

Scripture Readings for Today

1st Read: Isaiah 35:4-7a
2nd Reading: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Scripture Readings for September 13th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a
2nd Reading: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

For Those Who Teach Children

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and most of all, profound humility. They must perform their work with earnest zeal.

Then, through their humble prayers, the Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth. He will console them in the fulfillment of this most noble duty, and, finally will enrich them with the gift of heaven.

As Scripture says: ‘Those who instruct many in justice shine as stars for all eternity.’ They will attain this more easily if they make a covenant of perpetual obedience and strive to cling to Christ and please him alone, because, in his words: ‘What you did to one of the least of my brethren, you did to me.’

Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest (1557-1648)



THE MASS COUNT FOR AUGUST 29-30TH

5 PM – 235 7:30 AM – 186 9 AM – 301
 10:30 AM – 310 12 PM – 290 Total – 1322

THE COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 29-30TH

Envelopes\$12,305.00
 Loose\$1,252.59
 Poor Boxes\$396.30
 Children’s\$40.60



The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world’s poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God’s kingdom.

A Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes them responsibly, shares them lovingly and returns them with increase to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Peter Keyes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Anna Deamicis, John Wisniewski, Michael Thomas Yurkovich, and Meg Gulley.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for: Brother James Kelly, C.F.X., Rose Rauser, Patty Kuzmak, Therese Lipscombe, David Burke, Bernard Maddox, Florence Dunne, Edward Flannagan, Kyla Zeilinger, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, Douglas Wink, John L. Bastress, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Fred Replik, Jr., Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Catherine Teal, Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather La Martina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Margaret Blinke, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT’L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **NAVY** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – Alex Kuziel, James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel.

Mass Intentions**MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 7-13TH**

MONDAY 9/7	9:00 a.m. – Marco Sanfilippo
TUESDAY 9/8	6:30 a.m. – Israel M. Joblin 8:00 a.m. – Joseph W. Smith Sr.
WED. 9/9	6:30 a.m. – Dennis Comey 8:00 a.m. – Margaret McGuirk
THURS. 9/10	6:30 a.m. – Agnes & Thomas Callanan 8:00 a.m. – Aley Venginickal
FRIDAY 9/11	6:30 a.m. – Donna Sunderdick 8:00 a.m. – Mrs. Walsh
SAT. 9/12	8:00 a.m. – Agnes Callanan 5:00 p.m. – Emmaline V. Fodel
SUNDAY 9/13	7:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 9:00 a.m. – Emidio Bianco 10:30 a.m. – Mary Van Dusen 12:00 p.m. – Juanito & Paulita Alforque

DAILY READINGS

Monday 9/7	Labor Day Reading: Colossians 1:24 — 2:3 Gospel: Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday 9/8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Reading: Micah 5:1-4a Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday 9/9	St. Peter Claver Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 Gospel: Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 9/10	Weekday Reading: Colossians 3:12-17 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38
Friday 9/11	Patriot Day Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Gospel: Luke 6:39-42
Saturday 9/12	Weekday Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 Gospel: Luke 6:43-49

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH is Labor Day, a National Holiday – **Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.** There will be no 6:30 or 8:00 a.m. Mass on Labor Day. The Parish Office will be closed.

FLOWERS – on our Main Altar are in loving memory of Margaret McGuirk, on our anniversary, from Glenn. Flowers on our Holy Family Altar are in loving memory of Charles & Jacque Harris, for their anniversary, requested by their family.



CONGRATULATIONS to Paul & Evelyn Beck who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! New members are welcome for the Men's, Women's, Funeral and Children's Cherub Choirs. Rehearsals, for adults, begin Wednesday, September 9th – Women's 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Men's 7:30 to 9 p.m. Children's Cherub practices will begin in October. Questions?? Email Marianne at MMJJGreg@aol.com.



WANTED: Eyeglasses, Musical Instruments, Adult & Children's Bicycles, Hearing Aides, Portable Sewing Machines and Cell phones. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Columbia will send your donated items to needy families in Latin America, Africa & Baltimore City. The sewing machines & instruments need to be in working order; the other items do not. Please take your donations to the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center parking lot on Twins Rivers Rd. Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 am to 1 pm. For more info: please call Tom McCarthy at 301.774.7069. Thank you!!

RCIA classes will begin September 14th. They are open to non-Catholics interested in joining the Church, adult Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like to receive the Sacraments, or any parishioner who would simply like a refresher course in the Faith. If you are interested, call Fr. Tim at 410-744-2900.

