



Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends his Apostles on their first missionary journey. He is specific about what they may take with them. They will have to trust in the Lord and depend completely on the hospitality of those with whom they share the Gospel. Where the word of God is welcomed, the one who preaches it will be fed and sheltered. Where the Gospel meets with hostility, the Apostles are to shake the dust from their feet and move on.

Like the Apostles, we, too, are called and sent by our baptism, called to **be** disciples of Jesus and called to **make** disciples for Jesus. One in three people in our country do not profess Christianity, nor do one in three people in the world. Once we accept the call of our baptism, our work is cut out for us: to spread the faith by word and example as the Apostles did, trusting in the Lord and in the kindness of strangers.

Being an intentional missionary disciple requires devotion, perseverance, and persistence. The prophet Amos exemplified all these traits when he opposed Amaziah, the high priest of Bethel and chief advisor to King Jeroboam II some 750 years before the birth of Jesus. Amos was content as a shepherd when the Lord called him to lead a new flock. When shepherding lambs, he walked behind them to keep them always in his sight, making sure they did not wander off. As a prophet, he is called to lead, not to follow, but the goal remains the same: to keep the flock together.

Amaziah despised Amos and wanted him expelled, never to prophesy again. It was not the first nor the last time a political leader found inconvenient the truth of God spoken by His messenger. Though banished and censored, Amos did not stop prophesying and calling God's people to repentance. God, who is always faithful, does not give up either, telling Amos, *Go, prophesy to my people*. At the end of Mass, we are given the same instruction: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Not everyone will listen, but for those who do, the word of God changes everything.

The Apostles would have learned the stories of Amos when they were young, and if Amos was their inspiration, Christ was their motivation. The Apostles, like Amos, had a single aim, one shared by Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians – the call to holiness. May that be our goal as well: to live *to the praise of his glory*.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Marco

COME LAUGH WITH US! Care Net SoMD is hosting 321Improv once again this year! They are hilarious; you'll laugh until you cry, and ALL proceeds go to our work at Care Net SoMD. The event is July 16th at 6:30pm. We are SO excited to have 321Improv back this year! Whether it's a date night/couples' date night, girlfriends' night out or a night of clean family fun, you're not going to want to miss this! To sign up for the event, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/321-improv-comedy-night-2021-tickets-160025956945>

PARISH ITALIAN ICE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL As we continue to welcome back our community, please join us on Friday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm in the parish hall to enjoy Italian Ice or Ice Cream and fellowship with other parishioners.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF IHM Our food pantry provides food to those who need assistance. We'd like to have you help us bag groceries from the food in our food pantry for our clients, or to pick up food from grocery stores in our area that donate to us. We do this throughout the week, excluding weekends. We have meetings just once a month. If you'd like to volunteer in our food pantry, please call 301-863-8193 on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 8:30 to 11:30 am, which is when the pantry is open. Leave your name and number and we will work to get you started as soon as you'd like.

IHM MUSIC MINISTRY If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with the parish, there is a place for you in this ministry! Please call Mary at 240-434-8876 (leave a message!).

LAZARUS COMMITTEE The Lazarus Committee is being reactivated at IHM. The purpose of this committee is to prepare a luncheon for the family and friends of a registered parishioner of IHM following a funeral liturgy. Please contact Pat (301-863-5133) or Linda (301-862-4180) if you are interested in setup, cleanup or prepare a side dish or dessert.

ENCOUNTER GRACE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT: BUT THEN JESUS is a day and a half retreat at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, Leonardtown Friday, July 23rd (6:30 pm to 9 pm) and Saturday, July 24 (8 am to 3 pm). Featuring 4 talks, praise and worship sessions as well as opportunities to attend Mass, Adoration and confession, this retreat is designed to encourage women to rediscover where Jesus is working in their lives today and how to continue to grow deeper in relationship with Him. Tickets on sale now: www.encountergrace.co

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



July 12 — July 18

Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ex 1:8-14, 22/ Matt 10:34--11:1
9:00 am	Rev. John S. Wintermyer (D)
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/ Matt 11:20-24
5:30 pm	Rev. Fidel A. DeRamos (D)
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 6-7/ Matt 11:25-27
9:00 am	Dcn. Kyle Vance (L)
Thursday	Wis 8:2-7, 16-18/Ps 16:5-9, 11/ Matt 5:13-19
5:30 pm	George Walter Thompson (L)
Friday	Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/ Matt 12:1-8
9:00 am	Dcn. Michael Crowe (L)
Saturday	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15/ Matt 12:14-21
9:00 am	Michael Schachterle (L)
4:00 pm	Robert Knoff (D)
Sunday	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34
8:30 am	All IHM Parishioners
11:15 am	Carlo L. and Reginald Destin (D)
1:00 pm	Roberto Chavez (D)

BULLETIN DEADLINE Please email your submission to bulletin@ihmrcc.org by Wednesday at 10 am prior to the Sunday of publication. All entries are subject to editing.

