

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2010

.Today we hear a story that we know well – The Prodigal Son: The perfect story for Lent. All of the capital sins show up in this story: pride, anger, sloth, lust, gluttony, greed and especially envy. We live in a time when sin is unrecognized or explained away, but sin is real. Let us acknowledge our sins and seek from God and each other forgiveness and reconciliation.

Masses of the Week

Beginning March 15, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Josefina Escarcha

TUES: Joseph Novobilski Donnon Murray

WED: Anita Evitts Robert Kelly

THURS: Pasquale Pane

FRI: Theresa Anderson

9:30 AM School Mass – John Amato III

SAT: Alfred Joseph Moran

Saturday, March 20, 2010

4:30 PM. People of the Parish

6:00 PM. Charles James

Sunday, March 21, 2010

7:30 AM J. Robert Gallagher

9:00 AM Joseph Deegan

10:30 AM Eleanor T. Yacovissi

Noon: Luigi and Stefana Di Stefano

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 21, 2010

First: *Isa 43:16-21.* See I doing something new.

Second: *Phil 3:8-14* I accept the loss of all things that I may gain in Christ.

Gospel: *John 8:1-11* The one without sin should throw the first stone.

IHM Travel Group – Upcoming Trips:

March 23 Tue. Franciscan Monastery Guided tour / lunch at Phillips - buffet style /Tour Washington DC \$55 Depart IHM 9:30 am

April 21 Ocean City MD Jamboree \$77.00

May 25 Wildwood NJ Charlie Prose \$109.00

June 13 – 19 New Orleans LA \$694. July 23 Tangiers Island \$92.00

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 410-252-2009; Anne Morgan – 410-668-7554

Collections for the Weekend of March 7, 2010

Envelope Donations	\$	10,184.00	
Loose	\$	2124.98	
Second Collection	\$	3429.08	Maintenance
Children	\$	95.90	
Total	\$	15833.96	
Less Cathedralium	\$	2375.09	
Available for Parish	\$	13458.87	
Poor Box	\$	235.06	

RESPECT LIFE -- Katrina J. Zeno, the coordinator of the John Paul II Resource Center for *Theology of the Body* and Culture for the Diocese of Phoenix AZ, will present a two day workshop on April 9 and 10 at St. Ursula Church. This workshop will help participants to transition from hearing about John Paul II's writings to reading the text of *Theology of the Body* itself and applying it to everyday life and ministry. This spiritually rewarding encounter will include discussions of original sin, redemption, heaven, celibacy, marriage, and *Humanae Vitae*. The cost is \$35 per participant and includes a workbook and lunch. For more information contact Bernadine Miller at 410-382-7731 or bmillers@comcast.net. To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is an opportunity for private prayer in the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. Our Parish is considering offering a regular monthly opportunity for this form of prayer. If you would like to participate in a monthly day of adoration on a regular basis, please let us know. Contact Fr. Mike at mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com (subject line "Adoration") or with a note by regular mail.

PARISH SEDER MEAL

Sunday, March 21st, 4:30 pm in the gym. The Seder (or Passover) Meal has been observed by the Jewish people since the time of the Exodus from Egypt as a remembrance of how God "passed over" the houses of the Hebrews when he slew the first born of the Egyptians. It was in the context of this ritual meal that Christ first celebrated the Eucharist with His disciples at The Last Supper. Tickets are needed to attend this annual event.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For **Easter** we will accept grocery gift cards and monetary donations for hams for the needy in our parish and community. You can drop them off at the rectory. We will accept Easter candy and Easter baskets. You can drop them off in the back of church. Thanks for your support. Questions? Call 410-663-4357.

Thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for the donation of 106 casseroles, dry goods, and \$72.00 cash donated for **OUR DAILY BREAD** on Thursday March 4th 2010 This was our largest collection since October - 2008

Immaculate Heart of Mary School's **Performing Arts Department** invites all parishioners and neighbors to its showing of *Willy Wonka*, a play based on Roald Dahl's novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This is guaranteed fun for the whole family!!! Showtimes are Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are still available for \$8 or \$9 (depending on seating) for adults and \$6 or \$7 for students or seniors. Call the school office at 410-668-8466 for tickets or purchase them at the door.

IHM SCHOOL ALUMNI - The IHM Alumni Association is updating their information. If you are an IHM graduate please send your information to IHMalum@immaculateheartofmary.com. They would like your Name, Address, maiden name, year of graduation and e-mail address and phone. If you do not have e-mail you can send your information to the School Office marked Alumni Association. If you are in touch with former graduates please let them know IHM is looking for them!!!

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



ADOPT-A-GARDEN

We would like to invite you to an Adopt-A-Garden Volunteer meeting on March 23rd in Cartwright Hall at 7PM. This is a parish wide endeavor involving both the church and school grounds. Please come out and learn of the wonderful volunteer opportunities. Gardeners and non-gardeners are welcome - we will train you!

SPRING CLEAN-UP

We have a Spring Clean-up Scheduled for Sunday April 11th after the noon mass. Please put this on your calendar! We can guarantee a wonderful afternoon of good fellowship and fresh air. Please e-mail Sandy Wicklein at scwicklein@verizon.net if you have any questions.

The Holy Name Meeting will be on Monday, March 15th at 7:30 PM.

This winter has been a particularly difficult one for everyone with record snowfalls that have affected almost aspect of life. We experienced at least three weekends when Mass attendance was not possible for many, with one weekend having a total attendance over four Sunday Masses of only 66 people. (The two Saturday Masses had zero attendance.) We are grateful to those who have made contributions to compensate for the missed weeks, those who make regular EFT donations not affected by the weather and those who have made additional donations to help with the high cost of snow removal. To date, our snow removal costs, for the Parish only, have been \$7027.00 for the season. An additional similar amount is also billed to the school for snow removal around the school building. As spring returns we will also face additional expenses for repairs due to damage caused by snow and ice. In order to meet our obligations, we ask all those who have not yet made a contribution to cover the "lost" weekends to consider helping us catch-up. Also, one of those weekends was our **Annual School Collection**. Our school depends on your generosity to continue offering a quality education to our children. If you missed the Annual School Collection, we would grateful for your donation in the coming weeks.

Fr. Mike

LENT 2010

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

All the Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence from Meat.

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION: There is only priest available for each Confession time.

Please take advantage of the below schedule.

Avoid the wait. Come early in March

Wed. March 17: 8am – Fr. Mike ; 7-8pm – Fr. Mike

Saturday, March 20: 3:45- Fr. Mike;

Wed. March 24: 8am – Fr. Mike ; 2-3pm – Fr. Mike

7-8pm – Fr. Mike

Saturday, March 27: 3:45 - Fr. Mike

Wednesday, March 31: 8am – Fr. Mike

There are no scheduled confessions on Saturday April 3

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration: There is 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 would like to have a schedule of those planning to attend in order to be sure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended during the evening adoration.