JOIN THE IHM SILVER CIRCLE – For \$25.00, you can participate in 330 drawings from Oct. 2009-June 2010, with prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. In addition to your chance to win, you are helping the IHM Sisters raise money for their Retirement Fund. All Silver Circle Members are remembered in a monthly Mass and share in the daily works and prayers of the IHM Sisters. Please help support our retired IHM Sisters. Please contact Sr. Gracette Baker, IHM, at 410-747-5827 for a Silver Circle Membership Form or see the insert in today's bulletin.



ST. AGNES BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:

Forms for returning players have been mailed. Cost is \$85 for one player and \$125 per family. If you have not played in our program in the past and would like to register, please call Sue Bianco 410-788-3537. Players in grades 6th through 8th should have previous playing experience.

BOWLERS NEEDED: Looking for a fun evening



that also provides exercise and relaxation? Come join fellow parishioners and neighbors at the Westview Bowling Lanes on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 9th. If interested, call Joe Anderson, 410-747-8357. We need you.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 3-5 p.m. at Martin's West.

Learn what you need to know about registration, enrollment, financial aid, Open Houses and much more. Questions? 1-800-5-CATHOLIC.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

St. Agnes Council Knights of Columbus are looking for new members to join the largest, Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization in the world. If you would like to find out more about joining the Knights, please call Bernie McNulty at 410-480-0661.

ST. AGNES MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT:

The SAMC is holding their Annual Fall Golf Tournament on Monday Sept. 21st at Oakmont Greens in Hampstead. Start time is 1PM. Cost is \$75 per person. Spaces are still available. For reservations, call Pat Kearney at 443-452-7650.

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN has asked every parish



to join a nationwide prayer effort to end abortion called **40 Days for Life**, Sept. 23 – Nov. 1, 2009. We will be united in prayer and fasting for – Women and their babies who are in danger of abortion – Men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion

– Workers at abortion facilities and local, state and national leaders who misguidedly support abortion. The faithful are encouraged to pray outside Hillcrest Clinic, 5602 Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville. For more information please call Joe Healy at 410.788.4325 or go to <http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/abortion-clinic-prayer-vigils.cfm>.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale Our annual fundraiser will start on Wednesday, September 9th, and you don't want to miss out! See your favorite St. Agnes School student to place your order, or use our school I.D. #103943 and order online at www.innisbrook.com. Our sale ends on **9/30**, so don't delay! Thank you for your support for our school and our students!

Back to School Night: Thursday, Sept 10 at 6:30 in the Activity Center. This is the most informative meeting of the year when you get to meet your child's teacher and hear about his/her expectations for the year. The meeting will start at 6:30 in the Activity Center followed by visits to the classrooms. We hope to see you there!

Catholic High Schools Fair @ Martin's West: Middle School parents, take advantage of this opportunity to obtain information from our wonderful Catholic high schools in one stop. Visit the Fair from 3:00-5:00 P.M. today (9/13). This location is different from previous years.

Dates To Remember:

- 9/8** **Nursery School Orientation** for parents and children./9:00am to 10:00am
- 9/9** **Pre-K Orientation** for parents and children/ 9:00am to 10:00am
- 9/10** **Nursery School Begins:** 8:05 – 12:00
- 9/11** **Pre-K Begins:** 8:05 – 12:00

Save the Dates:

- 9/17** Nursery School Picture Day
- 9/18** Pre-K Picture Day/ Grades 6-8 Picture Day
- 9/20** High School Fair at College of Notre Dame/ 3:00 – 5:00
Catechetical Sunday/ 9:00AM Mass
- 9/24** Grades K-5 Picture Day

Our Morning Care Program is looking for a leader for the hour between 7am – 8am. This is a paid position. If interested, please call Mary Sites at 410 -747-4070.

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Call 1-866-486-6140 or donate online at www.cc-md.org. FREE pick-up and towing!

A RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Sparks, MD, October 30-November 1, 2009. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel at 1-800-286-4224. Please visit www.project-rachel.net and www.rachelsvineyard.org.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is an



international program committed to preparing couples for the Sacrament of marriage. Engaged couples attend a weekend retreat that fosters openness and communication through a series of presentations and private reflection. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The next weekend will be Oct. 9-11. For more info visit www.mdcee.org or call 410.439.4217.

