

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 2 -Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 7:00 a.m. Tess Hupfeld
 8:00 a.m. Rita Heinen
 3:00 p.m. Clare Anderson (Mass at Golden Living Center)
Tuesday, February 3 -Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mk 5:21-43
 7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Staub
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Deacon Don Miller
Wednesday, February 4 -Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103; Mk 6:1-6
 7:00 a.m. D. P. Martin
 8:00 a.m. Robert Croner
Thursday, February 5 -Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48; Mk 6:7-13
 7:00 a.m. Warren Leister
 8:00 a.m. Wayne Jean
Friday, February 6 -Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27; Mk 6:14-29
 7:00 a.m. Richard Baeder
 9:30 a.m. Intention of Don and Kate Brink
 7:00 p.m. Int. of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Thiemeyer & Family
Saturday, February 7 -Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23; Mk 6:30-34
 8:00 a.m. Kenneth Nash
 4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. John
Sunday, February 8 -Jb 7:1-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39
 7:15 a.m. Charles Edward Drechsler, Sr.
 8:45 a.m. Eileen F. Kavanagh
 10:30 a.m. Ronald Perron
 12:00 p.m. Virginia Doyle
 3:30 p.m. Caitlin Boles
 6:00 p.m. Rosemary Klunk

FROM THE PASTOR

Each time this year, with a profound sense of gratitude it is my privilege to send our parishioners statements of financial donations to the parish. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions about the statements. The parish has recently benefited from several legacy gifts that are a tremendous help to pay down the mortgage. We received a bequest of \$46,851.83 from the Estate of Eleanor K. Lovell, a bequest of \$822.31 from the Estate of Florence L. Benesh and a quarterly distribution of \$1,185.66 from the Trust of Mable Meredith. The thoughtfulness and generosity of these parishioners enables the mission of our parish to continue. Please remember them and all the benefactors of our parish in your prayers. I also prayerfully encourage you to remember our parish and our parish school when you prepare your estate plan.

May God Bless you,

Msgr. Art Valergona

LITURGY WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE!

ADORERS NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Sunday 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Please call the parish office if you can help to fill these times.

BLESSING OF THROATS...Tuesday, February 3

We will offer the blessing of throats on *Tuesday, February 3rd* (The Feast of St. Blaise) after the weekday Masses at 7 and 8 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES . . . February 6

Masses are 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (attended by St. John School), and 7:00 p.m. **Confessions:** 8:45 –9:15 a.m. & 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION . . . February 7

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Rosary. Please pick up a folder with the prayers and come to the front pews. Everyone interested in the devotion is welcome to join in prayer.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Mary Schultz and for her family and friends.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for all who are home bound or in nursing homes and for all the sick, especially Ned Judge, Ronnie Fritz, Scott Gilmore, William Latvanas, Julia Ford, Angie Runser, Eileen Sovitsky, Gary Shafferman, Joe Urban, Steve Torbeck, Joanne Schoberg, Marian Brownhill, Kelly Hollenbaugh, Eleanor Wood, Nicholas Polinsky, Patricia Williamson, and Robbie Griesmyer.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Iain Louis Anderson, son of Meredythe and Kevin Anderson; Mia Maria Chuppetta, daughter of Monica and Frank Chuppetta; David Coakley Hoerl, son of Mary and Melvin Hoerl, III; and Sophia Marie Scheper, daughter of Allison and Kenneth Scheper.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of

Envelopes:	\$19,955.03	Attendance:	3,317
Loose:	\$ 4,666.96	Poor Box:	\$1,941.20

TOTAL: \$24,621.99

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00. Our current weekly average is \$29,866.29.

STATUS OF MORTGAGE:

Beginning Balance: 01/01/09	\$1,690,381
Paid: Interest \$8,804	
Principal <u>\$16,829</u>	-25,633
Interest Charged	8,804
Ending Balance 02/01/09	\$1,673,552

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL... The "Archbishop's Lenten Appeal" is now the "Archbishop's Annual Appeal" and will take place prior to Lent each year so that it does not impact Lenten liturgies. Many parishioners will have received a mailing directly from Archbishop O'Brien requesting that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. This year's theme is "Do everything for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1) and our contributions multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services to touch thousands of lives! Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments for your convenience. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the collection for the Special Care for Diocesan Priests. The total amount collected was \$9,315.72.

