

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2012

We are called to repent, to believe in Jesus and to follow him.. now. These are urgent times and on this day when we affirm the sacredness of all life and recognize the assault on that sacredness in so many ways, let us hear God's call and not delay our response.

Masses of the Week

Beginning Jan. 23, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Pauline Wagner

TUES: Cyril French George Conley

WED: Joseph Briggs

THURS: Catherine Mann Santo A. Barco

FRI: Eleanor Elizabeth Schoeffield

SAT: Denise Lutes

Saturday, Jan 28, 2012

4:30 PM: Genevieve Morawski Lorraine Cardiges

6:00 PM: Christine Rabor

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012

7:30 AM: Andrew Riley Stambaugh

9:00 AM: People of the Parish

10:30 AM Joseph (Joe) Ferraro

Noon: Walter Fedo

N.H. – indicates Nursing Home

S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Jan. 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Deut. 18:15-20 God will raise up a prophet.

Second: 1 Cor. 7: 32-35 Do what will help you devote yourselves to the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28: Demons recognize Jesus as the Holy One of God.

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

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.

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 Annual Appeal

Collections for the Weekend of Jan. 15, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	8815.00	
Loose	\$	1729.80	
Children	\$	59.29	
Total	\$	10604.09	
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1590.61	
Available for Parish	\$	9013.48	
Second Collection	\$	3810.51	Ret. Priest
Poor Box	\$	385.95	

RESPECT LIFE - From the MD Catholic Conference (MCC): Maryland abortion clinics are regulated as physicians' offices, NOT as surgery centers. This had led to an extraordinarily high number of maternal deaths and injuries since without effective regulation, there is no way for the state to ensure that abortion facilities have adequate surgical protocols, emergency procedures, emergency medical equipment, properly trained personnel, or the numerous safeguards that are in place for other outpatient surgical facilities in MD. Please let DHMH know that you believe it is important to regulate abortion clinics in MD as surgical facilities. **It's crucial that DHMH receive POSITIVE feedback in favor of the regulations because there will be efforts by the abortion industry to prevent the regulations from being enacted.** Go to mdcathcon.org and click on "Catholic Advocacy Network" to sign a letter prepared by the MCC which will be emailed to Michele A. Phinney, director of the Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, DHMH. To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher 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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS RETREAT: All IHM Liturgical Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Musicians, Ushers) as well as Catechists, school faculty, Parish Council and any Parishioner who might be considering joining a liturgical ministry are invited to attend. Mark the date: *Saturday February 26, 2012* from 9am to 12:30pm. We will begin with 8am Mass followed by the retreat, a light breakfast will be served. The presenter will be Fr. Nicholas Amato who will lead us as through an experience of how a direct presence to God can have impact on how we see ourselves, how we see others and thus have an extraordinary affect both on us and our ministry. Sign up sheets are located in the vestibule ushers closet and on the sacristy bulletin board. Flyers have been distributed to all ministries, extra copies are available in the sacristy. There is no cost to attend.

FAITH FORMATION AT IHM

Is your child a student at IHM? Does your child attend Sunday Morning Faith Formation? Have you ever wondered what your child is learning? Do you sometimes feel like you don't know what your child is talking about? Want to learn more? Come to a question and answer session and learn more about the Catholic faith. Develop a greater understanding to what your child is being exposed and explore some of your questions! **Sessions** will meet in the Faith Formation office across from the Art Room in the school. **Tuesday**, January 24, 8:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. or 7 p.m. AND **Wednesday**, March 15, 8:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. or 7 p.m. Come to one or all! Contact Amie Post at 410-661-3820 or apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

FAITH FORMATION classes will resume on February 5. Community service hours are available for teens who volunteer. **ALSO** *Middle School students needing service hours* please consider helping in our Nursery on Sunday mornings, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. or on Saturday afternoons with Bingo at local nursing homes. Contact Amie Post for more information.

The **NURSERY** during the 10:30 Mass has reopened. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help. Please call the Faith Formation office if you would be willing to donate an hour on Sunday morning every few months.

Any child who is in 2nd grade or older interested in receiving **First Eucharist** is invited to begin preparation for the WONDEFUL gift of Jesus in 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!

St. Brigid's Cross ✨ Teens and adults are invited to join us in the IHM School, Room 2 on Saturday, January 28th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. In honor of St. Brigid's Feast Day, we will listen to her story of faith and make a St. Brigid's Cross to take home. To RSVP, call Susan Meyd at 410-828-1953 or Faith Formation Office at 410-661-3820

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL: Open Houses! Sunday, January 29 (from 12:00-2:00) and Wednesday, February 1 (from 9:00-12:00). Catholic Values & Community Service; Superior Parental Approval Rating; Exceptional & Extensive Extracurriculars; On-site before & after care. Visit us at www.immaculateheartofmary.com/school or call at 410-668-8466.

MUSIC MINISTRY: The IHM Adult Choir and Contemporary Ensemble will be preparing music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. New Members are welcome. If you sing, or play an instrument, you are encouraged to join us. Our Resurrection Choir is also looking for new members. For information, please contact the music office at 401-668-0097 or tbozek@immaculateheartofmary.com or gwilkerson@immaculateheartofmary.com

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday, January 12, Mrs. Belz, our School Principal informed the School Board, the faculty and staff, and the families of our School students that she would not be returning as Principal for the 2012-2013 School year. Mrs. Belz will, of course, continue as Principal through the end of the current academic year. This announcement was made too late to be included in last week's bulletin. Below is a copy of the brief letter that Mrs. Belz sent to our School families. Over the next few months the School Board will conduct a search for Mrs. Belz successor following the guidelines of the Archdiocesan Division of Catholic Schools. Please keep the entire IHM Parish and especially our School in your prayers during this time of transition.

Fr. Mike

Dear IHM Families,

I hope 2012 is off to a good start for all of you!

At this time, I must announce to all of you that I will not return to IHM as principal for the next school year, 2012-2013.

I share this news with a very heavy heart, as I am very attached to your children.

This decision is a personal one, related to my own needs as well as my desire to return to work more closely with children.

Thank you for your kind understanding and the gift of your wonderful children. Please know I am one hundred percent here until my last day!

Yours truly,

Amy N. Belz

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.