

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2011

Today we hear the last of the parables of the kingdom. With each parable Jesus reveals a little more of what God is like, how God sees, what God values. Today we are told that the kingdom is like a person who finds a treasure in a field and with joy with joy! – sells all and buys that field.

Masses of the Week

Beginning July 25, 2011

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Michael F. Connor, Sr. Nelson Bahillo

TUES: Walter Joseph Brown

WED: Anna Elizabeth Johns

THURS: Patricia Ann Tharrington Ernesto Datu, Sr.

FRI: Judge Robert Cadigan

SAT: John Kaniecke

Saturday, July 30, 2011

4:30 PM: Marie E. Oberle

6:00 PM: Violet "Terry" Kenny

Sunday, July 31, 2011

7:30 AM Carole Anne Walsh

9:00 AM Adeline Dobinson

10:30 AM Anna Sushinsky

Noon: Jerome Andryszak

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for July 31, 2011

First: Isaiah 55:1-3 All who are thirsty, come to the water.

Second: Romans 8:35, 37-39. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus feeds the five thousand and there are baskets left over.

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

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.

ON VACATION

To find a church Mass time anywhere in the country, go to **www.masstimes.org**

Collections for the Weekend of July 24, 2011

Envelope Donations	\$	8547.00
Loose	\$	1575.47
Children	\$	44.95
Total	\$	10167.42
Less Cathedralium	\$	1525.11
Available for Parish	\$	8642.31
Second Collection	\$	4807.06 Missions
Poor Box	\$	118.23

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 – *Summer of Mercy - Nine Days of Prayer for the End of Abortion:* The Archdiocese of Baltimore Respect Life Office invites you to pray a novena of the Divine Mercy Chaplet July 30 – August 7 for an end to abortion. Other events include: Sunday July 31 - 5:00 pm Mass - Celebrant: Bishop Francisco González, S.F. at Mother Seton Catholic Church, 19951 Fr. Hurley Blvd., Germantown, MD followed by a rosary procession to Germantown Reproductive Health Services; and Saturday August 6: 12:00 Noon – Prayer including • Personal testimonies from those who have been affected by abortion • Intercessory prayer • Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary • Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 2:00 pm Mass, Celebrant: Bishop Martin D. Holley also at Mother Seton Catholic Church. See www.summerofmercy.com for more information or contact Linda Brenegan, Respect Life Program Director for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, at 410-547-5537. To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645.

CRISIS PREGNANCY? 1-800-492-5530
SUFFERING AFTER ABORTION
PROJECT RACHAEL 410-625-8491
PROJECT GABRIEL 1-800-ANGEL-OK.

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

Faith Formation Registrations for grades Kindergarten through grade eight for the school year starting in September have been sent to all currently enrolled students. If you wish to enroll your child for the coming year and have not received a registration form or will be new to the program please call the Faith Formation Office at 410-661-3820. Children planning to receive either Eucharist or Confirmation must be in a program the year prior to receiving the sacrament.

CONFIRMATION - Students attending private school who are completing the 8th grade and wish to be confirmed should call the Faith Formation Office (410-661-3820) to register as soon as possible. The program has already started so please respond promptly.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – *Mary's Hands* – If you knit or crochet or would like to learn or want to become part of this wonderful Ministry at IHM call Pat Novak at 410-321-1438.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is accepting Registration for Grades Pre-K - 8th. We have a Pre-K plus extended day program. Those families entering Pre-K will now have the option to enroll in our existing half day or our full day program. The second half of the day will include lunch, rest, and enrichment activities. We are thrilled to be able to offer this option for our community in our School **IHM School is now offering a PreK3 program.** Child must be 3 by September 1, 2011. Days: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Time: 8:20 to 11:45 - Tuition: \$2100 plus a \$200 Registration Fee. www.immaculateheartofmary.com/school.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Blood drive update From July 14th 34 units were presented and 26 successful units. Thanks to everybody who took the time to donate their blood and to our volunteers who donated their time and energy. Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** is on Thursday, November 17th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Cartwright Hall.

ARE YOU A NURSE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HEALTH MINISTRY?

Through its Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary & University is offering its Basic Faith Community (Parish) Nursing courses on Saturdays in the fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters. Successful completion of the two-course sequence results in a Basic Faith Community (Parish) Nursing Certificate. The courses are open to registered nurses with a bachelor's degree in any field. The Ecumenical Institute of Theology offers fully accredited ecumenical theological education at the graduate level to qualified women and men in the greater Baltimore area. For more information, contact Dr. Pat Fosarelli at 410/864-4204 or pfosarelli@stmarys.edu.

AFFORDABLE LEGAL ADVICE FROM U of MD SCHOOL OF LAW "Just Advice," a program of the University of Maryland School of Law, seeks to provide affordable legal advice to the Baltimore community. For only \$10, Baltimore residents can meet with an attorney for a half-hour to discuss any number of legal issues. For a schedule of available locations and times or for more information, 410-929-4809 justadvice@law.umaryland.edu.

OPEN HOUSE—AT COLLEGE OF NOTRE DAME

The Renaissance Institute at the College of Notre Dame, a life-long learning program for **adults 50 and over** who come together to share intellectual interests and make new friends, is holding an open house Tuesday, **August 9**, (10 to 11:30am). For more information contact Bob Fanto at 410-252-8531 or visit www.ndm.edu/renaissance.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

He gave up everything for a pearl...that's crazy. What about the necessities of life? Today's Gospel, like all Jesus' parables, is a real slap in the face. Giving up everything for the Kingdom of God doesn't make sense. It seems reckless, but it is utterly fulfilling. If God is inviting you to make that trade for a religious vocation, Contact Rev. Austin A. Murphy, Director of Vocations at 410-547-5426

PREGNANCY CENTER NORTH, founded in 1982 by Catholic women, located in the Stoneleigh/Rodgers Forge, Towson area, is seeking volunteers to assist in the many facets of our ministry, including: counseling women in crisis pregnancy, maternity/parenting education through our Earn While You Learn incentive program, sorting clothes, office help, computer input, etc. Our ministry offers opportunities for volunteers, college-student internships, high school student service hours, acceptance of gently used maternity clothes and baby items (please call for a list of needs before dropping off). As a non-profit entity, financial donations are a necessity. Volunteer shifts are approx. 4 hours/wk. or e/o week. **training provided**, located at 6805 York Road. Call Cindi @ 410.377.2871, or 410.375.8176

IHM Travel Group – Save the Dates

Aug. 17 – Wednesday – Crab Feast – **Suicide Bridge** \$82.00 Leave 9:00 AM return to IHM 5:00 pm

Sept. 14 Emmitsburg Shrine & Grotto - \$53.00 Visit Shrine, Grotto, Dinner at Dutch's Daughter. Leave 8:30 – return 5:00

Oct. 20 Charlestown Bavarian Inn \$62.00 10:30 to 8:00

Nov. 30 *Christmas Show* \$84.00 9 am to 7pm

Call Dot Raab at 410-668-7760 –

Make check payable to:

IHM Travel Group/Dot Raab– send to 8537 Oak Road
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