

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
The First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2012

In the Gospel, we hear that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. A season of penance was necessary before Jesus could answer his calling. It is necessary for us, too, a time to take stock, to notice where we are and where we want to be. It can be a time of great grace. Let us pray for that grace.


Masses of the Week

Beginning Feb. 27, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Mr. & Mrs. William H. Bandell Lorraine Cardiges
TUES: Terry Moan Nick Maneatis
WED: Marie Doris Kotowski
THURS: Catherine Mann
FRI: Macario Javier, Jr. Thomas J. Blair
SAT: Charles E. Wolf Charles R. Gallagher

Saturday, March 3, 2012

4:30 PM: People of the Parish
 6:00 PM: Canning Family Gail Montgomery

Sunday, March 4, 2012

7:30 AM: Lucille Singleton
 9:00 AM: Dennis & Michael Carmody Jane Boland Lidard
 10:30 AM Hunter Raymond Shettle
 Noon: Giovanni Giammono

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home
 S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 4, 2012

First: Gen. 22:1-2, 9a10-13, 15-18 God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

Second: Rom 8:31b-34. God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 this is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

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	\$	8341.00
Loose	\$	1259.96
Children	\$	52.19
Total	\$	9653.15
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1447.97
Available for Parish	\$	8205.18
Poor Box	\$	502.10

RESPECT LIFE - Monday, March 12, is the 33rd Annual Maryland March for Life in Annapolis. Join other Marylanders from around the state as we let our elected officials know that we want to protect women and their unborn babies and to hold abortionists accountable. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., at 5:15 pm followed by the March to Lawyer's Mall for a rally at 7 pm. Speakers include Kelly Stauffer of Silent No More, Tracey Tiernan, 95.1 Shine FM radio host, and others. After the rally we return to St. Mary's for refreshments and fellowship. A bus will leave from Immaculate Conception Church at 3:45 pm and will return around 10 pm. The cost for the bus is \$15 per adult and \$5 per student. Call Marci at 410-853-7444 to reserve your seat on the bus. For more information on the March or to join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645.

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

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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. We also have a link with more information on the Parish Website.

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.

Thursday March 1st -2012 – is our day to collect casseroles for **OUR DAILY BREAD**. We will be on the parking lot from 7 : 30 a.m. to 9: 30 a.m. there will be pans and recipes available in back of church and the hall this weekend for anyone who would like to participate. In case of inclement weather do not bring your Casserole that day, O.D.B. has provisions for emergencies.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE – Our next parish Blood Drive will be on Thursday, March 15th from 1 – 7 in Cartwright Hall. Please call Gary Brown in the Outreach Office to schedule your life-saving donation - 410-663-4357.

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

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”

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

IHM Concert Series: Please join us in welcoming The Choirs of Calvert Hall College High School in concert 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. Free and open to the public.

Music Ministry: The IHM Adult Choir and Contemporary Ensemble welcome new members. If you sing, or play an instrument, you are encouraged to join us. Our Resurrection Choir is also looking for new members. If you would like more information, please contact the music office at 401-668-0097 or tbozek@immaculateheartofmary.com or gwilkerson@immaculateheartofmary.com

Music during Lent: The church documents direct that instruments be used as necessary for accompaniment of singing only, during Lent. Therefore there will not be any prelude or postlude music, the time before and after Mass in the absence of music rather being used for quiet reflective prayer in this penitential season.

Lenten Opportunity: In conjunction with our Lenten theme, you are invited to take one of the slips at the entrances to the church and write how you might be changing your heart, mind and life this Lent. The slips can be deposited in the large jar in the sanctuary near the Lenten Banner and will be offered up in prayer during this penitential season.