

Ascension of the Lord

May 20, 2012

Today we remember the mysterious event of Jesus' ascension into heaven. As the disciples gaze after Jesus, two strangers appear and ask them why they are looking for Jesus in the sky. Where do we look for Jesus? Let us pray for open eyes and minds and hearts to find Jesus wherever he way be for us today.

Masses Week

Beginning May 21, 2012

8:00 am Daily Mass

MON: Kathryn Dudek Ann M. Connolly
TUES: Lee Dayhoff (S.I.) Charles J. Burton
WED: Carol Ann Leyer
THURS: Michael F. Connor, Jr. Marietta Gross
FRI: Fr. Kevin Brooksbank Evelyn Moretz
SAT: Frank Davis

Saturday, May 26, 2012

4:30 PM Walter Fedo Edward Scopack
6:00 PM John H. Merenda

Sunday, May 27, 2012

7:30 AM: Elbert E. Denhard
9:00 AM: Michael Certeza Rene Certeza
10:30 AM: Dorothy Trinite
12:00PM: People of the Parish
N.H. – indicates Nursing Home
S.I. – indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for May 27, 2012

First: Acts 2:1-11 The first Christian Pentecost
Second: 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 different gifts, but the same Spirit
Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23b-26 The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

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

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 more information on the Parish Website.

Collections for the Weekend of May 13, 2012

Envelope Donations	\$	8412.01
Loose	\$	1346.47
Second Collection	\$	3103.19 Youth ed.
Children	\$	40.48
Total	\$	12902.15
Less Cathedraticum	\$	1935.32
Available for Parish	\$	10966.83
Poor Box	\$	361.80

Our donations to the Capital Campaign for the Month of April amounted to: \$7001.56

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 - Religious Liberty – A Time for Choosing: “Every great religious revival in America has led to an advance in civil rights—from the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights to the end of slavery and the pursuit of racial equality. But all this has been achieved in the face of established power structures strongly and often violently opposed to these rights. So this is a time for choosing—choosing whether as Catholics we will stand together to keep open the doors of religious liberty. If we do so, then we will make possible the next great awakening in America that will bring us closer to building that culture of life and civilization of love about which John Paul II so often spoke.” ~ Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Address to the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast (April 19, 2012) To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410-665-8645.

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

PLEASE OBSERVE THE DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AND THE FIRE LANE PARKING REGULATIONS POSTED ON THE PROPERTY.

Congratulations to:

Rev. Msgr. Arthur Bastress, D.D. P.A, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, at the Commencement Ceremonies at St. Mary Seminary and University on May 10. Msgr. Bastress was Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary from July 1970 to December 1981 and as Pastor of St. Alphonsus in Baltimore is currently the most senior priest still actively serving (not retired) in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Monsignor was also honored with the title of Protonotary Apostolic by Pope Benedict, XVI in November of 2011. He will celebrate his 61st Anniversary of ordination May 19, 2012.

Rev. Lon Emmanuel Fale, S.T.L., who has been assisting us here at Immaculate Heart of Mary for the past two years, earned his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) which was also awarded at the May 10 Commencement at St. Mary Seminary.

Fr. Michael W. Carrion, Our Pastor, will celebrate his 35th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, May 27th.

OPERATION OVERBOARD where we go deeper with GOD!!! Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 25 – 29, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Cost is \$25/ child. Adult help is needed for one day or all! Registration materials are available. Contact Amie Post if you wish to help serve on the planning committee! apost@immaculateheartofmary.com

Adult and high school **volunteers** are needed for the following areas: arts and crafts, music, games and Bible stories. Can't help all week? If you can give us a day or two we would be grateful. Please call the Faith Formation office to volunteer or for more information.

Faith in Crafts – All adults and teens are invited to join us in IHM School Room 2 on Saturday, May 26th from 10:00am to 11:30am as we share our faith and make a simple craft. The topic this month is *'Mary's Flowers'*. We will discuss the legends associated with flowers named after the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray the rosary with special meditations on the Joyful Mysteries and make a lantern to take home. 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).

All students in IHM Faith Formation programs and/or in IHM School who are completing the Fourth grade (or older) are invited to become **ALTAR SERVERS** at Immaculate Heart of Mary. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server and has not already received a letter and Altar Server Permission form, please contact Fr. Mike at 410-668-7935, ext. 203, Training will be held before the end of this school year.

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

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Pastoral Council serves as an advisory body to the Pastor on all aspects of Parish Life. Each year we seek interested parishioners who would like to serve on the Council as nominees for election to the Council by their fellow parishioners. Elections will be held in May with the slate of nominees being published several weeks in advance. If you would like to serve your fellow parishioners on the Council, please contact Fr. Mike, including a short personal biography and your specific interests in serving the Parish. E-mail response is preferred or submit in writing. If you would like to nominate someone else, please submit their name, e-mail address and phone number. Thank You. mcarrion@immaculateheartofmary.com

You might think to yourself, "How could I ever be a priest or a religious when I am so unworthy?" Jesus responds, "It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you." Jesus knows exactly whom he is calling when he calls. If he calls, then he will provide the means to live out the life he desires for you. All he looks for us to do is to give him our permission to work powerfully in our lives. If you give him permission to come into your life, trust me when I tell you, life will never be the same. The Joy! To find out more, email Fr. Austin Murphy at austin.murphy@archbalt.org or call 410-547-5426. Visit the website at <http://www.archbalt.org/clergy-religious/vocations>

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners who took the time to sign the Maryland State Referendum Petition these past weekends. Also a big thank you to all our volunteers who spent so much of their time supporting this worthy cause! We collected over 400 signatures. If you missed signing the petition and would like to do so you may visit:

<https://petition.marylandmarriagealliance.com/mma/petition/> and sign the petition there.

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.

Thanks to all the parishioners for their donation of food to our pantry the past weekend. . We collected 54 bags of food Also to the school for their donation of 50 bags of food if you are away the week of the drive you can bring your food on another Sunday. The food drive for June will be on the first Sunday June 3rd – 2012.