

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord April 8, 2012

Today we proclaim the incomprehensible. One who walked among us, one who was put to death as a criminal and whose death was witnessed by disciples and strangers—this one has been raised and lives again. Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Masses of the Week

Beginning April 9, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Dee Szymanski

TUES: Ann Marie Manz Pat Simpkins

WED: Henry J. Christ, Jr.

THURS: Mercedes Tayag Frances W. Rolfes

FRI: Sergio Miguel Stephen Loverde

SAT: Annette Wilder Carolyn E. Deems

Saturday April 14, 2012

4:30 PM Constance Selby Frank J. Lopreato

6:00 PM Charles J. Henneman

Sunday, April 15, 2012

7:30 AM: Rev. Joseph L. McManus

9:00 AM: James "Jim" O'Connor, Jr.

10:30 AM: People of the Parish

12:00PM: DiStefano Brothers and Sisters

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for April 14, 2012

First: Acts 4:32-35 They held everything in common

Second: 1 John 5:1-6 The love of God is this: that we keep his commandments.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 Jesus appears to the disciples

THANKS to everyone who supported the successful Spring Bazaar hosted by the Sodality on Palm Sunday weekend.

SODALITY: Bonnie Pettijohn (410-663-4983) is our Corporal Works of Mercy Chairperson. She needs to be advised of the illness or death of a Sodalist and the death of a Sodalist's family member(s). Also, the special anniversary of a Sodalist or the addition to a Sodalist's family tree. We hope to continue this special work in the tradition set forth by Angie Brown. This can be done only with the help of each and every Sodalist. We are certain Angie is there by Mary's side asking for blessings on our behalf. She will be missed.

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

IHM TRAVEL GROUP - Myrtle Beach S.C. – 5 days – 4 nights May 14-18, 2012. Price \$414.00 plus \$99.00 for single. Visit Barefoot Landing, Charleston, SC, Broadway at the Beach and have lots of fun. Contact Dot Raab for more information at 410-668-7760.

Collections for the Weekend of April 1, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	8959.25	
Loose	\$	1773.30	
Children	\$	103.16	
Second Collection	\$	4199.40	Maintenance
Total	\$	15035.11	
Less Cathedralium	\$	2255.26	
Available for Parish	\$	12779.85	
Poor Box	\$	656.18	

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.

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 10th will be entered into the **Kindle Fire** drawing so sign up today!!

RESPECT LIFE - "The Lord is risen! On this day of days, on this feast of feasts, we rejoice in the victory of life! This victory is not just a hope; it is a fact. God, in Christ, has destroyed the power of death! In all its forms--including abortion--death can never have the final word! This is why we are pro-life, and the victory of this day is the starting point and foundation of the pro-life movement. The gift of life, placed in our hands today, is what we proclaim, celebrate, and serve. We announce and apply this victory to every segment of our society. We say to our culture, in effect, 'Hurry up! God has accomplished His work, and we must run to share in its fruit! God's design for life is unfolding in a definitive way, and this is our chance to catch hold of it and participate in it!'"-- *Father Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life*
To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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. Flyers are also available in the back of Church. We also have a link with more information on the Parish Website.

Petition Drive to Preserve Marriage in Maryland

The Catholic Church in Maryland is working with the Maryland Marriage Alliance to repeal legislation passed by the General Assembly to drastically redefine marriage in Maryland. Petition drives will be held in parishes beginning April 15. **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. We will have the petitions available here at IHM on April 14 -15 and May 5 & 6.

Requesting a Sacramental Certificate – Because of the national concern with identity theft and personal privacy, The Archdiocese of Baltimore has instituted a policy that all Parishes in the archdiocese now require a signed, written letter of permission from the person requesting the sacramental information and the reason for the request. The letter is to be kept on file at the Parish. In the case of a minor needing a document the letter is acceptable when it comes from a parent.

St. Vincent de Paul - Thanks to all the parishioners for their donation of food to our pantry the past weekend. We collected 49 bags of food. If you are away the week of the drive you can bring your food on another Sunday.

THE HOLY NAME is selling 5 car raffle tickets. See or call Don Ward for more information: 410-882-6644.

CONFIRMATION information has been distributed to all students in grade eight. If your child has not been contacted and wishes to be confirmed please call 410-661-3820 and we will send you registration materials.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Concert Series: All are cordially invited to attend the final concert of the 2011-2012 season, Organist Carl Schwartz in recital on Sunday April 29 at 4:00pm. The program features “Music for Easter Season and in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary” with works of J.S. Bach, Handel, Titelouze, de Grigny, Franck, Tournemire, Dupré, Shearing, and others. Mr. Schwartz has been a church musician for 43 years serving churches of several denominations in North Carolina, Washington D.C. and Vermont. He 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. The concert is free and open to the public, a free will offering will be taken.

ADULT CONFIRMATION - Are you a Catholic who has never been confirmed? Do you wish to experience the fullness of the initiation sacraments of the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on adult Catholics (**age 18 and older**) on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, 2012, at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen. The parishes of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Ursula, in conjunction with The Department of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, will offer three sessions to prepare adults (age 18 or older) to receive this sacrament. The sessions are designed to review our core Catholic beliefs, practices and attitudes, discuss what it means to be a disciple in our Church today, and explore ways of living in a Catholic faith community as guided by the Holy Spirit. **The formation series will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary in their Parish Center on Saturdays, April 28, May 12 and 19 from 2:00 pm to 4:15 pm. To register for the sessions or for more information, please call Amie Post 410-661-3820 or by e-mail apost@immaculateheartofmary.com**

FIRST EUCHARIST

The Sundays of the Easter season are considered by the Church to be the most appropriate time for the celebration of **FIRST EUCHARIST**. Our young people will be joining us at the Lord's Table for the first time at Masses **on April 21 at 4:30, & 6:00 and April 22 at 10:30 and on April 29 at the 10:30 and the Noon**. As many as ten **FIRST COMMUNICANTS** and their families will have reserved seating in the front of the church at each of the Masses. The special seating for the disabled will be moved to the front of the side chapels for these weekends. Please welcome them and help us accommodate them on this special day.

GUIDELINES FOR RESPECT FOR THE EUCHARIST.

All Catholics who are in the state of grace and in good standing with the Church are encouraged to fully participate in the Mass by receiving the Eucharist every Sunday or even daily where possible. When approaching the minister of Communion a respectful bow is recommended. This should be done when there are still one or two people still ahead of you, not when you are directly in front of the minister. (The bishops of the United States have excluded genuflecting in the communion line as an appropriate reverence. You are therefore requested NOT to genuflect at this time.) When you are receiving communion, please hold out both hands flat, one over the other, to receive communion and respond “Amen”, to the proclamation, “Body of Christ”. You may receive on the tongue if you wish. If communion under both forms is offered, you are encouraged, but not required, to do so. It is not permissible for a person to dip his or her own host into the cup. Genuflecting to the Lord's presence in the tabernacle as you enter and leave Church is still recommended. A simple bow is sufficient when crossing in front of the altar or the central crucifix.