QUO DAVIS CAMP For high-school age young men from the Archdiocese to learn and discern the call to the priesthood. From Sunday, July 25, 2021, to Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmetsburg, MD (transportation is available) Mass, talks, sports, Eucharistic Adoration, games, and food. Register at <https://dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-camp-2021>. For more information, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email vocations@adw.org.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JACK Fr. Jack Kennealy, Pastor of St. Matthias in Lanham, MD and former IHM pastor, is leading a tour to the Holy Land May 22-June 2, 2022. Major biblical sites including Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, are included. The cost is \$4,280, which includes hotel, airfare, and many meals. For additional information, please e-mail kennealyj@adw.org.

BULLETIN COVER CORRECTION Until we have the next shipment of bulletin covers, the following information is correct: Confessions have returned to their pre-pandemic times and location, that is, in the church confessional on Thursdays after the 5:30 pm Mass, on First Fridays of the month (including this coming Friday) after the 9 am and 5:30 pm Masses, and on the First Saturdays of the month, after the 9 am Mass. Those are also the times for Eucharistic Exposition.

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS HEALING RETREAT You are invited! Are you a child of divorce? Whether your parents divorced recently or decades ago, you are invited to join us for the Diocese of Arlington's Life-Giving Wounds healing retreat. Come let Jesus turn the "life-draining wounds" of parental divorce into a life-giving spring of faith, hope, and love. The retreat will take place July 30 – August 1, 2021, at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. For more details and to register, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat.



ALMOST IMMACULATE IHM THRIFT STORE is in need of help! Please stop by the store during operating hours to check out what we do. Then, if you want to help, please contact Deacon Mike 240-542-8369. We are located in the Kerr House (white building at the street entrance). The thrift store is open Fridays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Donations (no clothing) accepted during those hours. The thrift shop supports the food pantry and our local community, so stop by and see what you can do!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

THAT THEY MAY BE RESTORED TO FULL HEALTH

Audrey Somers, Louise Shafer, Helen Daye, Kathleen Floyd, Mary Oliver, Judith Ann Allgood, Vince Guerin, Jack Makin, Belle Riddell, Jane Keyon, Linda F. Gieser, Jim Brown, Ralph Gough Sr., Betty LePore, Dinnette Briscoe, Bill Wagoner, Paula Coxon, Vincent Campanella, Ray Dion, Lisa Riddell, Joseph Hugh Weiland

Please note: names will remain on this list for two months, unless otherwise notified. To keep a name on the list, please resubmit by contacting bulletin@ihmrcc.org, or call the Parish Office.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR AMERICORPS OPPORTUNITY Catholic Charities' Financial Stability Network is recruiting a part-time AmeriCorps volunteer to provide financial education that will help clients create positive banking relationships. We are seeking financial education-related professionals who want to give back and who can serve about 18 hours/week. To learn more about the responsibilities and benefits of this role and to apply, visit this webpage or check our website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/>

HELP OUR MARRIAGE Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org

LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC, A Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD is open for various retreat weekends, for both men and women. Directed and Private Retreats are also available. See our complete Retreat Schedule at: www.loyolaonthepotomac.com (301) 392-0800

EVENT VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES Catholic Charities offers many ways to volunteer during COVID-19, both in person with social distance and remotely. You can learn about them at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/> or on our Volunteer Event Calendar. We appreciate your service!

*Thank you for faithfully sharing a portion
of the gifts God has given to you!
If you are able to give online, mail in your
donation, or drop by the office to give
your weekly contribution, we would be
greatly appreciative!*



If you or someone you know is inquiring about the Catholic faith, please let them know to email our RCIA coordinator at RCIA@ihmrc.org.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612



Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), St. Mary's County Chapter is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3). We are volunteers who build beds for kids ages 3-17 who don't have a bed of their own in St. Mary's and southern Calvert counties. All beds are delivered with NEW bedding – a pillow, twin sheets, and a comforter. All sponsorship money is tax deductible, remains local, and goes toward improving the well-being of kids in southern Maryland. Our mission is to make sure "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in our Town." We are in need of support: monetary donations for lumber and mattresses; donations of NEW bedding: pillows, twin sheets, and comforters; volunteers to cut, sand, drill, assemble, stain, and deliver beds. With generous donations and a few volunteers, we provide needy children with safe, comfortable places to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. <https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/md-st-marys-co>. Facebook@shpStMarysCo, deborah.faller@shpbeds.org, 844-432-BEDS (2337) ext. 5949

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