

# The Second Sunday of Lent

## March 4, 2012

Today we hear two familiar scripture passages: the story of God asking Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac; and the Transfiguration of Jesus when the disciples heard God say to them, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us prepare ourselves to find meaning in these stories for our lives today, to listen as God commands us and to admit that we often fail to listen.

### Masses ~~for the~~ Week

#### Beginning March 5, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

**MON:** Corine E. Gatto William Escarcha (S.I.)

**TUES:** Terry Kennedy

**WED:** Pat Simpkins

**THURS:** Ann Marie Manz Rita Gerhardt

**FRI:** Oswald Ajavon R. Melvin Goetze

**SAT:** Ann Connolly

#### Saturday, March 10, 2012

4:30 PM: Cecilia M. Jones

6:00 PM: People of the Parish

#### Sunday, March 11, 2012

7:30 AM: Cornelius J. & Elizabeth Shaffer Keys & deceased family members

9:00 AM: Mary Bary Elizabeth Deloumas

10:30 AM Ethel & Roland Burns Gertrude Lewis

Noon: Gino & Salvatore DiStefano

Wed. 9:00 School - Nathan Cox

N.H. - indicates Nursing Home

S.I. - indicates Special Intention

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS for March 11, 2012

**First:** Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments

**Second:** 1 Cor 1:22-25 We proclaim Christ Crucified

**Gospel:** John 2:13-25 Jesus drives out the moneychangers

**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 Feb. 26, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	7830.00
Loose	\$	1452.12
Children	\$	91.75
Total	\$	9373.87
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1406.08
Available for Parish	\$	7967.79
Second Collection	\$	4107.93
Ash Wednesday	\$	1823.27
Poor Box	\$	547.80
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**RESPECT LIFE** - From the MD Catholic Conference: Our religious liberty is being threatened by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services which is mandating that all private health insurance plans cover surgical sterilization procedures and birth control, including the IUD, morning-after pills, and abortion-inducing drugs. The new rule also requires that females of reproductive age be "educated and counseled" on these issues. We urgently need legislation to correct the mandate's threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. It is critical that we give this message to our elected officials: **"Please co-sponsor and support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (HR 1179, S 1467). The Obama Administration's decision to mandate coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. Please ensure that the religious liberty and conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected."** Call Senator Ben Cardin at 410-962-4436 and Senator Barbara Mikulski at 410-962-4510 and either Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger (District 2) at 410-628-2701, or Congressman John Sarbanes (District 3) at 410-832-8890. 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

### 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](mailto: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

**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.



**Faith in Crafts** – All adults and teens are invited to join us in IHM School Room 2 on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00am to 11:30am as we share our faith and make a simple craft. The topic this month is ‘*St. Joseph, Man of Faith, and Patron of the Church*’. We will discuss the traditions associated with St. Joseph’s feast day and the make and take craft is a lily. Our mission is to find God in all things – especially if they’re also fun! To RSVP, call Susan Meyd at [410-828-1953](tel:410-828-1953) or the Faith Formation Office at [410-661-3820](tel:410-661-3820).

**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](mailto:apost@immaculateheartofmary.com)

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

**FOOD PANTRY: St. Vincent de Paul**

Next Sunday, March 11, 2012 is our day to collect food for the pantry.

The following items are most needed:

Items

Cereals, crackers, canned fruit, canned meat,  
Peanut butter and jelly, Jell-O, pasta, potatoes, and tuna fish  
Canned vegetables, warm and cold drinks, tea bags

Thanks to your generosity, approximately 55 families were helped last month with food, rent, BGE bills, and bus tokens

Please check the expiration dates on your food. 2 bags of food were discarded. Our pantry is continues to be very low If you are away the week of the food drive. You can bring your donation another weekend.

**Please note the April food drive will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> since Easter Sunday is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**

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](mailto:srcrum@verizon.net) (410-882-7808) or Fr. Carrion [mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com](mailto:mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com) or call 410-668-7935 ext. 203

**Please Remember God’s Poor by use of the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each Weekend**

**Next weekend, March 11 begins daylight savings time. Please set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday evening.**

**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) March 14 from 7pm to 8pm and Tuesday, March 27, Regional Reconciliation Service at St. Ursula Parish at 7:00 pm

**Seder Meal** – will be on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in the Gym. Watch the Bulletin for details.

Our next **Simple Supper** will be on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM followed by the Mime Stations of the Cross

**IHM CONCERT SERIES:** Please join us Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm for a concert by 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. The concert will be held in the church and is free and open to the public.

**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.