

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2010

Today we begin the season of Advent and a new church year. We are reminded today that we should be ready for both endings and beginnings. Let us ask God to help us see the beginning that is inherent in every ending, and for the courage and grace to live as faithful disciples in all circumstance.


Masses of the Week

Beginning Monday, Nov. 29, 2010

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: All Souls

TUES: Anna Pondo

WED: Andrew Simon (SI)

THURS. Joseph E. Baker

FRI.: Charles R. Gallagher Mary Conklin

SAT. Fernando Tayag, Sr.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010

4:30 PM Josephine A. Kuchta

6:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010

7:30 AM Dorothy Drury

9:00 AM Michael Carmody Dennis Carmody

10:30 AM Suzanne M. Ament

Noon: John L. Leonard

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

NH indicates Nursing Home

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 5, 2010.

First: Isa. 11:1-10 The descendant of David will come; the Spirit of the Lord will be upon him.

Second: Rom 15:4-9 May God grant you to think in harmony with one another.

Gospel: Matt: 3:1-12. Produce good fruit as a sign of your repentance.

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.

IHM TRAVEL GROUP Upcoming Day Trips

Dec. 2. Thurs. Paradise PA Rainbow Dinner Theatre – Show *Pool's Paradise*. \$73.00 Leave 9 am –Return 5 pm
 Call Dot Raab at 410-668-7760 – Make check payable to:
 IHM Travel Group –

Our front altar flowers last weekend were donated by Maxine Murray in memory of her husband, Joseph Murray

Collections for the Weekend of Nov. 21, 2010

Envelope Donations	\$	8397.00	
Loose	\$	1581.54	
Children	\$	74.98	
Total	\$	10053.52	
Less Cathedraicum	\$	1508.02	
Available for Parish	\$	8545.50	
Second Collection	\$	2448.62	Arch. Coll.
Poor Box	\$	234.78	

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 – On Nov. 27 Pope Benedict XVI will begin Advent by celebrating a solemn "Vigil for all nascent human life" at St. Peter's Basilica. The Pope is issuing an unprecedented request for prayers worldwide from all pro-life people against abortion. Mary McClusky, the Special Projects Coordinator for Pro-Life Activities at the USCCB, said the Pope's call "may help increase awareness among family and friends about abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and other threats to children in their earliest days and weeks of life" The Holy Father's invitation to join with him in prayer is an important and inspiring example to all about the importance of uniting in faith to ask God's protection and help for human life. (LifeNews.com, 11/11/10) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645.

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.

"Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." Isaiah's vision demand expert guides to lead the nations. If you have the courage to consider guiding others to the Lord, please visit the Vocation website: www.becomeapriest.org

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Advent Wreath Lighting Sign-Up There are still Mass times available to light the Advent Wreath. Please consider this special way to celebrate the season. This is not limited to families or couples. If you are a single person, or would like to share this with a friend, that is encouraged as well. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING is Sunday, November 28 at 1 p.m. (following the noon Mass) in the Gym. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship with other parish families as we prepare for the coming of Christmas. Families will create an Advent wreath and make other Advent-related crafts.

IHM CONCERT SERIES: 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 Season in readings and song.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Saturday December 4th at the 6 p.m. liturgy.** Please keep the young people and their sponsors in your prayers as they conclude their year-long preparation for this sacrament. The celebrant will be Bishop Denis Madden.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS will be on sale after the Sunday Masses, Dec. 5th. The Cards feature a photo of a stained glass window in our Church. Handcrafted Bookmarks and individual Cards featuring a translucent detail of the window will also be sold. **CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE TICKETS** will also be available next Sunday. Proceeds from this handcrafted tree will fund the replacement of the Blessed Mother's statue in the grotto. These are Sodality sponsored.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Shawls will be blessed before the 9 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 5th. If you have completed a shawl for this ministry, please bring it so it can be blessed. Any questions, call Pat Novak at 410-321-1438

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

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 TWO DECEMBER 4 - 5 HICKEY SCHOOL

This Home helps young men between 13 and 18 years of age. Most of them come from abusive homes. They have little if any family support. Our parishioner, Pat Hanges, is a child advocate for these young men.

Suggestions – No glass containers Do Not Wrap Gifts

Puzzle Books	Word Search	Toothbrushes
Uno Card Game	Dove Soap	Lotions
Deodorant	Shampoo	Comb & Brush
Knit Hats	Board Games	

Also, monetary contributions or gift certificates from Target, Wal-mart or the local food stores will be used to make Christmas a happier time for our parish Community families who are in need. If you would be interested in **Adopting** a family for Christmas please call Garrett Brown at the IHM Outreach Office. The number is 410-668-4357.

Thursday December 2nd -is our day to collect casseroles for **OUR DAILY BREAD**. We will be on the parking lot from 7:30 to 9: 30 a.m. Pans and recipes are available in back of church this weekend for anyone who would like to participate. Please freeze casseroles if possible. If you are away that Thursday, you can drop your casseroles off at the outreach office. **OUR DAILY BREAD** is in dire need of casseroles. In case of inclement weather do not bring casseroles that day **OUR DAILY BREAD** has emergency provisions

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