

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2010

Advent is the season the church gives us to prepare ourselves for Jesus to be born in us. How do we prepare our hearts? Today we will hear John the Baptist call us to repent and to bear good fruit as a sign of that repentance. Let us pray today that our home preparations for Christmas bear only "good fruit" creating not the perfect house, but open, hospitable homes and hearts that welcome Jesus.

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


Masses of the Week

Beginning Monday December 6, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass
MON: Stan Snyder
TUES: Robert Sprankle
WED: Lida Patterson
THURS. The Hamilton Family
FRI.: Michael & Virginia Weigman (SI)
SAT. Jerome L. Feeley, Jr.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010

4:30 PM Joseph E. Baker
6:00 PM Kufera & Siatkowski Families

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010

7:30 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Jerome Bozek Lois J. Barrows
10:30 AM Ethel & Roland Burns
Noon: Mildred B. Ruark
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Dec. 7th 6:00 PM Chester Mrozinski
 Dec. 8th 10:00 AM Norbert Bittner
 Noon Jack Leonard
 7:00 PM Thomas H. White
 Nursing Home – Mon. Jay Marcin
 Nursing Home – Tues: Ann Marie Fimmel

S.I. – indicates Special Intention
NH indicates Nursing Home

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 12, 2010.

First: Isa. 35:1-6a Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!
Second: Jas. 5:7-10 Be patient; the Lord is coming
Gospel: Matt: 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?"

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 Nov. 28, 2010

Envelope Donations	\$	8340.80
Loose	\$	1365.47
Children	\$	83.83
Total	\$	9790.10
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1468.51
Available for Parish	\$	8321.59
Second Collection	\$	5854.17 Cap. Camp
Poor Box	\$	117.01

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 – Life is a unique gift, at every stage from conception until natural death, and it is God's alone to give and to take. Each of us has a mission; each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person. -- Pope Benedict XVI, Address at St. Peter's Residence, London, Sept. 18, 2010 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

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

Congratulations to the Forty-Three young people of the parish who received HE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION this weekend. Our prayers are with you all now and for your future.

A Note from Our Pastor

Helping another parish: Vote early, Vote often **St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish**, in Baltimore's Federal Hill area (one of the Parishes where my brother is Pastor), is in a competition for a "green" roof for their School Building. Your vote for them could help them win this capital improvement for their building and their neighborhood. Your on-line vote for St. Mary, Star of the Sea EACH DAY, could help put them in first place. Please help out one of our city parishes. Votes can cast at: www.greenroofgiveaway.com

Thank you!
Fr. Mike

IHM CONCERT SERIES: Join us for a special Advent Musical and Liturgical celebration: *Advent Lessons and Carols*. This beautiful service will take place on Sunday December 5 at 3:30pm at St. Joseph, Fullerton. The combined choirs of IHM, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Joseph and St. Ursula will be joined by Children's Choir, Instruments, Pipe Organ and readers as we celebrate the Advent Season in readings and song.

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 HOLY NAME MASS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 9:00 AM. 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.

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)

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another?" St. Paul's letter to the Romans is a reminder that God's call is individual, yet it is still in harmony with others. Have other people seen signs of a religious vocation in you? Have you encouraged others to look for those signs in themselves? Continue to support vocation promotion. For more information, please visit the Vocation website: www.becomeapriest.org

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM - 2010

Our St. Vincent De Paul Committee has chosen four organizations to assist through our Advent Giving Program. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus let us seek to imitate His love by sharing with those in need. Monetary contributions or gift certificates from Target, Giant, etc. also will be used to make Christmas a happier time for our parish community families who are in need. Also anyone interested in **sponsoring a family**, please call 410-663-4357

**ADVENT GIVING PROGRAM – WEEK THREE
DECEMBER 12 – 13**

BALTIMORE PREGNANCY CENTER

This Center has been helping expectant mothers for over 20 years. They are assisted throughout the entire pregnancy and after the arrival of the infant. They are offered help with clothing, diapers, cribs, etc. The items most needed:

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| Baby Bath/ Soap and Lotions | Baby Shampoo |
| Wipes | Bottles |
| Diapers (size 2-6) | Bibs and Gowns |
| Onesies (Newborn and Small) | Crib Sheets |
| Receiving Blankets | Rattles, Teething toys |
| Sleep & Play (Newborn & Small) | Towels/Washcloths |
| Socks - infant and toddler | Undershirts – all sizes |
| Clothing (Newborn & Toddler) | Sweater Sets (infant) |

Please do not wrap the gifts. Please bring them to Mass next weekend.

Thanks to everyone in the parish, school and the community and all who donated food, money and gift cards to our thanksgiving drive. We were able to help 48 families with 92 bags of food, \$745.00 of gift cards for turkeys, and 50 pumpkin pies and 100 snack bags.

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is December 8th and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Mass Schedule is:

Tuesday, Dec. 7th at 6:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 8th
8:00 AM, Noon and 7: 00 pm

The 10:00 am Mass will be the School Mass – all are welcome

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