

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 26, 2010

I greet you as my family, for we are indeed a family in the Lord. Today in our Gospel we will hear another story of Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus—of how they became refugees, enduring the hardships of travel and life in an alien land to protect their child. Let us pray today to be a Holy Family, one that welcomes our brothers and sisters who are fleeing persecution and poverty.

### Masses Week

#### Beginning Monday December 27, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Remedios Javier                      John J. Steinbacher

**TUES:** Madeline Dell' Uomo              Donald Crusse

**WED:** Jerome Bozek                        Lillian B. Fick

**THURS.** Mildred Streckfus

**FRI.:** Ruth & Chick Francis

**SAT:** Morning Mass is at 9:00 AM  
Ann Marie Finnel

#### Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011

**4:30 PM.** Kruzewski – Perry Family

**6:00 PM.** No Mass

#### Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011

**7:30 AM** People of the Parish

**9:00 AM** Salvatore Joseph Culotta  
Dennis & Michael Carmody

**10:30 AM** Corine E. Gatto

**Noon:** Richard A. Moore                      Nancy Tipton

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#### SCRIPTURE READINGS for Jan. 2, 2011.

**First:** *Isa 60: 1-6* Nations shall walk by your light.

**Second:** *Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6* Gentiles are coheirs and copartners in the promise.

**Gospel:** *Matt 2:1-12.* The wise follow 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 410-252-2009; Anne Morgan – 410-668-7554.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the church altar flowers on a particular weekend please call the parish office at 410-668-7935 and speak with Donna.

#### **Collections for the Weekend of Dec. 19, 2010**

Envelope Donations	\$	10421.00	
Loose	\$	1620.96	
Children	\$	62.98	
Total	\$	12104.94	
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1815.74	
Available for Parish	\$	10289.20	
Second Collection	\$	4131.13	Ret. Rel.
Poor Box	\$	435.74	

**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** - To the parishioners at I.H.M. - We volunteers who staff the Baltimore Pregnancy Center extend our thanks and gratitude for your continued generosity in assisting us with our mission of helping mothers and children in need. The financial aid and lovely baby clothes and supplies you have provided to those who are uncertain and afraid about their pregnancy will provide the support and encouragement they need to protect these innocent unborn children. You have helped these women experience the fact that every birth reflects the joy of the birth of Christ. May God bless each of you and your families. -- Mary Roszbach, Director, Baltimore Pregnancy Center, 7311 Harford Rd., 410-426-9992 - To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty at 410-665-8645.

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

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

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

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** (Mary's Hands) – Shawls will be blessed before the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, 2 January. If you have completed a shawl for use in this ministry, please bring it so it can be blessed. Thank you! 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)

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** 2011 will mark my 40<sup>th</sup> year in Liturgical Music (I began playing for school Masses at St. Jane Frances, Riviera Beach while in elementary school there) and my 11<sup>th</sup> year at IHM. In celebration and for other reasons, I will be embarking on a Sabbatical from January 12 until April 27 2011. My last weekend will be January 8/9. Traveling has always been an interest and hobby and so I will be going on a world voyage visiting 6 continents, 20 countries and 80 regions during a once in a lifetime experience. While I am away, Carolyn Weglein will be the interim Director of Music and Organist. Carolyn was the Organist and Director of Music at St. Pius X in Rodgers Forge for many years and currently directs the Children's Choir at St. Ursula as well as being a substitute organist at area parishes. Carolyn and I currently serve on the Baltimore Chapter board of National Pastoral Musicians as well as the Baltimore Chapter of the Choristers Guild. Carolyn will be accompanying the weekend Masses as well as special Masses and services, directing the Adult Choir and the Resurrection Choir and Providing Music for Funeral Liturgies and overseeing the Liturgical Music Program while I am away. Please extend a warm IHM welcome to Carolyn. Justin Gough will be chairing the Liturgy Committee in my absence. I will be returning the weekend of April 30/May 1. Carolyn can be reached at the music office number listed on the front of the bulletin which is 410-668-0097 or at 410-668-7935 ext. 228.

Before Mary was the Blessed Mother, she was a daughter and grand-daughter. Family support and formation is the best preparation for religious vocations. May your family be inspired by the Holy Family to support and encourage God's will in your children and grand children. For help supporting vocations visit our website: [www.becomeapriest.org](http://www.becomeapriest.org)

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

***THANK YOU's from IHM Sodality*** - Thanks to everyone for their support of our recent Bake, Jewelry and Craft Sale.

*"Congratulations" to the winner of the School Memorial Fund Raffle, Maureen Barron. Thanks to all who helped make this raffle a success!*

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

### 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.

### IHM MASS SCHEDULE

#### *SOLEMNITY OF MARY*

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

*New Year's Day 9:00 am*

**This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

**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*

### 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, preparation and volunteers! 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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 31<sup>th</sup> New Year's Eve.

