

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 9 - Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56
7:00 a.m. Alexandria Kowalczyk
8:00 a.m. Michele Bateman
2:00 p.m. Ginny Graham (Mass at Carroll Lutheran Village)

Tuesday, February 10 -Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13
7:00 a.m. Mary Licato
8:00 a.m. Richard M. Baeder

Wednesday, February 11 -Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104; Mk 7:14-23
7:00 a.m. Kevin Hutchinson
8:00 a.m. Charles Young

Thursday, February 12 -Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128; Mk 7:24-30
7:00 a.m. Edward and Lillian Swinderman
8:00 a.m. Mary Wade

Friday, February 13 -Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32; Mk 7:31-37
7:00 a.m. Intention of the DiPaula Family
9:30 a.m. James Francis Wade

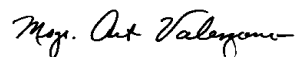
Saturday, February 14 -Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90; Mk 8:1-10
8:00 a.m. Intention of Agnes Reiset
4:30 p.m. Myrtle E. Dyson

Sunday, February 15-Lv 13:1-2.44-46;Ps 32;1 Cor 10:31-11:1;Mk 1:40-45
7:15 a.m. Paul Alfonsi
8:45 a.m. Ed Reiset
10:30 a.m. Florence L. Benesh
12:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John
3:30 p.m. George Henry Hall
6:00 p.m. Robert Subock, Sr.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides us with an opportunity to participate in the wider mission of the Church. The insert in this week's bulletin along with the mailing that you have received give specific information about the purpose and goal of the Annual Appeal. Our parish always responds generously when the needs are real. This year the Appeal will respond to a number of important needs including a comprehensive array of outreach, mission, and education programs throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore and beyond. We will continue our partnership with Our Lady of Pompei, and a portion will also be directed to help fund the tuition assistance fund for our parish school. I encourage you to participate in this worthy and important Appeal. The needs are real, and our response requires sacrifice. We been blessed in many ways. I invite all of us to take advantage of this opportunity to do something however small or large to respond to the work and mission of the Church.

May God Bless you,



LITURGY WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE!
ADORERS NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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

Monday 2:00-3:00 p.m., Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m. & 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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

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

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Elizabeth Cosgrove, Monica Genevieve Allan, Olga Chiavacci, Wanda Cooke, J. Kevin Mueller and Carolyn W. Doyle and for their families and friends.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for all who are home bound or in nursing homes and for all the sick, especially Ned Judge, Steve Torbeck, Robert Krause, Nicholas Polinsky, Julia Ford, Eleanor Wood, Thomas Hackett, Patricia Williamson, Scott Gilmore, Joanne Schoberg, Bernie Amrhein and Pat Moses.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Colin Michael Belgrave, son of Marie and Michael Belgrave; Jacob John Dunworth, son of Shawn and Derek Dunworth; Gavin Christopher Haber, son of Betty and Raymond Haber; and Alexandra Susan Lopez, daughter of Carrie and Christopher Lopez.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of

Envelopes:	\$28,682.20	Attendance:	3,190
Loose:	<u>\$ 6,072.92</u>	Poor Box:	\$1,663.85
TOTAL:	\$34,755.12		

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00. Our current weekly average is \$30,034.00.

Amount collected in January from the 5th Sunday of the month (now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program) **\$6,732.973**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL... Archbishop Edwin O'Brien asks us to review the insert in today's bulletin about the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (formerly the Lenten Appeal) and prayerfully consider making a donation this year. Your pledge can make a real difference—and together, our pledges make possible the vital ministry and services provided by our parish in concert with the archdiocese. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. For those of you who did **NOT** receive a mailing, or who have not had time to respond, *we will be conducting our in-pew pledge process at all Masses over the next two weekends (February 14 & 15 and February 21 & 22.)* Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our parish's generous response to this important archdiocesan appeal which can touch the lives of so many!

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Feb. 16—School Closed—Presidents Day

Feb. 17—School Closed—Professional Day

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION...Our parish will once again offer a five session Confirmation program for anyone over the age of 18 who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. ***The program begins Thursday, April 30th and meets weekly through May 28th.*** Registration forms are available in the back of the church and on the parish website.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

REMINDER: There will be no Religious Ed classes on *Sunday, Feb. 15th, Tuesday, Feb. 17th and Thursday, Feb. 19th.*

REMINDER: Catechists and Assistants —there is an Inservice on *Thursday, February 19th* at 6:00 p.m. in the Portico. Dinner will be provided. Hope to see you there.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS...Your letters to the Bishop are **PAST DUE!** If you haven't turned in your letter as yet, please get them in to the Religious Ed Office now!

