM: Helen F. Carrion

Sun. NOON: Nancy Tipton Richard Moore

**S.I. – indicates Special Intention**

**NH indicates Nursing Home**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 26, 2010.**

**First:** Sir. 3:7, 12-14 Honor and care for your parents.

**Second:** Col 3:12-21 How to lie as a family of believers.

**Gospel:** Matt 2:13-15, 19-23\_Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus become refugees.

**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.

**Collections for the Weekend of Dec. 12, 2010**

Envelope Donations	\$	7645.55
Second Collection	\$	2165.59 Youth Ed.
Loose	\$	1356.98
Children	\$	51.38
Immaculate Conception	\$	2059.21
Total	\$	13278.75
Less Cathedraicum	\$	1991.81
Available for Parish	\$	11286.94
Poor Box	\$	502.09

**Total contributions to the Resounding in Praise for the Month of November: \$8,592.75**

**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 Silent No More Awareness Campaign is a clearinghouse for post-abortion healing opportunities as well as for testimonies of those who have had abortions. [www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org](http://www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org) for more information.) One of the key ways that awareness of the devastating consequences of having an abortion can be raised is through public gatherings at which women and men share their experiences and call on all those who need healing to embrace it with new hope. At the March for Life in Washington DC on Monday, Jan. 24, such a gathering will take place so that those who have suffered the loss of a child through abortion can help spread the invitation to healing and inform the public that the protection of everyone's life is our responsibility and obligation. (Priests For Life Gospel of Life Ministries, Dec. 2010 Vol. 20)

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

**Crisis Pregnancy? 1-800-492-5530**

**Suffering after abortion/Project Rachael 410-625-8491**

**Project Gabriel 1-800-ANGEL-OK**

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

## PARISH SURVEY UPDATE

The parish surveys have been received and the results have been tabulated. Over 700 surveys were received and the final reporting format is being completed. The results will be shared with the parish community in the next couple of weeks. Once again, thank you to all who participated.

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

**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](mailto:BIRD6734@aol.com)

St. Paul recognized that he was called and “set apart for the gospel of God.” That is a special insight that comes as the fruit of courageous prayer, like that of St. Joseph. Pray for the courage to follow wherever God leads you. For more information, please visit the Vocation website: [www.becomeapriest.org](http://www.becomeapriest.org)

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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

**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.

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

## 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 3:30 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 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 Noon  
No Saturday Evening Masses

### *SOLEMNITY OF MARY*

*Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year’s Eve – 4:30 PM*

*New Year’s Day 9:00 am*

**Mass for Jan 1 & 2 Feast of the Epiphany –  
Sat. 4:30 PM only**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30, 9, 10:30 and Noon**

*On Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have the Parish  
Open House in the Parish Center.  
All are invited to attend after the Masses on Sunday*

**USHERS are needed to help with Masses on Christmas  
Eve and Christmas Day. If you are available to help,  
please call Moe Chalkley at (410) 665-6349.**

**PASTORAL OUTREACH** - Answers for the Aging is a senior information and referral service of Catholic Charities Senior Life Services. It provides telephone counseling and referrals to help seniors and their caregivers make informed decisions about health care, housing and community resources. Call 410-646-0100 or 1- 888-50-ASKUS.

Parish Offices will be closed on Friday,  
December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve.