

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
The First Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2011

My friends, all three of today's readings include a call from God—the call to Abraham to leave his homeland; in Paul's letter to Timothy, the call to live a holy life and in the Gospel, the call to listen to the voice of Jesus. Let us pray for open, listening hearts and minds.


Masses of the Week

Beginning March 14, 2011

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Frank Passaro, Sr.

TUES: Josephina Escarcha (SI) Eileen M. Norton

WED: Donnon Murray

THURS: Rosalie Hagan Patricia Ann Tharrington

FRI: Mary Poston

SAT: Mark C. Medairy

Saturday March 19, 2011

4:30 PM. William Mullen

6:00 PM. Anne Miles

Sunday, March 20, 2011

7:30 AM Ethel & Roland Burns

9:00 AM Herbert J. Hand

10:30 AM James Michael Laird

Noon: Antoinette Davis Luigi & Stefano DiStefano

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 20, 2011

First: Gen. 12: 1-4 The call of Abraham

Second: Rom 2 1:8-10 God calls us to live a holy life.

Gospel: Matt. 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured: God say, "Listen."

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

IHM Travel Group – Save the Dates

May 18 – Wednesday Visit WWII Memorial in DC dinner at Phillips. \$114.

June 22 – Wednesday. Sight and Sound – *JOSEPH* \$104.00

July 20 -21 Wed. & Thurs. Ride the Rails in W.VA. \$410.00

Aug. 17 – Wednesday – Crab Feast – Suicide Bridge

Oct. 20 Thursday. Charlestown/Bavarian Inn

Call Dot Raab at 410-668-7760 – Make check payable to:

IHM Travel Group – send to 8501 Loch Raven Blvd.

Baltimore MD 21286 ATTN: Dot Raab – Travel Group.

Collections for the Weekend of March 6, 2011

Envelope Donations	\$	8242.00	
Loose	\$	1681.18	
Children	\$	68.14	
Second Collection	\$	2967.18	Maintenance
Total	\$	12958.50	
Less Cathedralium	\$	1943.77	
Available for Parish	\$	11014.73	
Poor Box	\$	145.07	

RESPECT LIFE - The Maryland House of Delegates is expected to vote next week on legislation to dramatically alter the definition of marriage in Maryland. Our Maryland Catholic Conference is seeking your help with an urgent message to protect marriage. Please go the Maryland Catholic Conference website for information on contacting your state delegate immediately. The website is www.mdcatholic.org. Visit the website of the MD Catholic Conference at www.mdcathcon.org to contact your legislators and urge others to do the same. Thank you for your efforts, and please continue to pray that marriage will be protected in Maryland.” (Archdiocese of Baltimore Respect Life Office) - To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AT IHM. – Electric 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. Your contributions to the collection can be weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Sign-up forms are available at the parish office, in the pamphlet rack in the back of Church or can be downloaded from the parish website.

Please Remember God's Poor by use of the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each Weekend.

The **Holy Name** is selling 5-car Raffle tickets. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Don Ward @ 410-882-6644. Remember that \$2.50 of each ticket sold will benefit The IHM HOLY NAME.

**FASTING FOR LENT? GIVING UP CHOCOLATE OR TV?
CHOOSE TO FAST TOO! ON YOUR FAITH!!!**

Join a small group for six weeks during Lent to participate in *Lenten Longings* to read Scripture and share your faith. Groups will be meeting once a week. One group meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Susan Meyd at 410-828-1953. Should you prefer another day and time please contact Amie Post to be connected with a group that suits your schedule. 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

SAVE THE DATE - Plan on attending the Annual IHM *St. Patrick's Dance* on Friday, March 18, 2011 from 8pm to 12:30pm in the IHM School Gym. Cost is \$17 per person or \$170 for a table of 10. Beer, Wine & Set-ups included. Featuring the sounds of DJ Tom Lodge. Get your GREEN on and call Frank McShalley at 410-668-5828 for your tickets!

Thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for the donation of 71 casseroles, \$95.00 cash and dry goods donated for **OUR DAILY BREAD** on March 3rd. Also thanks to everybody who braved the cold temperatures. Come on springtime.

Mark your calendars – On Thursday, March 31st and May 12th **Casey's** 1742 E. Joppa Road an IHM family owned and operated restaurant is holding an IHM school Fundraiser. 10% of all ticket sales will be donated to IHM School. Please mention you are from IHM when you order.

CONCERT AT IHM

Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 PM in church the Choirs of Calvert Hall will perform their annual Spring Concert. *The Hallmen* and the *Chamber Singers* will showcase music which they will perform at *Festival Disney* in Orlando later in March. The chorus of the Chesapeake will be attending as special guests. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is sponsoring two trips this summer: a trip to Haiti to serve the poor in the diocese of Gonaives, and a trip to Louisa, Kentucky, an impoverished area of Appalachia, to serve the poor in our own country. Youth between the ages of 16-20 are needed to participate in these trips. Interested youth can download an application at www.archbalt.org/missions and submit their completed application by April 1, 2011.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY --- a national, Catholic ministry that facilitates the healing of those who have loved ones inactive in the practice of the faith. For more details, visit their website, stmonicaministry.weebly.com.

LENTEN SCHEUDULE

“Change our Hearts, Change our Minds, Change our Lives”

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are days of Fast and Abstinence. **All the Fridays of Lent are also days of Abstinence from Meat.** Fast Days are observed by those who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 and those bound by this rule take only one full meal and two smaller meals.

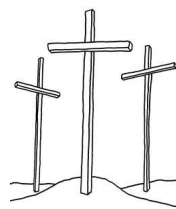
STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday Morning after the 8:00 AM Mass and at 7:00 PM on Friday evenings during Lent.

RECONCILIATION – Wednesday after the 8:00 AM Mass and Saturday at 3:45 PM. with the exception of Holy Saturday, Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 PM

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

As we began our Lenten journey, our heads were marked with ashes. “Remember that you are dust.” As Adam was made from the earth, we are all jars of clay, shaped as God would have us...if we just let him. Consider the possibility of a religious vocation. Call 410- - 547-5426 OR E-MAIL Rev. T. Austin Murphy Vocation Director austin.murphy@archbalt.org

LENT 2011



As we enter into this holy season of Lent, we invite you to reflect on ways that you can change your heart, your mind, your life. Please feel free to write down your intentions each week and drop them in the clay jug placed at the base of themed banner in church near the Holy Family We kindly request that this be done prior to Mass. Additional slips will be available at the doors to the church.

Lord,
Change my Heart by _____

Change my Mind by _____

Change my Life by _____