

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

In today's gospel we hear a story of faith. It is the story of four men who bring one who is paralyzed to Jesus for healing. Unable to get through the crowd, they carry the paralyzed one to the roof, where they create an opening and then lower the paralytic, still lying on a mat, within reach of Jesus. Let us pray today for that kind of energetic faith.

Masses of the Week

Beginning Feb. 19, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Mercedes Frades Joan Popoli (S.I.)
TUES: Theresa A. Mrozinski Rosario Escarcha (S.I.)
WED: Catherine Mann
THURS: Louise Jean Deems
FRI: Charles R. Gallagher Dean Pickens
SAT: Robert C. Mavis Mary Kessock

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012

4:30 PM: Genevieve Morawski Geraldine Mutarelli

6:00 PM: People of the parish

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

7:30 AM: Francis Louis Taylor

9:00 AM: Jerome Bozek

10:30 AM Anna Patrick

Noon: Kenneth G. Rominski

Ash Wednesday:

10:00 AM Senen C. Racelis (S.I.) Mary Madeline Weise

Noon The Szabo Family

7:00 PM Andrea Ashburn

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Feb. 26, 2012

First: Gen. 9:8-15 God's covenant with Noah and with us.

Second: I Pet 3:18-22 The flood and the covenant prefigure baptism that saves us.

Gospel: Jesus tempted in the desert.

Sodality Day of Recollection – Sunday, March 18th – Leave IHM Noon – Return 6:00 PM – Call Dot Raab 410-668-7760 Friar Facilitator: Fr. Steve Frenier – Deadline for Reservations – Feb. 29th. Cost is \$48.00 – Day includes Lunch, two talks, confession, and closing prayer at St. Anthony Monastery in Ellicott City

On Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at the cathedral of Mary Our Queen, a Mass of Thanksgiving will occur to celebrate Cardinal-designate O'Brien's elevation to the College of Cardinals and to thank God for the service of the Fifteenth Archbishop of Baltimore. A reception for all who attend the Mass will occur on the grounds of the Cathedral immediately following the conclusion of Mass. All are welcome and no tickets are necessary.

Collections for the Weekend of Feb. 12, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	8178.00	
Loose	\$	1441.19	
Children	\$	77.43	
Second Collection	\$	2119.00	Youth Ed.
Total	\$	11815.62	
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1772.43	
Available for Parish	\$	10043.19	
Poor Box	\$	582.46	

RESPECT LIFE - 100,000 Rosaries for the Unborn:

The Archdiocese of Baltimore, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Diocese of Wilmington, is soliciting pledges to have 100,000 rosaries prayed in the month of March 2012 to eliminate abortion in our state and our nation,. Can you pray four or five rosaries (only one per week) over the course of the month of March? **To make a pledge to pray the rosary, please contact Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645 or grammybetbet@yahoo.com by Feb. 29.** The total pledge numbers for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be provided to the Archdiocese Respect Life Office to be formally presented at a state-wide Pro-Life Mass at 2 pm on Sunday, March 18, at the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore City. The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski will be the celebrant; all are invited to attend that Mass and a Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood after Mass.

Liturgical Ministers Retreat: If you are a liturgical minister (usher, EM, greeter, Lector, music minister) part of the faith formation team, school faculty, parish council or a parishioner who is interested in joining a ministry you are welcome to join us. Even if you did not sign up, you are welcome to experience the power of prayer as we are led by Fr. Nicholas Amato. The retreat begins at 9am with a light breakfast and registration, and will end by 12:30pm. For those that wish, Fr. Nicholas will be celebrating the 8am Mass for those that would like to begin the retreat with Eucharistic Liturgy. If you did not have the opportunity to sign up, you are still welcome to join us. The retreat will be held in Cartwright Hall.

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

All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th in Observance of President's Day.

Fr. Mike 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.

Fr. Mike

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.

Thanks to all the parishioners for their donation of food to our pantry the past weekend. We collected 42 bags of food. **Our pantry is still low.** If you are away the week of the drive you can bring your food on another Sunday.

Any child who is in 2nd grade or older interested in receiving **FIRST EUCHARIST** is invited to begin preparation the Sacrament! Please contact Amie Post to make arrangements for the preparation of your child. 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com Do you have an older child who is seeking Baptism? Eucharist or Confirmation? Contact Amie Post for more information!

3/9 Middle School March Madness – LASER TAG EXTRAVAGANZA!!!!
Friday, March 9, 9 p.m. – Saturday, March 10, 1 AM. Cost is \$25/person (down \$10 from last year!!!). Permission forms and payment due by 3/1/12. Space is limited so sign up early to assure your spot! Chaperones are needed – shift work available. Flyers with more details will be sent home next week. Questions? Contact Amie Post 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

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 in April. Contact Amie Post if you wish to help serve on the planning committee!

MOMS' TIME OUT – Tuesday mornings during Lent, 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Take time out for you with prayer, scripture reflection and sharing. Group will meet in the Chapel. Contact Amie Post with questions. apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

The **IHM school board** is seeking nominations for full and ad hoc members for the 2012-2013 school year. According to Archdiocesan guidelines, the school board must maintain a certain percentage of members who do not have children attending the school.

If you know of anyone who would be a strong contributor to our school board who fits this criteria and also has a background in one or more of the following categories (finance, construction, marketing, fundraising, grant writing), please have them contact Steve Crum srcrum@verizon.net (410-882-7808) or Fr. Carrion mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com or call 410-668-7935 ext. 203

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

ASH WEDNESDAY IS Feb. 22– Our Mass Schedule is: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM. There is a Prayer Service at 6:30 AM with distribution of Ashes.

REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE - **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged

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

RECONCILIATION – Wednesday after the 8:00 AM Mass and Saturday at 3:45 PM. (except Holy Saturday) Wednesdays Feb. 27 and March 14 from 7pm to 8pm and Tuesday, March 27, Regional Reconciliation Service at St. Ursula Parish at 7:00 pm

Join us on Friday, Feb. 24th for a *Simple Supper* at 5:30 PM in Cartwright Hall followed by *Stations of the Cross* at 7:00 PM in Church. Please call 410-661-3820 / e-mail apost@immaculateheartofmary.com to **sign up** for the dinner. This is necessary so we can prepare enough soup, salad and bread for dinner.

MUSIC MINISTRY: The IHM Adult Choir Resurrection Choir and Contemporary Ensemble welcome new members. If you sing, or play an instrument, you are encouraged to join us. For information, contact the music office at 401-668-0097 or tbozek@immaculateheartofmary.com gwilkerson@immaculateheartofmary.com

IHM Concert Series: Support our young people and our local Catholic High School by attending a concert of The Choirs of Calvert Hall College High School under the direction of George Wilkerson, Director of Choral Music at Calvert Hall and Director of Contemporary Music at IHM on Sunday March 4, 2012 at 4:00pm in the church.