

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2012

Brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the first day of this New Year 2012. On this day of new beginnings, let us join believers all over the world and pray to be like Mary, people who can say yes to God's plan; people who become Christ-bearers to the world.

Masses of the Week

Beginning Jan. 2, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

- MON: Corine E. Gatto Nino Chiofalo
- TUES: Charles R. Gallagher Lt. Col Joseph Hennegan USMC (ret.)
- WED: Alice Ross
- THURS: James Lynch
- FRI: Mary Hare
- SAT: Alfred Rae

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012

- 4:30 PM: Judith Anne Kraft
- 6:00 PM: People of the Parish

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012

- 7:30 AM: John & Theresa Shaffer Tartal & deceased family members
- 9:00 AM: Pilar Rayos Del Sol
- 10:30 AM Anne Gibson
- Noon Margaret Mary Geckle

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Jan. 8, 2012

- First: Isa. 60:1-6 Nations shall walk by your light.
- Second: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.
- Gospel: Matt 2:1-12 The magi came from the east, following the star.

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

Please do not remove the new prayer cards from the pews. To print a copy or to read about the changes go to: <http://www.catholicreview.org/newmissal/>

Prayer Shawls: If you or someone you know needs the comfort and prayers of a "prayer shawl", know that it is available to you with a call to Pat Novak, 410-321-1438.

Collections for the Weekend of Dec. 25, 2011

Envelope Donations	\$	6780.35
Christmas	\$	19982.00
Loose	\$	5344.25
Children	\$	150.86
Total	\$	25326.25
Less Cathedraticum	\$	3798.93
Available for Parish	\$	21527.32
Second Collection	\$	7887.25 RIP
Poor Box	\$	509.60

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 –_A society is truly human when without reservations it protects and respects the dignity of every person from conception until the moment of his or her natural death. However, should it decide to "get rid" of its members in the greatest need of protection, ...it would be behaving in a profoundly inhuman and also distorted manner with regard to the equality--obvious to every person of good will--of the dignity of all people, in all the stages of life. (Pope Benedict XVI, Nov. 7, 2011) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty at 410 665-8645.

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.

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The vocation to the priesthood and to the consecrated life constitutes a special gift of God which becomes part of the great plan of love and salvation that God has for every man and woman and for the whole of humanity. For more information about vocations Contact Rev. Austin A. Murphy, Director of Vocations at 410-547-5426. Or visit the website www.becomeapriest.org

All Parish Offices
Will be closed on Monday, January 2nd
In observance of the Sunday Holidays

BAPTISM - The Baptism Preparation Program for **new or expecting parents** is held each month on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the New Parish Center. Our next class will be on January 5th When possible we encourage parents to participate in this program before their baby's birth. Please call the Rectory to schedule this program as soon as you know that you are expecting. We encourage families to share this sacrament with the worshipping community by having their children baptized at the regular weekend Masses.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH - FOOD PANTRY:
Next Sunday, January 8th, 2012 is our day to collect food for the pantry. Following are the items most needed for the pantry:

Cereals, crackers, canned fruit, canned meat, canned pasta, Peanut butter and jelly, Jell-O, macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce, potatoes, and tuna fish

Thanks to your generosity, approximately 70 families were helped last month with food, rent, **BGE** bills, and bus tokens and Christmas gifts. Please check the expiration dates on your food. 5 bags of food were discarded. Our pantry is very low after the Christmas drive. If you are away the week of the food drive, you can bring your donation another weekend.

Thursday January 5th -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 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.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
ENTRUSTED WITH A STEWARDSHIP (1 CORINTHIANS 9:17)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2012 Archbishop's Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Entrusted with a stewardship." When we give ourselves to God, God fills us with His grace and love. Jesus taught that God will never forget us. All that we have and all that we are is given to us by God. In thanksgiving for all that God gives to us, please give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

*We will have our Annual
PARISH OPEN HOUSE
Next Weekend
January 7th and 8th after all the Mass.*

*It will be held in the Parish Center.
Please stop by for some refreshments, conversation and
enjoy Fr. Mike's wonderful Train Garden!*

Welcome to Our Smoke-Free Campus

In order to comply with the new Archdiocesan Policy, the buildings and property at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be a 24/7 non-smoking campus beginning on **January 1, 2012**. Please help us to provide a healthy environment for all our students, parishioners and employees.

Fr. Mike

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY - Annual Marriage Mass will be celebrated in the Archdiocese on February 12, 2012 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St., at 3:00 p.m. with Archbishop O'Brien. All married couples and their families are invited – no matter how long they have been married. Identify the longest married couple in your parish, invite them to attend the Mass, and send their name to the World Marriage Day committee BaltimoreLongestMarried@gmail.com, by phone at 410-987-4210, or online at www.wvme.net Couples celebrating 25 years or more should register at BaltimoreAnniversaries@gmail.com (or by phone or online) to receive special recognition. A special invitation to marriage preparation volunteers to attend and be thanked by the Archbishop. The Mass will be interpreted for the Deaf. A reception follows in the Cathedral Parish Center.

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS – 2011

In order to save on postage costs, no statements of offertory envelope contributions for 2011 will be mailed out unless requested. If you wish to receive your statement, please cut out this slip below, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail it back to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Envelope #: _____

Note: Taxpayers who make multiple contributions of \$250.00 or more to the same charity during the year only need one acknowledgement reflecting the total amount for the year. Statements will not be mailed until the 31st of January 2012.