CRAB FEAST: to benefit the Franciscan Friars'

Education fund for Seminarians. Join us Sunday, September 20th from 1-6 pm at Martin's East 9000 Pulaski Hwy. Unlimited crabs, Buffet, Wheels, Raffles, Live music. \$50. per ticket. Call Denise at 410.531.9200 to reserve your ticket. Please visit www.companionsofstanthony.org.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CONFERENCE: Join your

Catholic sisters for a time of prayer, praise, education, discussion and renewal. The Illuminate Catholic Women's Conference is Oct. 9-10th at St. John Westminster. To register call Jeanne at 443.324.8487 or visit www.catholicilluminate.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Allow

the word of God to work wonders in your Marriage. The next weekend is Nov. 6-8. For more information call 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit www.wvme.net

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Blessed Mother Teresa: was called from this world on Sept. 5, 1997. As we near the anniversary of her death, we invite you to say this special prayer:

Father of Life, You always defend the poor and oppressed. In Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, you raised up a voice for the voiceless, and a friend to the poorest of the poor, the unborn child. She brought women away from the despair of abortion mills to the hope of a loving community that cared for her and her child. She spoke the truth to men and women of power, asking them how we could tell people not to kill one another while allowing a mother to kill her own child. Father, as we honor this humble and faithful woman, we ask you to give us the grace to follow her example. May we be bold in word and generous in action to love and serve the unborn and to awaken our world to know, as Mother Teresa said, that the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion. Fill us with love, bring us peace, and let us share your life forever. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Suffering Post-Abortion Stress?
Call Project Rachel: 1-800-286-4224

Pregnant, Need Help?
Call the Gabriel Network: 1-800-ANGEL-OK

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, September 6 – Pizza Party / Ice Cream

It's time to celebrate the start of another year! Join us for pizza and ice cream! Tonight, we will meet from 6-7:30. Come hungry!

Sunday, September 13 – Open Gym Night

Join us in the new gym for basketball! Bring volleyball if you would like! Please bring a snack or drink to share. Please wear tennis shoes!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes begin **Sunday, September 13**. This year's classes will run from **10:15-11:30 a.m.** to allow students enough time to attend the 9 a.m. Mass. All Catholic youth who attend public schools are expected to attend religious education classes. Please call Amanda at 410.747.9073 if you have questions.

Reminder for Registered Families

All students should arrive to the New School Hall between 10-10:15am. Once prayer and announcements are over, the door will be closed. Any student arriving after 10:25 will be marked late. At 11:30am, every student should be picked up in the New School Hall by a parent. We will not let students leave the building alone. This is for safety reasons, as the 10:30 Mass congregation will be leaving the parking lot.

“IN HIS LIKENESS”**THE BIRTH OF MARY**Feast Day – September 8th

“Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of ages...Therefore let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day...Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.” (From a discourse by St. Andrew of Crete)

The liturgy for this feast day is filled with rich praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of Mary. “When the most holy Virgin was born, the whole world was made radiant.” “Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, proclaims joy to the world.” “Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun, as awe-inspiring as bannered troops?”

The II Vatican Council places in perspective all of our honor to Mary. “Holy Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with a special love. She is inseparably linked with her Son’s saving work. In her the Church admires and exalts the most excellent fruit of redemption, and joyfully contemplates, as in faultless image that which she herself desires and hopes wholly to be.”

A beautiful reflection on the birth of Mary was written by Eilis Ni Thearnaigh: “Mary is intimately associated with the great feasts of the Annunciation and Christmas when we celebrate the coming into our world of God’s own Son. Today’s feast, however, celebrates Mary’s own coming into the world and the Church is especially joyful. It is the kind of joy all of us feel when looking at the miracle that each new human life is. This life that is the cause of our joy is altogether special – in its holiness and human perfection and also in its great potential. Seeing this baby girl and knowing God’s choice of her, our joy has a quality of anticipation. We look forward to the day when the baby becomes a young woman who is asked to be the mother of the Savior. So, though it might not at first seem so, this feast is not simply a glorification of Mary herself, but it is closely connected with the mystery of our redemption.”

One final prayer: “The birth of the Virgin Mary’s Son, was the dawn of our salvation. May this celebration of her birthday bring us closer to lasting peace.”

Birth of Mary

By Paul Turner



Tradition has it that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born of parents named Joachim and Ann in Jerusalem at the end of the first century BC. In fact, all that we know for certain is that Mary was born.

