

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3, 2011

Today's Gospel has a special significance as we observe this Independence Day weekend. Jesus invites us to find rest in Him. Let us pray today for our world and our country as we recall our founders' dreams of creating a haven for the oppressed. And let us ask for mercy when we have failed to realize this noble dream.

## Masses of the Week

**Beginning July 4, 2011**

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** July 4 th 9 AM

George Wilhelm, Sr. Ann Hanna (S. I.)

**TUES:** Macario Javier, Sr.

**WED:** Bill Kelly Irene Lutz

**THURS:** Salvatore Culotta

**FRI:** William "Clem" Birely

**SAT:** Bernadette Warfield

**Saturday, July 9, 2011**

**4:30 PM:** Rosalind Murphy William F. Evans

**6:00 PM:** Agnes Wheeler

**Sunday, July 10, 2011**

**7:30 AM** Marie Oberle

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

Fernando Tayag, Sr. & Rolando Rayos Del Sol

**10:30 AM** Ethel & Roland Burns

**Noon:** People of the Parish

**N.H. – indicates Nursing Home**

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

**Independence Day Mass:** Before you head out to the festivities celebrating our nation's birthday, gather your family, friends and neighbors and join us as we begin our day with Mass at 9:00am on Monday July 4. There will be special music for the day and if you come a few minutes early you can hear Tom and our own Rose Marie Davila (Piccolo) as they present Sousa's THE STARS AND STRIPES FOEVER. At the conclusion of Mass we will sing The National Anthem, followed by an organ postlude arranged by famous organist Virgil Fox on the same tune. Come add your voice!

### SCRIPTURE READINGS for July 10, 2011

**First: Isaiah 55:10-11.** God's word is like the rain--creating life.

**Second: Romans 8:18-23.** We believe that our present suffering is the seed of future glory.

**Gospel: Matt. 13:1-23.** The seed is God's word. What kind of ground are we?

**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

### **Collections for the Weekend of June 26, 2011**

Envelope Donations	\$	7002.50
Loose	\$	1754.05
Children	\$	32.27
Total	\$	8788.82
Less Cathedraicum	\$	1318.32
Available for Parish	\$	7470.50
Second Collection	\$	5221.10
Poor Box	\$	130.58
Cap. Camp		

**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** The Pontifical Council for Culture is collaborating with a U.S. company dedicated to research on adult stem cells. The council's partnership with NeoStem was announced on 06/16/11 in the Vatican. Father Tomasz Trafny, director of that dicastery's Science and Faith department, spoke about the motives for the collaboration. He said, "The interest we have in this particular investigation aims to explore the cultural impact of research on adult stem cells and of regenerative medicine in the long and medium terms. This organization is dedicated to adult stem cell research because it has the potential to alleviate human suffering by unlocking the healing power of the human body. Most importantly, they are able to do all this without destroying another human life. Treatments obtained with adult stem cells come without the ethical dilemmas posed by the use of embryonic stem cells and include treating autoimmune diseases such as lupus, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease and rheumatoid arthritis, averting corneal degeneration and restoring vision, restoring proper cardiac function after a heart attack, and improved movement after a spinal cord injury." The pontifical council and NeoStem will be working together for an international conference on adult stem cell research in November. ([Zenit.org](http://Zenit.org), 6/16/11) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645

**The Parish Office will be closed** Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The Parish Office will re-open Tuesday, July 5.



**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH:**

Sunday, July 10, - 2011 is our day to collect food for the pantry

Following are the items most needed for the pantry:

- Peanut butter and jelly, Jell-O, canned fruit, cold drinks
- Canned meat, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and potatoes
- Tuna fish, tea bags and cereal

Thanks to your generosity, approximately 50 families were helped last month with food, rent, BGE bills, and bus tokens

Please check the expiration dates on your food. Two entire bags of food were discarded. During the summer months our pantry is **very low** and we need your help. If you are away the week of the food drive, you can bring your donation another weekend.

Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> is our day to collect casseroles for **OUR DAILY BREAD** we will be on the parking lot from 7:30 a.m. to 9: 30 a.m. 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. Pans are available at the doors of the Church this weekend.

Mark Your Calendars: **IHM Blood Drive** co-sponsored by Babcock Presbyterian Church – **BLOOD DONORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. JULY 14 FROM 1 to 7 PM** in Cartwright Hall. Call 410-663-4357 to make your life-saving donation.

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 currently accepting Registrations for Grades Pre-K - 8th. Please call the school office: 410-668-8466 or visit our website [www.immaculateheartofmary.com](http://www.immaculateheartofmary.com) and click the school link.

**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

Call Dot Raab at 410-668-7760 –

Make check payable to:

IHM Travel Group/Dot Raab– send to 8537 Oak Road  
Baltimore MD 21234

THE BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM for **new or expecting parents** is held each month on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. 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 Saturday evening or Sunday Masses. Our next class is July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Missionary Cooperative Appeal** Next weekend Rev. Jan Mostert, OSFS will be speaking at all the Masses on behalf of the Diocese of Keetmanshoop, Namibia, Africa. Fr. Mostert is a North American Missionary of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. We welcome Fr. Jan to Immaculate Heart and support the work of the missions.

**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.

Our Altar Flowers this weekend were donated  
In Loving Memory of **Diane Geppi-Aikens**  
From John and Katherine Geppi, her parents