

# The Third Sunday of Lent

## March 7, 2010

Every day we read headlines about a tragedy that befalls someone, somewhere. In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to the news of a horrific execution and a tragic accident. He tells his disciples that these events remind us that life is unpredictable and that we should make ourselves ready to meet God at any moment.

### Masses of the Week

#### Beginning March 8, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Ann Marie Manz Michael Carmody

**TUES:** Pasquale Pane Nancy Tipton

**WED:** Cecilia M. Jones Eileen Norton

**THURS:** Michael F. Connor

**FRI:** Joseph Hoke

**SAT:** Aldo Pacione (SI)

#### Saturday, March 13, 2010

**4:30 PM.** Mary Butt

**6:00 PM.** Ethel and Roland Burns

#### Sunday, March 14, 2010

**7:30 AM** Cornelius and Theresa Shaffer Tartal

**9:00 AM** People of the Parish

**10:30 AM** Frank Passaro

**Noon:** Gino DiStefano

**N.H. – indicates Nursing Home**

**S.I. – indicates Special Intention**

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 14, 2010

**First:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12 After years in the desert, the people of God entered the promised land.

**Gospel:** 2 Cor 5:17-21 We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 The story of the prodigal son.

#### IHM Travel Group – Upcoming Trips:

**March 23 Tue.** Franciscan Monastery Holy Land Tour Washington DC \$55

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.

#### Collections for the Weekend of Feb. 28, 2010

Envelope Donations	\$ 10,650.00
Loose	\$ 1451.44
Children	\$ 56.25
Total	\$ 12,157.69
Less Cathedralium	\$ 1823.65
Available for Parish	\$ 10334.04
Poor Box	\$ 188.53

#### Our Electronic Giving for February

Offertory	4,530.50
Maintenance	345.00
Youth	213.00
Extra Needs	491.00
Poor Box	240.00
Capital Campaign	1,208.49
Total	<u>7,027.99</u>

**Contributions to the Resounding in Praise for February totaled: \$11,549.48**

**RESPECT LIFE** – In his address at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Project Rachel, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus stated: "Mother Teresa said that Christ comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor. She also said that it is a terrible poverty that a child must die so that people might live as they wish. Taken together, I believe that the poorest of the poor are those whose poverty lies in the loss of a child. We should consider them the face of Christ in our lives and help them with a kind word, a listening ear, and a healing embrace. Only love can overcome the tragedy of abortion, and that love must begin with each of us." 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 18<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com) (subject line "Adoration") or with a note by regular mail.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

## PARISH SEDER MEAL

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**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 need a schedule of those planning to attend to be sure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended during the evening adoration.

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](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com)

**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!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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, Peanut butter and jelly, crackers, pasta and pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned potatoes, jell-o and tuna fish

Thanks to your generosity, approximately 45 families were helped last month with food, rent, BGE bills and bus tokens. Please check the expiration dates on your food two bags of food were discarded. If you are away the week of the food drive you can bring your donation another weekend.

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.

## 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 10: 8am – Fr. Mike ; 7-8pm – Fr. Gosnell

Saturday, March 13: 3:45- Fr. Gosnell

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

**The Immaculate Heart of Mary Concert Series** continues on Thursday March 11, 2010 at 7:00pm as we present "The Hallmen" from Calvert Hall College High School under the direction of Mr. George Wilkerson. We ask all parishioners to invite their friends and neighbors to this special concert as IHM hosts our local Catholic High School – come support our young people and hear wonderful music. Our Contemporary Group Director, Justin Gough is a member of the Hallmen. Admission is free. Mark your calendar for the final concert of the year Sunday April 25, 2010 as we present Organist Carolyn Lamb Booth in recital and Soloist Colleen Daley who will sing the "Pie Jesu" by Lili Boulanger and "Les Angélus" (The Angelus) by Louis Vierne.

## **RESOUNDING IN PRAISE**

Because of your generosity, the Resounding in Praise campaign is projected to be a success. The Campaign was established in 2007 to carry forward Immaculate Heart of Mary's legacy of support for the parish needs. The Campaign's goals are two: replacement of the Church Organ and replacement over time of all the school roofs.

As of January 31, 2010, the Campaign has received \$854,000.00. With your continued support, it is projected that we will exceed the \$1,000,000.00 campaign goal. All Resounding in Praise receipts are retained by Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The new gym roof and the Church Organ are now completely paid for and monies are being set aside for the remaining roof work.

Our congratulations and sincere thank you is extended to all Parishioners and Contributors and to those who have worked so hard to achieve this success.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Resounding in Praise Committee