The names of Joachim and Ann first appeared in a legend dating from the turn of the third century. In the story the wealthy Joachim, ridiculed in his old age for having no children, turned to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The despairing Ann, at prayer in her sorrow, beheld an angel who promised she would conceive. The story bears similarities to the birth of Samuel (1 Sm 1), whose mother had a similar name (Hannah) and sang a prayer resembling Mary’s Magnificat (compare 1 Sm 2:1-10 with Lk 1:46-55). However, because this legend is so late, the truthfulness of the story is doubtful, as are the traditional names of Mary’s parents.

The strongest tradition places the birth of Mary in Jerusalem near the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus would later heal a cripple on the Sabbath (Jn 5). A church dedicated to St. Ann stands near the pool today. Beneath the church lie remains of a house where our ancestors believed that Mary was born. The place has witnessed Christian worship since the third century. Other traditions place the birth of Mary at Nazareth or Bethlehem, but in each case the evidence is too slight to be certain.

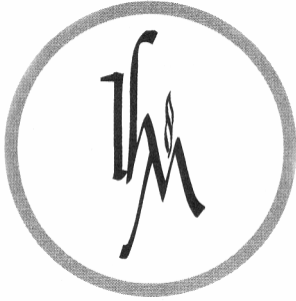
The date of Mary’s birth has similarly been lost. Because the church of St. Ann in Jerusalem was dedicated on Sept. 8 in the fifth century, that day entered the calendar as the celebration of Mary’s birth.

We honor the birth of Mary every year on Sept. 8 as a feast day. The Mass has its own special prayers and readings and calls for singing the Glory to God.

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MEMORY VERSE**PSALM 146:8-9**

The Lord raises up those who were bowed down;
the Lord loves the just.



SILVER CIRCLE Membership Program

WHAT IS IT?

A fundraising program in support of the IHM Retirement Fund.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$25.00 for each membership. You may purchase as many as you choose.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

In addition to supporting the IHM Retirement Fund, you will have 330 chances to win. \$50 is the lowest prize and \$1,000 is the highest.

WHEN WILL THE DRAWINGS BE?

Drawings will be held once each month, October, 2009 - June, 2010.

WHERE WILL THE DRAWINGS BE?

The Marian Convent and the IHM Center, Scranton, PA

WHAT ARE THE OTHER BENEFITS?

You will share in the daily prayers and works of our IHM Sisters. You will also be remembered at the monthly mass for our Benefactors.

Your membership will help us care for the sick and aging Sisters of the IHM Congregation.

To join, contact: **Sister Gracette Baker, IHM 410-747-5827**
Saint Agnes Convent

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE IHM SILVER CIRCLE PROGRAM.

ST. AGNES CHURCH

Silver Circle is a membership program that benefits retired IHM Sisters. For only \$25 per membership, your name is entered in more than 300 drawings from October 2009 through June 2010 with cash prizes of \$50 to \$1,000! You will be remembered in a monthly mass for benefactors and in the prayers of the IHM Sisters. If you are interested, fill in the form at the bottom and drop in the collection basket or leave at the convent. God bless you!

Please make checks payable to *Sisters of I.H.M.*

Many thanks,
Sister Gracette

Schedule of Drawings

<p>October 21, 2009</p> <p>30 @ \$50 6 @ \$100 1 @ \$300 1 @ \$1000</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>	<p>November 18, 2009</p> <p>28 @ \$50 5 @ \$100 2 @ \$300 1 @ \$500</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>	<p>December 16, 2009</p> <p>30 @ \$50 6 @ \$100 1 @ \$300 1 @ \$1000</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>
<p>January 20, 2010</p> <p>28 @ \$50 5 @ \$100 2 @ \$300 1 @ \$500</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>	<p>February 16, 2010</p> <p>27 @ \$50 6 @ \$100 2 @ \$300 1 @ \$500</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>	<p>March 17, 2010</p> <p>29 @ \$50 6 @ \$100 1 @ \$300 1 @ \$1000</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>
<p>April 21, 2010</p> <p>30 @ \$50 6 @ \$100 1 @ \$300 1 @ \$1000</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>	<p>May 19, 2010</p> <p>27 @ \$50 6 @ \$100 2 @ \$300 1 @ \$500</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>	<p>June 16, 2010</p> <p>30 @ \$50 3 @ \$100 1 @ \$500 1 @ \$1000</p> <p>Sellers' Drawings 10 drawings @ \$25 each</p>

2009-2010 SILVER CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Cost Per Membership: \$25.00 (please PRINT all information)



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