

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 29, 2012**

This Sunday is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. The images of gentleness, strength, confidence, self-sacrifice, hard work and peace are what we want to be as parents or grandparents, friends or colleagues, even as a pastor: Let us pray today to be followers of the true Shepherd and imitators of Him.

  
**Masses of the Week**

**Beginning April 30, 2012**

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Patricia Ann Tharrington      Fernando Tayag, Jr.  
**TUES:** Bob Bell                              Rickard James Donovan  
**WED:** Charles Stapf                      Earl "Pat" L. Griffin  
**THURS:** Charles R. Gallagher      William Conklin  
**FRI:** George Dietz                          Joseph Papiri

**SAT:** Mary Frances Ellis

Saturday, May 5, 2012

4:30 PM Rosalie D. Hagan              Robert Fedo  
 6:00 PM Edgardo Simon                  Joseph Cousimano

Sunday, May 6, 2012

**7:30 AM:** Cecilia M. Jones              Anthony M.R. Robertazzi  
**9:00 AM:** George Thaler                  Dennis & Michael Carmody  
**10:30 AM:** People of the parish  
**12:00PM:** Giovanni & Pietra Rotondi

**N.H.** – indicates Nursing Home

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS for May 6, 2012**

**First:** Acts 9: 26-31 – *Paul struggles as a new apostle of the Lord.*

**Second:** 1 John 3:18-24 *Believe in Jesus and love one another.*

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8 *Abide in me and you will bear much fruit.*

**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

**Parish Council Elections**

The Parish Pastoral Council serves as an advisory body to the Pastor on all aspects of Parish Life. Each year we seek interested parishioners who would like to serve on the Council as nominees for election to the Council by their fellow parishioners. Elections will be held in May with the slate of nominees being published several weeks in advance. If you would like to serve your fellow parishioners on the Council, please contact Fr. Mike, including a short personal biography and your specific interests in serving the Parish. E-mail response is preferred or submit in writing. If you would like to nominate someone else, please submit their name, e-mail address and phone number. Thank You. [mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com)

**Collections for the Weekend of April 22, 2012**

Envelope Donations	\$	7778.66	
Loose	\$	1975.77	
Children	\$	57.05	
Total	\$	9811.48	
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1471.72	
Available for Parish	\$	8339.76	
Second Collection	\$	4288.76	RIP
Poor Box	\$	388.50	

**ELECTRONIC 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. Sign-up forms are available in the pamphlet rack at the doors of the Church or by calling the parish office at 410-668-7935. Ext. 209

**ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING  
 WIN A FREE KINDLE FIRE!!**

Sign up now for electronic giving, our offertory giving program, and be entered into a drawing for a FREE Kindle Fire!! Current electronic offertory givers are eligible. Visit our parish website to download the form. Everyone who signs up between now and May 10<sup>th</sup> will be entered into the **Kindle Fire** drawing so sign up today!! Pick up an orange form at the Doors of the Church.

**RESPECT LIFE** - The nation's Catholic bishops have launched a new hard-hitting campaign supporting religious freedom with a new statement that pointedly takes on the new mandate the Obama administration put in place forcing groups to pay for contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs. The Catholic bishops steadfastly opposed any "accommodation" with "unjust" laws and put forward plans for prayer, education and other initiatives to protect their rights from an overreaching federal government. The statement, "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A not Statement on Religious Liberty," was issued by Archbishop-designate William Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty of the USCCB. It reads in part: "This is not a Catholic issue. This is a Jewish issue. This is not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The Christian church does not ask for a special treatment, simply the rights of religious freedom for all citizens. Rev. King also explained that the church is neither the master nor the servant of the state, but its conscience, guide, and critic." (LifeNews.com, 4/12/12) - 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

Fr. Michael Carrion, our Pastor, is sponsoring a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, November 7 to 16, 2012. If you are interested in experiencing the land and the places that are so important to the foundation of our faith, please contact, Fr. Michael Carrion at 410-668-7935, ext. 203 or at [mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com). Flyers are also available in the back of Church. We also have a link with more information on the Parish Website.

**THE HOLY NAME is selling 5 car raffle tickets. See or call Don Ward for more information: 410-882-6644. The tickets will also be on sale at the parish picnic on May 6, 2012.**

**MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON AND IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** will be featured this Sunday April 29 at 4:00pm by Organist Carl Schwartz in Recital, which will also include works of J.S. Bach, Handel, Titelouze, de Grigny, Franck, Tournemire, Dupré, Shearing, and others. This is the final concert in our 2011-2012 series. Mr. Schwartz is a graduate of Davidson College (North Carolina) and The Catholic University of America where he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance. He has been a church musician for 43 years serving churches of several denominations in North Carolina, Washington D.C. and Vermont. The concert is free and open to the public, a free will offering will be taken.

**OPERATION OVERBOARD where we go deeper with GOD!!!! Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon.** Cost is \$15/ child. Adult help is needed for one day or all! Registration materials will be sent home soon. Contact Amie Post if you wish to help serve on the planning committee! [apost@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com)

**The Maryland Catholic Conference** is working to repeal legislation passed by the General Assembly to drastically redefine marriage in Maryland. Petition drives will be held at our parish on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and at the Picnic \_\_\_\_\_. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ORDER TO SIGN THE PETITION.** You also must print your name as it appears on your voter registration. Plan to bring your voter registration card with you to the petition drive, or visit <http://www.mdelections.umd.edu/voter-registration/status/> to see how you registered.

**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASS CARDS** are available at the doors of the Church this weekend. The outer envelopes may be returned to Church and will be placed on the altar during May.

**WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!**  
Congratulations to the 42 children of our parish family who received First Eucharist. May God bless you and your families.

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**IHM Annual Parish Picnic**  
*Sunday, May 6, 2012*  
*Begin with Noon Mass - May Crowning*  
*Picnic 1 PM – 5 PM - Rain or Shine*  
*Music – Food, Beverages & Desserts for sale –*  
*Games – Wheels - Moon Bounce and More*  
*Bring a blanket or a Lawn Chair and join us for*  
*An afternoon of Friends, Food and Fun –*

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary School** is accepting Registration for Grades Pre-K - 8th. Please call the school office: 410-668-8466.

All students in IHM Faith Formation programs and/or in IHM School who are completing the Fourth grade (or older) are invited to become **ALTAR SERVERS** at Immaculate Heart of Mary. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server and has not already received a letter and Altar Server Permission form, please contact Fr. Mike at 410-668-7935, ext. 203. Training will be held before the end of this school year.

**IHM TRAVEL GROUP - Sight & Sound – JONAH – July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10AM to 8:30 PM Cost is \$97.00** Contact Dot Raab for more information at 410-668-7760.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - We are in need of volunteers for our Monday nursing home service. The service is held every Monday at 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Cromwell Nursing Home on Emge road. Please call 410-663-4357 if you are interested in this special ministry.

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 6:00 PM Mass** on May 12. We invite all those who are suffering from an acute and/or chronic illness, mental or physical, (including those seeking help for addictions) to receive the Sacrament during this Mass. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was formerly referred to as "Extreme Unction" because it was usually only administered when someone was in danger of death. While it is expected that those receiving the Sacrament are seeking healing or strength because of a specific and serious illness or illnesses or are preparing for surgery, it is not required that death be immanent for the reception of the sacrament. As it is with all the sacraments (except Baptism), it is expected that those requesting to be anointed have reached the age of reason (about seven years old) in order to have at least a basic understanding of the meaning of the sacrament.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**