SCHOOL NEWS

Feb. 3—Market Day Orders due (pick up on 2/10)
Feb. 2-5—DARE—Grade 6
Feb. 6— School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m.—Church
Feb. 7—Academic Tournament @ Cardinal Gibbons—9 a.m.
Feb. 9-12—DARE— Grade 6
Feb. 10—Market Day Pick up in Portico 3-4 p.m.
Feb. 12—Child Protection Presentation—7 p.m.— Portico
Feb. 13—School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m.—Church
 Open House for Prospective Kindergarten Parents
 Middle School Dance—7-10 p.m.—gym

GIFT CARDS: Do you shop at Giant/Martins, Super Fresh, Shoppers, Weis, Boscov's or Kohl's? You can purchase gift cards through St. John at face value and we receive a 5% return on each card! These cards do not expire and can be used in other states. Cards are available for purchase at St. John School. You can also participate in eScript by registering your Safeway card annually, returning a percentage to us. Also register your Target or Target Visa card for a 1% return profit to St. John School (ID#7784). Register on line or call 800-316-8142. For more information call the school office at 410-876-7228 or Darlene at 410-876-7031

INNISBROOK ON-GOING FUNDRAISER: Check out the website for gift giving ideas. The school receives 50% of all sales. Shop at www.innisbrook.com. Our school ID is # 122169.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thanks to all those who are now participating in our study of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. This fascinating letter provides us with a fuller insight into the life of an early Christian community of the first generation than any other book of the New Testament. Through it we can glimpse both the strengths and the weaknesses of this small group in a great city of the ancient world, men and women who had accepted the good news of Christ and were now trying to realize in their lives the implications of their baptism. Paul, who had founded the community about the year 51 and continued to look after it as a father, responds both to questions addressed to him and to situations of which he had been informed. In doing so, he reveals much about himself, his teaching, and the way in which he conducted his work of apostleship.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

REMINDER: Home Study classes will meet on *Wed., Feb. 4th at 6:45 p.m.*

TEACHING MASS...On Saturday, Feb. 7, Fr. Leo will offer a "Teaching Mass" for all our Confirmation students and their families. Sponsors are also welcome to attend. The Mass will be held in the Church from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and will fulfill our Sunday obligation. All Confirmation students are asked to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD: Anyone who would be interested in helping with our Vacation Bible School this summer (Catechist, classroom assistant, snack, music, craft, babysitting) call the Religious Ed Office. *Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 22 from 9:00-12:00 noon.*

—THE EDGE — (Grades 6, 7 & 8) —

We meet one Sunday every month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Newcomers are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for SHROVE TUESDAY... Anyone interested in volunteering to help out with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on *Tuesday, Feb. 24th*, call Jordon at 410-848-8443. *Service hours are available for this project.*

— LIFE TEEN (Grades 9 -12) —

Life Teen is a High School Youth Ministry that meets every 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. On the 3rd Sunday we meet in the Portico. Newcomers are welcome!

Feb. 1—NO LIFE TEEN—Super Bowl Sunday!!!

Feb. 8—Retro: Vintage is cool right? It's totally "groovy!" You should totally come check out this "Fly" life night where we're going to be "chillin" old school and learning about our "gnarly" past in the Garden of Eden! Anyway you look at it, it's going to be a "Wicked" life night and one that will make you appreciate your faith a little more!

Feb. 15—Lights Out Dodge Ball: It's simple—we give you glow sticks, turn out the lights, and throw our glow in the dark (and soft) dodge balls around! You loved dodge ball as a kid, you'll flip for Lights Out Dodge Ball!

Feb. 24— Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: From 4-7:30 p.m. in the Portico. Come and enjoy some great breakfast favorites as a way to celebrate "Fat Tuesday!" A free will offering to benefit Youth Ministry in the parish is requested. Watch this space for a detailed menu to follow in the next few weeks.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

RESPECT LIFE CONTEST WINNERS... Congratulations to the winners of the Respect Life Essay/Poster Contest!

