

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2012

Today we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist. John, cousin of Jesus, is a miracle baby born to elderly Zechariah and Elizabeth, who thought they were too old to have a child. Sometimes new life surprises us and we can only respond with awe and gratitude. Let us pray today for new life for the world, our community, our family and ourselves.

Masses of the Week

Beginning June 25, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Donald Jager Denise La Rue (S.I.)
TUES: Tory Robinson (S.I.) Angie Brown
WED: Betty Andreadakis
THURS: John Wandishin Sean Keegan
FRI: George Thaler
SAT: Jay Deickman Sean McInerney (S.I.)

Saturday, June 30, 2012

4:30 PM: Genevieve Morawski Margaret Condon
6:00 PM: People of the parish

Sunday, July 1, 2012

7:30 AM: James Lewis Anna Lou Yakel
9:00 AM: Mary Fuka Michael and Dennis Carmody
10:30 AM: Helen Lovell
12:00PM: All Souls Amelia Berroya

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

Independence Day Mass: Join us at 9am on July 4 for a special Mass to celebrate our nation's birth. We will have special music to celebrate the occasion. Bring your neighbors, friends and relatives to pray for our nation before you begin your festivities for the day. July 4 also marks the closing celebrations of the "Fortnight For Religious Freedom". This will be the only Mass of the day.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for July 1, 2012

First: Wis. 1:13-15; 2:23-24 God did not make death.
Second: 2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15 Your abundance should supply the needs of the poor.
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 The healing of an older woman and a young girl

IHM TRAVEL GROUP - Sight & Sound - JONAH - July 18th 10AM to 8:30 PM Cost is \$97.00 Contact Dot Raab for more information at 410-668-7760.

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

Collections for the Weekend of June 17, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	8395.09
Loose	\$	1179.45
Children	\$	40.25
Total	\$	9614.79
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1442.21
Available for Parish	\$	8172.58
Second Collection	\$	2034.50 Cath. Com.
Poor Box	\$	743.39

Contributions to our Resounding in Praise Capital Campaign for the month of May: \$6214.55

ELECTRONIC 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. Sign-up forms are available in the pamphlet rack at the doors of the Church or calling the parish office at 410-668-7935. Ext. 209

RESPECT LIFE - Now is the time for Catholics and everyone who cares about religious freedom to get involved and to pray together. Prayer is our most significant tool in the fight for freedom. Each time we engage in conversation with our Lord, He gifts us with the grace to become His witnesses in the world. Each day at 3 pm take part in the **Minute to Win It** campaign by saying this prayer: "Loving Father, thank you for the gift of life and for the freedom to love and worship You. Through the power of the Holy Spirit inspire us to be your witnesses. Grant us the courage to boldly and joyfully stand in protection of our freedom. In your mercy, guard our religious freedom so we may continue to live out our faith and transform the world in which we live. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." (Linda Brenegan, Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Baltimore) 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.

ON VACATION
 To find a church Mass time anywhere in the country, go to www.masstimes.org

Please be Generous in the Poor Box as you leave Mass each weekend

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 mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com at 410-668-7935, ext. 203 or at. Flyers are also available in the back of Church. We also have a link with all the updated information on the Parish Website.

OPERATION OVERBOARD!!!! LAST CHANCE!!! Don't let summer slip by without some SUPER FUN! Join us for IHM's **Vacation Bible Camp** - Monday, June 25 - Friday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon For children age 4 by July 1 through rising 5th grade. Cost is \$25/ child. Call the Faith Formation Office for. 410-661-3820.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is accepting Registration for Grades Pre-K - 8th. Please call the school office: 410-668-8466.

Faith in Crafts – All adults and teens are invited to join us in IHM School Room 2 on Saturday, June 30th from 10:00am to 11:30am as we share our faith and make a simple craft. The topic this month is **'I Made a Difference'**. We will discuss the Starfish Story and discuss our role as stewards of the faith. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the IHM Food Pantry. The craft is a painted tote bag (craft fee \$3.00). Our mission is to find God in all things – especially if they're also fun! To RSVP, call Susan Meyd at 410-828-1953 or the Faith Formation Office at 410-661-3820.

ANY GIVEN SUNDAY endeavours to bring the richness and beauty of the weekly Sunday readings alive for the young church. Reflections are written by some of the best-known Catholic youth speakers, musicians and comedians in the country. – Check it out. www.anygivensundayproject.com -

DO YOU LIKE HISTORY? If so, you may be interested in volunteering as a docent for the Basilica of the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You will learn the history of America's first cathedral and facts about the lives of key Maryland Catholics. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Kathy Wandishin at 410-727-3565, ext. 68, or kwandishin@baltimorebasilica.org.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE – July 12th, Thursday in Cartwright Hall from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Outreach Office to schedule your lifesaving donation! 410-663-4356

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF THE TOWSON – PARKVILLE AREA WELCOME FR. EDWARD MEEKS AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. CHRIST THE KING WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED AS COMMUNITY WITHIN THE ANGLICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI, *ANGLICANORUM CIOETIBUS*, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH THEY WILL BECOME A CATHOLIC PARISH IN UNION WITH ROME AS PART OF THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER. THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER IS THE EQUIVALENT OF A DIOCESE, UNDER THE DIRECT JURISDICTION OF THE POPE. ITS MEMBERS ARE ANGLICAN CLERGY, LAY PERSONS AND PARISHES THAT HAVE ENTERED INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. THEIR ORDINARY (*CHIEF SHEPHERD OF THE DIOCESE*), MSGR. JEFFREY STEENSON, IS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS. THE COMMUNITY OF MT. CALVARY IN BALTIMORE CITY IS ALSO PART OF THE ORDINARIATE. FR. MEEKS WAS ORDAINED AS PRIEST IN UNION WITH ROME, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD. THREE OTHER PRIESTS WERE ORDAINED FOR THE ORDINARIATE HERE IN BALTIMORE ON JUNE 9TH. CHRIST THE KING IS LOCATED ON HART RD., JUST OFF OF PROVIDENCE RD, IN TOWSON. (FOR MORE INFORMATION CF. WWW.USORDINARIATE.ORG)

Resurrection Choir: Did you know that our parish has a special ministry to our families when they celebrate the life of a loved one at a funeral liturgy here at IHM? Our Resurrection Choir provides music and spiritual support at Funeral Masses here in the parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your talents with your faith community. The best part is that there are no rehearsals, no commitments, you come when you can. If you are retired, a stay at home parent or work from home, and are available in the mornings (most funeral liturgies are at 9am or 11am) consider joining this uplifting ministry. For more information or to be placed on our calling list, please contact Tom Bozek, Music Director at 410-668-0097 or tbozek@immaculateheartofmary.com

Fortnight For Freedom

“We defend religious liberty because we are lovers of every human person, seeing in the face of every man and woman also the face of Christ, who loved us to the very end of his earthly life and who still calls on us to love and serve our neighbor with the same love he has bestowed on us. “We do this because Archbishop John Carroll’s generation of believers and patriots bequeathed to us a precious legacy that has enabled the Church to worship in freedom, to bear witness to Christ publicly, and to do massive and amazing works of pastoral love, education, and charity in ways that are true to the faith that inspired them in the first place.”

Archbishop William Lori, *Mass of Installation Homily*
VISIT WWW.ARCHBALT.ORG. OR WWW.FORTNIGHTFORFREEDOM.ORG.