REMINDER: Sponsor Candidate Information Session is being held on February 22 from 1:15-2:45 p.m. in the Portico.

Catechists working toward any level of certification, please make sure your **yellow application is turned into Religious Ed by March 5th.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...June 22-26

Anyone who would be interested in helping out with our Vacation Bible School this summer (Catechist, classroom assistant, snack, music, craft, babysitting) call the Religious Ed office.

—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. 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) balls around! You loved dodge ball as a kid, you'll flip for Lights Out Dodge Ball!

Feb. 22—The Truth Comes Out: What is the Catholic Church's teaching on Homosexuality? Do you know the truth? Come find out this week!

Feb.24—New and Expanded Pancake Dinner! Don't miss our parish's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner from 4:00-7:30 p.m. in the Portico. We will have a new expanded menu this year! You do not want to miss this!

March 27-29—Life Teen Spring Retreat: Mark your calendars. It's going to be a great event! We're still working on a final cost. Confirmation students receive a discount for signing up! More information to come— watch the bulletin!

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

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.

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.

CUB SCOUT BLUE & GOLD DINNER...Monday, Feb. 16

Cub Scout Pack 420 will celebrate its **50th Anniversary.** The Pack would like to thank the parish for its continued sponsorship and support throughout these years in developing the character of young boys. If you are a former scout, or leader and would like to share some memorabilia or celebrate with the Pack join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Portico. Contact Chris Joneckis at joneckis@comcast.net.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE NIGHT...Fri., Feb. 20

The Knights will hold a **FREE** movie night from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Portico. The movie will be "The Robe" featuring Victor Mature, Richard Burton, Michael Rennie and Jean Simmons. For information contact Chuck Witte at 410-875-2759.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER.....Tues., Feb. 24

Don't miss our parish's annual *Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner from 4:00-7:30 p.m. in the Portico*. We will have a **new and expanded menu** this year! You do not want to miss this! A free will offering to benefit the Youth Ministry in the parish is requested. Watch this space for a new detailed menu!

PARISH FISH FRY... Friday, February 27

Join us for our first fish fry of the Lenten season! Join us 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. Adult plate (fish) \$7.00, shrimp dinners \$9.00, shrimp baskets \$3.00, kids plate (5-10) - \$4.00 (children under 5 -eat free). Cash and checks accepted. **Service hours available. If Carroll County Schools close early the Fish Fry will be cancelled.**

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. Sponsored by The Respect Life Group.

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 jllmickey@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 find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray, and then he went out to preach and to heal. Praying for the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. Please continue to administer to the poor in Carroll County by remembering that **next weekend (Feb. 14-15) is Food Sunday**. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to church and place in the baskets located in the narthex of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CURSILLO MEETING...Tuesday, February 10

The Cursillo Movement is a movement of the Catholic Church which by means of its own method makes it possible for people to live what is fundamental for being a Christian, and to live it together; it helps people discover and fulfill their personal vocations, and it promotes the creation of core groups of Christians who leaven their environments with the Gospel. Meeting to be held at **Sacred Heat in Glyndon** (Media Room) at 7:30 p.m. Group will meet the **2nd Tuesday of every month**. For more information contact Myrna Rosado at 410-833-6140 or mrosado@shgparish.org.

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.**

DR. PAUL SCHENCK TO SPEAK...Thursday, Feb. 19

Dr. Schenck, Director of Respect Life for the Diocese of Harrisburg will talk on "How New Democrats and New Republicans will reverse Roe vs. Wade and end abortions." There is **no fee** to attend and **no registration** is required. The talk will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hanover, PA (5125 Grandview Road) at 7:30 p.m. Call Mary Martz at 717-633-1688 or e-mail mary_martz@comcast.net. for more details.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.mdcongrg.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. 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. 17—Men in Black Basketball—Westminster High School

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.

WELCOME SESSIONS for parishioners wishing to register with the parish are held the last Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the parish center.