Essay: 1st place Evie Hoff 2nd Place: Sam McCarthy
Poster: 1st place: Katie Gehan 2nd Place: Sam McCarthy
 Well done, Winners! Thank you to all students who entered. Great job everyone!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS... in the Portico after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Come and enjoy a continental breakfast and have a chance to meet your fellow parishioners in a welcoming community atmosphere after Mass on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Volunteers are still needed to help. Contact Bob Andrews at 410-876-9151 or email robertandrews@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS PARISH BREAKFAST...Sunday, February 1
 The Knights of Columbus are cooking breakfast for the parish in the Portico after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Proceeds are used to support the St. John's Community. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new parishioners and to enjoy a great breakfast of sausage, French toast, pancakes, eggs, creamed chipped beef, corned beef hash and drinks. Adults: \$6.00 and children under 12: \$3.00. Please join us!

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE...Thursday, February 5
 Our next regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome. Come and help us plan our spring activities. For more information call Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES SODALITY...Sunday, February 8

All women of the parish (18 and over) are invited to join St. John's Ladies Sodality. We are a spiritual group dedicated to the devotion of our Blessed Virgin Mother. Our meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month in the Parish Center after the 8:45 a.m. Mass and Rosary. Any family may request the recitation of the rosary at local funeral homes for their deceased member by calling the parish office at 410-848-4744 or Marie Close at 410-871-1867. For more information call Carolyn Keiner at 410-848-4563

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY MEETING...Tuesday, Feb. 10

Our regular meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center. All Health Care Ministers are encouraged to attend.

BEREAVEMENT LENTEN SERIES...Begins Sat., Feb.14

We will be using the book "Seasons of Hope-Lent, uniting our sufferings with those of Christ." We will meet in the Parish Center from 3:00-4:00 p.m. for six consecutive Saturdays beginning Feb. 14th (Valentine's Day). This first meeting will be preceded by lunch at Harry's at 12:30 p.m. (optional). Registration is required. To register, call Janet Tenney at 410-833-1542.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH PROGRAM...Thurs., Feb. 19

Are you fuzzy about some of the particulars of the Catholic Faith? Do you have some gaps in your formation? Maybe you have questions but don't know who to ask for answers. Come join the Filiae Mariae program on Our Catholic Faith. We'll come together *once a month* from 7-8:30 p.m. to learn more about the Fathers of the Church, the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist and more. *There is no cost*—location at the Portico, and refreshments will be served. Call Dawn, 410-876-0250.

PARISH FISH FRY... Friday, February 27

Join us for our first fish fry of the Lenten season! Join us every Friday during Lent at the Portico of St. John. Fish and shrimp dinners are served from 4-7 p.m. For more information call Anna Ludwig at 410-848-4744 x 403 or Lou Stachowiak at 410-635-2583. *Service hours available.*

BOYS BASKETBALL BULL ROAST...Saturday, March 7

The St. John Boys K-9 Basketball League is sponsoring a bull roast from 7:00 p.m.- midnight at Martin's Westminster. Come and enjoy a night of music, 50/50 drawing, silent auction, money wheel, door prizes and a menu of pit beef, ham, BBQ pork ribs, beer, soda and more. Cost is \$35 per person in advance and \$40 at the door. For tickets or more information, call Debbie Neal at 443-789-4159 or email stjohnboysbasketball@yahoo.com. Have a fun evening out and help support the league!

ANNUAL MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA...Sunday, March 22

Hold the date for our Annual Mother/Daughter Tea to be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Portico. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and girls ages 12-16 are invited for a fun-filled afternoon. Speakers, door prizes and good information will be presented in a beautiful "tea" setting. Watch the bulletin for ticket information or call Patti Spaar at 410-861-8510 for details.

MEN IN BLACK BASKETBALL...Friday, April 17

Save the date! St. John Parishioners vs. Archdiocesan priests and seminarians in an exciting basketball game at Westminster High School. Don't miss this free, fun-filled evening! Watch the bulletin for more details.

"ILLUMINATE" CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.. Save the dates *October 9 and 10, 2009* at St. John-Westminster. Registration will begin on April 13th. We must hold the conference to no more than 1000 women, so register early! Go to www.catholicilluminate.com. To help with the conference contact Jeanne Link at 876-3784. or illmickey@verizon.net.

SUNDAY NURSERY for ages 1-5 every Sunday 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Held in classroom 2A of the school. Call Lucy McGinty for details 410-848-2722.

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY.. We continue to have more requests for the Rosaries we make. The troops and the Chaplains appreciate getting the Rosaries and Holy Cards we send. To date we have made and shipped over 3000 Rosaries and prayer cards. Our thanks for the generous donations we have received. Donations can be made by contacting Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268 or stop by the Portico on Hospitality Sundays to drop off your donation. We welcome volunteers to help us make Rosaries at the Parish Center.

