

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2011

Brothers and Sisters, we have heard the promise of our God—that the blind see and the deaf hear and the lame leap up for joy.
That we may live confident in God's promises, we pray.

Masses of the Week

Beginning Dec. 19, 2011

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Thomas Kovell

TUES: Bob Ryan Brother James Kelly, CFX

WED: William Middleton Ruth Francis

THURS: James M. Cason

FRI: William Tamulonis Ruben Escarcha

SAT: Mary Margaret Geckle

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011

4:00 PM: Hall Anthony Rupp

4:00 PM: Church Genevieve Morawski George Kolhoff, Jr.
Robert Russell

6:00 PM: Urban Bowes Rosalie Hagan

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011

Midnight People of the Parish

9:00 AM: Herbert J. Hand, Jr.

Walter J. Brown Famiy Pasquale Gugliano Family

10:30 AM John Gregg

Noon Mark Chalkley

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 25, 2011

First: Isa 9:1-6 The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Second: Titus 2:11-14 The grace of God has appeared to all.

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 The birth of Jesus

ALTAR FLOWERS Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are available in the monthly packet, in the parish mailing and at the doors of the Church. These flowers will remain on the Altar throughout the Christmas season.



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. 11, 2011

Envelope Donations	\$	8497.00
Loose	\$	1595.96
Children	\$	67.99
Second Collection	\$	2239.19 Youth Ed.
Holy Day	\$	2229.41
Total	\$	14629.55
Less Cathedraticum	\$	2194.43
Available for Parish	\$	12435.12
Poor Box	\$	777.83

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 – A powerful new pro-film features the story of Melissa Ohden, a woman who survived a failed saline abortion attempt on her life and who is now a nationally-recognized speaker. Over 1.2 million children lose their lives to abortion every year in the U.S. alone. Over 53 million children have lost their lives to abortion in the U.S. since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. Many know the sad reality of these statistics, but most don't know the amazing reality that sometimes children survive failed abortions and exist in our world today. Melissa Ohden, a 34 year old international pro-life speaker and advocate, wife and mother, is one such survivor. Melissa's powerful story of surviving a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977, of overcoming the concerns regarding her ability to survive past infancy and go on to lead a "normal" life, of being adopted into a loving family that supported her in her struggle to face the reality of her life as an abortion survivor to ultimately become a voice for the unborn, is featured in the newly released documentary, *A Voice for Life*. This film is making an impact in the world, touching hearts, changing minds, and bringing hope and healing to individuals who have been devastated by abortion. In addition to the 58 minute documentary, a short 9 minute film has also been released for pregnancy centers to utilize as a resource in their life-saving work. To view the trailer of the short resource video, visit www.avoiceforlife.com/trailer.html. (LifeNews.com, 12/09/11)
To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645

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.

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

What was Mary's response to the archangel Gabriel when he told her she would be the Mother of God? "But Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be?'" You might feel the Lord tugging at your heart to respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Your initial response might be similar to that of Mary's, "How can this be?" You may feel unworthy or unqualified. It's ok. Mary was only 14 or 15 years of age when she was called. God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called. Go for it! For more information about vocations, Contact Rev. Austin A. Murphy, Director of Vocations at 410-547-5426. OR VISIT THE WEBSITE www.becomeapriest.org

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH VIDEO & POSTER CONTESTS Children in grades K-6 are invited to create a poster and youth in grades 7-12 are challenged to create a video for the Maryland March for Life. All entries (pictures of the posters) should be emailed to info@marylandmarchforlife.org by 5PM on **January 14th, 2012**. Winner of the video contest receives an iPod Touch and winner of the poster contest receives a prize! For details, photos, and questions, info@marylandmarchforlife.org or www.marylandmarchforlife.org.

THANK YOU – Thanks to all the parishioners for their donation of food to our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach pantry this past weekend. We collected 55 bags of food. Also, THANKS to the IHM School for their donation of 80 bags of food. If you are away the week of the drive you can bring your food on another Sunday.

St- Vincent de Paul – Gift Cards from Target, Giant, etc. will be used to make Christmas a happier time for our parish community families who are in need. If you would like to adopt a family, please call Gary Brown at 410-663-4357.

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

Pray for Peace

Join us on Thursday Evening, December 22nd in the Church for an **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND**. The Service will be led by Fr. Carrion. Throughout the Archdiocese on the 22nd of each month, a prayer service is held for peace in the Holy Land. Refreshments will follow in Cartwright Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS to eight of our IHM 8th graders who were inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday, December 8th at a special ceremony after the 1:45 PM Mass. The students

are:

Brian McShalley
Stephen Spicer
Paul Wilson
Grace King

Connor Gordon
Kaitlyn McIntyre
Caroline Cummings
Sarah Aviles.

This weekend Sunday, December 18th after the Noon Mass anyone wishing to help decorate the Church inside and out for Christmas is invited to come lend a hand We will be putting up the trees, hanging the lights outside, placing the wreaths, etc. . Many hands make light work! Come and help prepare our Church for Christmas

IHM MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE
Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011

- 4:00 p.m. Church Organ & Cantor Vocal Quartet
Carols at 3:40 pm
- 4:00 p.m. Hall Family Liturgies – Contemporary
Ensemble – Prelude begins at 3:40pmpm
- 6:00 p.m. Church Organ & Soloist

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011
Midnight Mass (Church) Carols begins at 11:30 p.m.
Adult Choir, Percussion and flutes

9 am & 10:30 am Noon in the Church

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Evening 4:30 PM & 6 PM

Sunday, 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, 10:30 AM & Noon