

The First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010

My friends, Jesus entered the desert before beginning his mission. Together with Christians everywhere, let us resolve to dwell in the desert of Lent, fasting from distraction, sharing with the poor and supporting each other by our prayers. Let us begin by confessing our sinfulness and asking for God's mercy.

Masses of the Week

Beginning Feb. 22, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Charles R. Gallagher Senen C. Racelis (SI)

TUES: Robert Nugent, Jr. Robert Sprankle

WED: Robert C. Mavis

THURS: Thomas Wagner Mercedes Frades

FRI: John Lawrence McBride

SAT: Jeanette Steinbacher

Saturday, Feb 27, 2010

4:30 PM. Genevieve Morawski M/M William H. Bandell

6:00 PM. Robert Kelly Lorrain Morgan-Cardiges

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010

7:30 AM Freda Groomes

9:00 AM Terry Moan

10:30 AM People of the Parish

Noon: Bob Troch Giovanni Noto

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Feb. 28, 2010

First: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 God made a covenant with Abraham.

Second: Phil 3:17-4:1 Our citizenship is in heaven

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36 The Transfiguration of Jesus

IHM Travel Group – Upcoming Trips:

March 23 Tuesday Franciscan Monastery Holy Land Tour Washington DC

April – Ocean City MD Jamboree

May 25 Wildwood NJ Charlie Prose \$105.00

June 13 – 19 New Orleans LA \$694. July - Tangiers Island

Aug 25 Crab Feast Suicide Bridge \$84

Sept. 14-16 Finger Lakes NY \$344. – Single 439

Oct. 20 Charleston Bavarian Inn

Dec. 2 Rainbow Dinner Theatre \$73

For more info contact Dot Raab at (410) 668-7760

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

Collections for the Weekend of Feb. 15, 2010

Envelope Donations	\$	12373.00
Loose	\$	1711.55
Children	\$	63.77
Second Collection	\$	2223.00 Youth Ed.
Total	\$	16371.32
Less Cathedraticum	\$	2455.69
Available for Parish	\$	13915.63
Poor Box	\$	194.42

The total donations to Resounding in Praise for the month of January: \$11,549.48

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.

RESPECT LIFE – The 31st Annual MD March for Life will be held on Monday, March 8, at the State House in Annapolis. The March begins with a Mass at 5:15 pm held at St. Mary's Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis. Archbishop Edwin O'Brien will be the celebrant to lead us in prayer for our State, the families of MD, the blessing of life, and the end of abortion. The March begins at 6:30 pm from St. Mary's Church to the State House which is less than a mile away. (Shuttle service is available for those who cannot walk this distance.) Some of our Pro-Life Senators and Delegates as well as leaders in the Pro-Life community will speak at Lawyer's Mall in front of the State House. All participants are then invited back to St. Mary's School for a reception at 8 pm and to view exhibits from organizations that are working throughout MD to protect life from conception to natural death. Go to marylandmarchforlife.org for more details. To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty at 410 665-8645.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: THE NEXT IHM PARISH **BLOOD DRIVE** WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH FROM 1 – 7 PM IN CARTWRIGHT HALL.

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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

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

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 ext. 229 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

Marriage Ministry---Love your marriage partner? We DARE you to invest in your marriage.... Join us for an 8 week study of the LOVE DARE based on the movie Fireproof The Love Dare is a forty-day guided devotional experience that will lead your heart back to truly loving your spouse while learning more about the design, nature, and source of true love. It's time to learn the keys to finding true intimacy and developing a dynamic marriage. Take the dare! Begins Friday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the school. Sessions continue through May 7. Contact Joann and George Pelikan for more info 410-337-8862.

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!

LENT 2010

**LEAVE THE PAST IN ASHES
FROM TEMPTATION TO SALVATION**

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.

MISSION: Immaculate Heart of Mary is invited to participate in the Lenten Mission together with our cluster parishes of St. Joseph Fullerton and St. Isaac Jogues. The Mission is being held March 1-4 at 7:00pm each evening at St. Joseph Fullerton. Fr. Bill Casey, C.P.M. is leading the mission Our music ministry will be leading the music for the mission on Monday evening.

HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Beginning next week, there will be a sign up board in the back of the church and in the hall for those who would like to be present for the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass on Holy Thursday**. All are welcome to come at any time, however, we need a schedule of those planning to attend to be sure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended during the evening adoration.

The Hilbus (Baltimore and Washington) Chapter of the **Organ Historical Society** will be coming to IHM to visit our pipe organ on Saturday February 27, 2010 at 10:00am. Parishioners and anyone interested are welcome to join us as the organ pipe chambers and console will be available for tours. Though this is not a formal recital, the organ will also be played and demonstrated.

Thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for tolerating the cold and the donation of 74 casseroles, dry goods, and \$77.00 cash donated for **OUR DAILY BREAD** on Thursday February 4th. Thanks to all the parishioners for their donation of food to our party despite the bad weather conditions. We collected 35 bags of food. If you are away the week of the drive you can bring your food on another Sunday.