

# The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2011

Merry Christmas, brothers and sisters!! This day we join Christians throughout the world who are celebrating the birth of Savior. Communities large and small gather in cathedrals and chapels, in homes and convents, and in some cases, on the battle field—all gather to remember and give thanks for Jesus, our Emmanuel, who promises to be with us always. Let us join this great multitude and add our praise to theirs.

## Masses of the Week

Beginning Dec. 26, 2011

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Helen Carrion

TUES: Remedios Javier                      John J. Steinbacher

WED: Madeline Dell'Uomo                  Lillian B. Fick

THURS: John J. Kotchenreuter

FRI: Barbara Rorick

SAT: Lehman & Ruth Francis

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011

4:30 PM All Souls

6:00 PM: The Karwacki, Kufera & Siatkowski Families

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012

7:30 AM Mary LaPlante

9:00 AM: Dennis & Michael Carmody

10:30 AM Jean Dillow

Noon People of the Parish

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

### SCRIPTURE READINGS for Jan. 1 2012

First: Num. 6:22-27 The Lord bless you and keep you.

Second: Gal. 4:4-7 The Son, born of a woman, that we might receive adoption

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 – He was named Jesus.

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a PRAYER REQUEST call any member of the IHM Prayer Chain: Call Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410 -252-2009

Please do not remove the new prayer cards from the pews. To print a copy or to read about the changes go to: <http://www.catholicreview.org/newmissal/>

### **Collections for the Weekend of Dec.18, 2011**

Envelope Donations	\$	10010.00
Loose	\$	1446.42
Children	\$	123.39
Total	\$	11579.81
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1736.97
Available for Parish	\$	9842.84
Second Collection	\$	4157.65 Arch.
Poor Box	\$	545.03

**ELECTRONIC GIVING.** – is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from either your checking or saving account, or can be charged to your credit card. Call parish office at 410-668-7935. Ext.209 The form is also available on the Parish website

### **RESPECT LIFE – March for Life – January 23, 2012:**

Since the anniversary of Roe v. Wade falls on a Sunday, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be held on Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. This day you will have an extraordinary opportunity to put your faith into action and take a stand for those most vulnerable in our society – the unborn babies! They have no voice but ours!! Join others, young and old alike, who have come throughout our great country, peacefully marching to show our legislators that we will not rest until Roe v. Wade is overturned and abortion is no longer legal in our country. On Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> please join St. Ursula's trip to the March for Life. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am with refreshments following. The cost for the bus to and from Washington D.C. is \$12 per person. Checks can be mailed to St. Ursula's Church, 8801 Harford Rd., 21234. Please contact Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645 or email her at [grammybetbet@yahoo.com](mailto:grammybetbet@yahoo.com) if you wish to attend.

Please Remember God's Poor by using the **Poor Boxes** as you leave Mass. Your donations go to our **IHM St. Vincent de Paul** Office to help with those in our parish who are in need.

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the Sunday Holidays

**FAMILY PRAYER** helps children realize the value and importance of prayer in everyday life. Enrich your life and that of your children by praying morning, night, and meal prayers together.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The whole world rejoices on this day because of Mary's humble "yes" to God in her life, a "yes" that brought forth Our Savior, Jesus Christ! We feel the effects of Mary's "yes" even today. I wonder how much good others would experience in their lives if you gave your personal "yes" to God in your own life?

For more information about vocations, Contact Rev. Austin A. Murphy, Director of Vocations at 410-547-5426. OR VISIT THE WEBSITE [www.becomeapriest.org](http://www.becomeapriest.org)

**SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FOR PASTORAL SETTINGS** - Learn basic Spanish and Latino culture by taking an introductory class at Notre Dame of Maryland University every Tuesday beginning **February 21 and running through May 1**. Registrants can choose afternoon sessions from 3 to 5 p.m. or evening sessions from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Linda Stilling, SSND, at 410-532-5306, send an e-mail to [lstill@ndm.edu](mailto:lstill@ndm.edu) or visit [www.ndm.edu/PastoralSpanish](http://www.ndm.edu/PastoralSpanish).

**Prayer Shawls:** If you or someone you know needs the comfort and prayers of a "prayer shawl", know that it is available to you with a call to Pat Novak, 410-321-1438.

**BAPTISM** The Baptism Preparation Program for **new or expecting parents** is held each month on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the New Parish Center. Our next class will be on January 5<sup>th</sup> When possible we encourage parents to participate in this program before their baby's birth. Please call the Rectory to schedule this program as soon as you know that you are expecting. We encourage families to share this sacrament with the worshipping community by having their children baptized at the regular weekend Masses.

### Welcome to Our Smoke-Free Campus

In order to comply with the new Archdiocesan Policy, as of **November 1, 2011**, on School days from 7AM to 5PM the buildings and property at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be a non-smoking campus. We will move to full compliance in order to provide for a smoke-free campus 24/7, **on January 1, 2012**. Please help us to provide a healthy environment for all our students, parishioners and employees.

*Fr. Mike*

## THANK YOU

**MANY THANKS** to all those who helped in any way to make **OUR CHURCH and CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** so beautiful and meaningful. It takes many hours of planning, rehearsals, preparation and especially volunteers! We are blessed at our Parish to have so many giving people who share of their time, talent and treasure so willingly. It enables us all to remember the true meaning of the season. Thank You

## IHM MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

*Saturday Evening 4:30 PM & 6 PM  
Sunday, 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, 10:30 AM & Noon*

*We will have our Annual Parish Open on the  
Weekend of  
January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> after all the Mass.*

*It will be held in the Parish Center.  
Please stop by for some refreshments, conversation  
and enjoy Fr. Mike's wonderful Train Garden.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the church altar flowers on a particular weekend please call the parish office at 410-668-7935 and speak with Donna.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** - Annual Marriage Mass will be celebrated in the Archdiocese on February 12, 2012 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St., at 3:00 p.m. with Archbishop O'Brien. All married couples and their families are invited – no matter how long they have been married. Identify the longest married couple in your parish, invite them to attend the Mass, and send their name to the World Marriage Day committee [BaltimoreLongestMarried@gmail.com](mailto:BaltimoreLongestMarried@gmail.com), by phone at 410-987-4210, or online at [www.wvme.net](http://www.wvme.net) Couples celebrating 25 years or more should register at [BaltimoreAnniversaries@gmail.com](mailto:BaltimoreAnniversaries@gmail.com) (or by phone or online) to receive special recognition. A special invitation to marriage preparation volunteers to attend and be thanked by the Archbishop. The Mass will be interpreted for the Deaf. A reception follows in the Cathedral Parish Center.

