

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2010

Today we hear about God's call to three different people. Each one feels unworthy. Each one resists God's call. Yet, when they offer their inadequate talents to the task, God supplies the rest, and now we know them as three great and holy people; the Prophet Isaiah, Saint Paul and Saint Peter. We are each called by God, sometimes to what may seem like impossible work. But when we listen with the intention of saying "Yes" and doing what we can, God provides what we need. Let us pray for ears and hearts that are open to God's call.

Masses Week

Beginning Feb. 8, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Nicola Litta & Family Joseph Cichocki

TUES: Pillar Escarcha

WED: Pasquale Pane

THURS: Teresa Anderson

FRI: Jeanette Steinbacher

SAT: Ann Marie Manz

Saturday, Feb 13, 2010

4:30 PM. Michael F. Connor

6:00 PM. Lorraine Morgan-Cardiges

Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010

7:30 AM Catherine Nipwodo

9:00 AM Bob Ryan

10:30 AM Ethel & Roland Burns

Noon: People of the Parish

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Feb. 14, 2010

First: Jer. 17: 5-8 The blessed and the cursed

Second: 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26 Blessed are the poor...woe to the rich.

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

Please Remember those less fortunate by use of the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each Weekend.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is accepting Registration for Grades Pre-K - 8th. Please call the school office: 410-668-8466.

Collections for the Weekend of Jan. 31, 2010

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| Envelope Donations | \$ 5278.00 |
| Loose | \$ 640.89 |
| Children | \$ 42.00 |
| Total | \$ 5960.89 |
| Less Cathedraicum | \$ 894.13 |
| Available for Parish | \$ 5066.76 |
| Poor Box | \$ 106.24 |

Electronic Giving for the January 2010

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| Offertory | 4,450.50 |
| Maintenance | 307.50 |
| Extraordinary Needs | 488.50 |
| Poor Box | 262.50 |
| Capital Campaign | 1,208.49 |
| Total | <u>6,927.99</u> |

ELECTRONIC GIVING AT IHM. – Electric 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. Your contributions to the collection can be weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Sign-up forms are available at the parish office, in the pamphlet rack in the back of Church or can be downloaded from the parish website.

Holy Name Mass – Sunday, February 14th at 9:00 AM. **Holy Name Meeting**, Monday February 15th at 7:30 PM

RESPECT LIFE A paper on the link between contraception and breast cancer published in the April 2009 issue of Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention included an admission from National Cancer Institute (NCI) researchers that abortion also raises the risk of breast cancer. This study. Conducted with Janet Daling of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, cited as accurate Daling's figures from 1994 and 1996 which showed between a 20 and 50 percent increased breast cancer risk for women having abortions compared to those who carried their pregnancies to term. (LifeNews.com – 01/25/10) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER – Join us on February 16th at 6:15 pm in the school gym for our Annual Shrove Tuesday *Mardi Gras Dinner*. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults; \$5.50 children. – under age 2 free

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle Schoolers are invited to drop-in on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons 3:15 – 5:15 in Room 2 for prayer, scripture and fun. Snacks are served! Next drop-in is tomorrow, Monday, February 8. EVERYONE in grades 6 -8 is invited!!!

Middle School March Madness – Friday, March 5, 11 p.m. - Saturday, March 6, 6:30 a.m. Join us at REDZONE on Greenspring Avenue in Timonium MD for a night of LASER TAG, Urban Golf, Laser Maze, Pizza, snacks, movies, games, sleep(???) and MORE FUN than you could ever imagine!!! For youth in grades 6-8, cost is \$35/person. Bring a sleeping bag and snack to share. For more information and permission forms see www.immaculateheartofmary.com -youth ministry. Chaperones are needed! Contact Amie Post for more information or to volunteer apost@immaculateheartofmary.com or 410-661-3820.

Sunday Night Rocks with YM@IHM!!!! Come tonight - Sunday, **February 7, 2009** for High School Youth Group. **Meet in the Youth Room at 6:30 – 8:30** for pizza, prayer, discussion and FUN!

FAITH FORMATION

Adult **volunteers** are needed for all aspects of **Faith Formation Ministries**: Sunday morning sessions, Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), RCIA, High School and Middle School Youth Ministry, Bible studies and Vacation Bible Camp. Are you called to share your gifts and talents in a new way? Contact Amie to learn more about one time and ongoing volunteer opportunities! 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

Confirmation Preparation Program for registered 8th grade students will meet again on February 7, 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. or February 9, 7 – 9 p.m. Don't forget to RSVP to apost@immaculateheartofmary.com Sponsors are invited to attend this session.

Are there school aged children (age 5 and older) in your family who have an incomplete or interrupted faith formation background? Are you interested in helping them prepare to receive **Baptism or First Eucharist** (older than Grade 2)? Please come to an information meeting to learn how to proceed in helping your child know God's love more deeply through the sacraments of **Baptism or First Eucharist**. Sunday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. or Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in Room 2 of the School. Questions? Contact Amie Post 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

LENTEN SMALL GROUP - Are you looking for an enriching spiritual activity for Lent? Please consider joining our small group for the next session of "Why Catholic? Journey Through the Catechism." This session will continue with the focus on Prayer. The group will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm for six consecutive weeks starting on February 11th. If you are interested, please contact Susan Meyd at 410-828-1953 or Bernie Hackett at (410) 882-2352.

LENT 2010

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17 – Our Mass Schedule is: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM. There is a Prayer Service at 6:30 AM with distribution of Ashes.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are days of Fast and Abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are also days of Abstinence from Meat. Fast Days are observed by those who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 and those bound by this rule take only one full meal and two smaller meals.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday Morning after the 8:00 am Mass and at 7:30 pm on Friday evening during Lent.

RECONCILIATION - "The Light is ON For You" - This Lent, Catholic Churches across the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be open for Confessions each **Wednesday 7 PM to 8:00 PM on Feb.24, March 3, 10, 17, 24**

Confession will also be on Wednesday mornings immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass; Saturday afternoons with the exception of Holy Saturday at 3:45 PM and on Wednesday, Feb. 24th and Wednesday, March 24th from 2 – 3 PM in Church.

FOOD PANTRY: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Next Sunday, February 14th is our day to collect food for the pantry **PLEASE HELP**, our pantry is very low. We are almost out of food

Following are the items most needed for the pantry:

warm drinks, canned meat, canned vegetables, tuna fish peanut butter, jelly, crackers, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, Mac and Cheese canned potatoes, Jello

Thanks to your generosity, approximately 50 families were helped last month with food, rent, BGE bills and bus tokens and Christmas food.

Please check the expiration dates on your food 4 bags of food discarded If you are away the week of the food drive You can bring your donation another weekend

Twinkle, twinkle, little star – Vacation Bible Camp

isn't far... lots of help is what we need, as through the galaxy we speed, to plan a fun-filled week we'll meet, your presence would be such a treat!!!! Want to make this year the best ever????? Come to a planning meeting on Sunday, March 14 – 11:30 a.m. in Room 2.

Mark your calendar now for IHM Vacation Bible Camp! We **blast off** Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 1! Watch the bulletin for complete registration information and details in the coming weeks!