

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13, 2011

Today we hear the familiar parable of the talents. While in the parable "talent" refers to a unit of money, we may understand the parable as referring to all gifts from God, including our abilities. It has been said that our talents are God's gift to us and what we do with our talents is our gift back to God. Let us pray today for the grace to avoid the temptation of longing for the talents of others and to use ours generously to build the kingdom.

Masses of the Week

Beginning Nov. 14, 2011

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Janice Reilly (SI) Marciana E. Dela Cruz

TUES: James Fuku

WED: All Souls

THURS: Michael F. Connor, Sr. Lourdes Ranta (SI)

FRI: Clara & Albert Iaconangelo

SAT: All Souls

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011

4:30 PM: Louise Pochatek Jay Marcin

6:00 PM: All Souls

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011

7:30 AM: People of the Parish

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

10:30 AM: Frank Passaro, Sr.

Noon: Patricia Kmetz

NH Mon: Joseph Lamartina

N.H. - indicates Nursing Home

S.I. - indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Nov. 20, 2011

First: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 The shepherd who will judge between one sheep and another.

Second: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Christ is the king who will hand over the kingdom

Gospel: Matt 25: 14-30. What we do for the least, we do for Jesus.

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 Mark Chalkley
By his parents, Pam and Moe Chalkley

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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary on **Saturday December 3rd at the 6 p.m. liturgy**. Please keep the young people and their sponsors in your prayers as they conclude their year -long preparation for this sacrament. The celebrant will be Bishop Denis Madden.

Collections for the Weekend of Nov. 6, 2011

Envelope Donations	\$	9124.00
Loose	\$	1758.10
Children	\$	71.20
Second Collection	\$	3363.40
Holy Day	\$	2289.25
Total	\$	16605.95
Less Cathedraticum	\$	2490.89
Available for Parish	\$	14115.06
Poor Box	\$	457.26

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 most profound reason why the campaign for assisted suicide is a threat, and not an aid, to human freedom has to do with the very reality of the human person. The founders of our country declared that each human being has certain inalienable rights that governments must protect. The first right is the right to life. It is named before the right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is the condition for enjoying all other rights and all other goods. Other rights lose their foundation if life itself can be destroyed with impunity. Our Christian faith goes even further in its understanding in seeing life as the gift of God, the Creator. Each human life is sacred. One cannot uphold human freedom by undercutting its foundation, the sacredness of human life of each person.--Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, July 19, 2011. To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8 8645.

IHM Travel Group - Save the Dates

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 Baltimore MD 21234

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.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: We invite all families, couples and individuals to sign up to light the Advent Wreath. There is a sign-up poster located in the vestibule of the church. Members of the Liturgy Committee will be available to assist you in making your selection. The lighting will take place at all weekend Masses during Advent.



CONCERT SERIES: This Sunday at 4:00pm in the church, *Belle Voix* Vocal Ensemble will present their Fall Concert “*Joyful Song!*” *Belle Voix* has presented concerts throughout central PA, from Lewistown to Bethesda, Maryland. The group, featured on several “Christmas in Hanover CD’s”, has sung at events by invitation, such as the Marian Celebration in Harrisburg and the YWCA National Victim’s Week Vigil. *Belle Voix* is under the direction of Beth D. Pugliese, Minister of Music at Our Lady of Grace Church in Parkton, MD. The program presents music by Russian, English, French, German, and American composers in varied styles: motets, madrigals, part songs and spirituals. Music will include: “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” by John Purifoy, Christopher Tye’s “O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord”, “Tantum Ergo” by Fauré, “Jubilate Deo in C” by Benjamin Britten, the Italian Madrigal “Bonzorno Madonna” by Renaissance composer Antonio Scandello and “Since All Is Passing” Paul Hindemith. The program continues with more songs of joy by Schubert, Ralph Vaughan-Williams and Handel. Concluding the concert is the “Hallelujah Chorus” from *Mount of Olives* by Beethoven. The concert is free, no tickets are required, a free will offering will be taken at intermission.

St. Vincent de Paul

For **Thanksgiving** we will be accepting gift certificates for turkeys in place of frozen or fresh turkeys this year. We do not have room at the parish offices to store turkeys. Any questions call Garrett Brown at 410-663-4357.

OUR DAILY BREAD - Thanks to all the volunteers and people in the parish for the donation of 81 casseroles, \$110.00 cash and dry goods donated for our daily Bread on November 3, 2011.

FOOD PANTRY - **Our pantry is very low.** Please help. If you are away the week of the food drive, you can bring your donation another weekend. We are always in need of non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry.



Parish Blood Drive – Thursday, November 17th from 1:00 to 7:00 PM in Cartwright Hall. Please call Garrett Brown at 410-663-4357 to schedule your life-saving donations.

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

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES are available at the doors of the Church and Hall. Your intentions on these envelopes will be placed on the altar for the entire month of November to be part of the All Souls Novena of Masses.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

How can you make a return to the Lord for all that he has given you? Put your gifts and talents at the service of others. You have been blessed for a special purpose and mission in this life – a place to put your gifts and talents to use. If you want help discerning religious life Contact Rev. Austin A. Murphy, Director of Vocations at 410-547-5426.

The members of the IHM Our Lady’s Sodality will be having their annual Craft, Used Jewelry and Bake Sale after all the Masses on November 19th and 20th. They will also be selling Hand Crafted Christmas Cards. Please stop into Cartwright Hall after all the Masses next weekend.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS - join us on Thursday November 24 for Mass at 9:00am as our nation gives thanks for our many blessings. We invite you to bring non-perishable food items which will be collected at the Presentation of Gifts during the offertory. There will also be a monetary collection for the benefit of the Parish St. Vincent de Paul Outreach. Please do not bring items in glass containers and avoid perishable items that would require refrigeration. The adult choir will sing at this Mass and present special music for the celebration.

Faith Formation: If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or have questions about Adult Confirmation or RCIA, please contact Amie Post in the Faith Formation Office on 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com