OUTREACH

*** THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY ***

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Come to our *next meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m.* in the Portico to learn more about our work or call Patty Terrano at 410-857-1473.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CARING CARROLL TRAINING SESSION...Thurs., Feb. 12 Caring Carroll, a faith-based non-profit organization that supports homebound, elderly individuals in Carroll County is holding a training and information session for interested volunteers on *Thurs., Feb. 12 from 4-5 p.m. at the Westminster branch of the Carroll County Public Library.* We offer non-professional, non-medical services to people to help them remain independent in their homes as long as possible. Please call 410-775-5596 with any questions or Mike Rodgers at 410-857-5891. *Registration is due by February 9th.*

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A WONDERFUL DEACON?...There will be an information session regarding the Deacon Formation Program on Saturday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Seminary and University (5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore). Please encourage those you think might make a fine deacon to attend. If married, their wife is encouraged to attend as well. Please contact Cindy Orr at corr@archbalt.org. or 410-547-5550 if you plan to attend.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2009...Sunday, February 8

All married couples are invited to a special Mass and Reception with Archbishop O'Brien at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore at 3:00 p.m. Couples wishing to receive special recognition from the Archdiocese for 25 or more years of marriage should contact wmdjubilee@gmail.com or call 410-987-8407 or 410-987-4210 by February 1, 2009. The Mass will be bilingual and interpreted for the deaf.

COME & SEE VOCATION WEEKEND...Feb. 13-15

The Sisters of Bon Secours are holding a Vocation Weekend for Women at the Bon Secour Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, MD. This vocation weekend allows single Catholic women to explore questions about religious life. You will meet and talk with Sisters of Bon Secours, have time for quiet prayer, liturgy, group sharing and relaxation. We begin Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and end Sunday at 1:00 p.m. after Sunday Mass and lunch. For more information call toll free 877-742-0277 or visit our website: www.bonsecoursvocations.org.

CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT ...Monday, Feb. 16

Join hundreds of Catholics on President's Day, for the annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis. This advocacy event gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: supporting pregnant women in crisis, Catholic Schools, the death penalty, marriage, and poverty. *Registration is required* and carpools from the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be arranged. Visit www.mdcathcong.org or call 410-269-1155 to sign up.

HEALING THE TRAUMA OF ABORTION...March 6-8

Do you know someone hurting from abortion..mother, father, sister, or friend? Help save a life. Rachel's Vineyard, will hold a retreat on March 6-8. Cost is \$150-200 per person (scholarship assistance is available). For more information, visit www.project-rachel.net or call 1-800-286-4224. The national hotline is 1-877-HOPE-4-ME or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

(For information on any of these events, call the Parish Center)

- Feb. 1**—Knights Parish Breakfast, after a.m. Masses
- Feb. 3**—Blessing of Throats— after 7 a.m. & 8 a.m. Masses
- Feb. 5**—Respect Life Meeting—7 p.m.—Parish Center
- Feb. 8**—Ladies Sodality—8:45 a.m.—Church
- Feb. 14**—Bereavement Lenten Series—3-4 p.m. Parish Center
- Feb. 19**—Catholic Faith Program—7 p.m. Portico
- Feb. 27**—Parish Fish Fry—4-7 p.m. Portico
- Mar. 7**—Boys Basketball Bull Roast—Martin's Westminster
- Mar. 22**—Mother/Daughter Tea—1:30 p.m. -Portico
- Apr. 24**—Basket Bingo—Portico

THE PORTICO OF ST. JOHN BOOKS + GIFTS...

We are gearing up for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Season. Shop early and save \$\$\$\$. To commemorate your child's First Communion, we have a wide selection of gifts including special First Communion rosaries, cards, jewelry with Eucharistic designs, First Communion gift sets that include rosaries, scapulars, children's missals and monstrance pins. We also carry ties, purses, crosses, photo frames and more. Ask about our personal engraving for jewelry and imprinting on a selection of Bibles.

THE PORTICO OF ST. JOHN is a full banquet facility available for wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, anniversary dinners, birthday parties, baptismal and communion parties, etc. With Wi-Fi capabilities you can also host your next business meeting in The Portico of St. John. Call Terry Jones at 410-848-4744 x216.