

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 13-Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15

7:00 a.m. Frank Hartman

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Eckert

2:00 p.m. Easter Spiritual Bouquets (Mass at CLV)

Tuesday, April 14-Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18

7:00 a.m. Eleanor K. Lovell

8:00 a.m. Richard M. Baeder

Wednesday, April 15-Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35

7:00 a.m. Edward and Lillian Swinderman

8:00 a.m. Frank Puleo

Thursday, April 16-Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48

7:00 a.m. Mary Kuhn

8:00 a.m. Horace M. McCullin, Jr.

Friday, April 17-Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14

7:00 a.m. Martin Gramlich

9:30 a.m. J. Robert Sprankle

Saturday, April 18-Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Glawack

4:30 p.m. Thomas P. Velnoskey

Sunday, April 19-Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

7:15 a.m. Hayes Martin Dalton

8:45 a.m. Intention f Eleanor Latini

10:30 a.m. Horace Matthew McCullin, Jr.

12:00 p.m. George Bouch

3:30 p.m. Paul G. Kelley

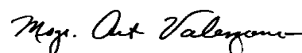
6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Easter! I join with our entire pastoral staff to wish you and your families all the joy, peace and grace of the Easter season. Please join me in welcoming the new adult members of our parish; 8 of whom were baptized at the Easter Vigil along with the 18 who received Eucharist and Confirmation. I am particularly grateful to our RCIA team and their sponsors. I also want to express my appreciation to all who helped with the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter: music ministers, art and environment, ushers, extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, sacristans, lectors, deacons and my brother priests. The whole parish should be thanked for keeping the collection counter busy throughout Lent and hopefully throughout the rest of the year. I also want to thank and acknowledge your generous donations to the Poor Box and Operation Rice Bowl. Your continued and faithful stewardship is deeply appreciated.

If you are new to our parish and/or visiting us for Easter, and would like to know more about our parish, please give me a call (410-876-2248), visit our website (www.sjwest.org) or ask an usher for a welcome packet.

May God Bless you,



NOTICE: The parish center and school facilities will be closed on Easter Monday, April 13, 2009.

LITURGY WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE!

ADORERS NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Monday 10:00-11:00 p.m. and Thursday 1:00-2:00 a.m.

Saturday 2:00-3:00 a.m., 3:00- 4:00 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (April 19th) The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will be celebrated in the Church *immediately after the 12:15 p.m. Mass.* Come join us for this beautiful devotion on the day chosen by Our Lord to commemorate

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET... The Divine Mercy Devotion *will resume on Thursday (April 16)* and will continue to be held each Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Lois Malarkey, Peter Bearzi, Dan Price, Jack Whitely, George Thomas Biden, Jr., and Beverly Morgan 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 Gene Perry, Helen Sellers, Scott Gilmore, Clarence Bassler, Kelly Smith, Todd Vollmer, Robby Griesmyer, Orlando Sanidad, Doris Baumiller, Ashley Hankinson, Robert Sester, and Paul Dworkouski.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Cecilia Rose Amendola, daughter of Kristine and Christian Amendola; Maxwell William De La Torre, son of Elizabeth De La Torre and Juan-Carlos; Tyler James Langdon, son of Christina and Michael Langdon; Chaz Palmisano Webber, son of Beth and Geoffrey Webber; Zachary Christopher Veillon and Trevor Samuel Veillon, sons of Angela and Kevin Veillon.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of April 4-5, 2009

Envelopes: \$27,227.76

Attendance: 3,991

Loose: \$ 7,049.80

Poor Box: \$2,118.70

TOTAL: \$34,277.56

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00.

Our current weekly average is \$29,790.90.

Amount collected in March from the 5th Sunday of the month
(now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program

\$10,245.54

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE...

Congratulations St. John Parishioners!!! We have made our 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Goal of \$155,988! In fact, we are OVER our goal and we thank all parishioners for your generosity, kindness, donations, prayers and patience during the Appeal Drive this year! Many worthy causes-locally, nationally and even internationally are aided by our participation! From here on, we will receive half of all monies collected OVER our goal and our parish partners Our Lady of Pompeii School Tuition Assistance Program and our own St. John School Tuition Assistance Program. Thank you ONE & ALL! If you still have not made a donation to the appeal, there are some purple envelopes in the Church. Please make checks out to Archbishop's Annual Appeal and be sure to note St. John Westminster on the memo line of your check.

SCHOOL NEWS

Apr. 9-17 School closed for Easter Vacation

Apr. 16-Confirmation rehearsal -**6:15 & 7:45 Portico/ Church**

Apr. 17-Men in Black Basketball Game—7:00 p.m. WHS

Apr. 18 -Confirmation—10 a.m. and 2 p.m.—Church

Apr. 20-Gr. K1—Carroll Arts Center PEEP show

-Gr. 2 Practice for 1st Communion 6:30 p.m.-Church

Apr. 21-Kindergarten. Field Trip to Library

Gr. 1 Field trip to Carroll Arts Center for PEEP Show

EASTER SUNDAY

SEE THE GREAT THINGS GOING ON AT YOUR SCHOOL! Are you considering sending your children to St. John? Are you an alumni of St. John? Do you want to see what's going on at your school? If you answered yes to any of these, then pick up a complimentary copy of St. John Moments—St. John School's official newsletter, highlighting all the great things going on at St. John every month during the school year. If you have any questions about the newsletter, or would like to get involved in the PTF (Parents, Teachers & Friends), please contact Dave Issing, PTF President, at davidissing@airi.org or 410-751-6178.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL WALK-A-THON...Friday, May 1

The 4th Annual Walk-A-Thon, sponsored by the PTF, is underway! *All parishioners are invited to take part in this fundraising tradition, to benefit Catholic education for our children in our school.* The children will be signing up sponsors to help to meet our goal of \$20,000. The walk-a-thon takes place on *May 1st* between 1-3 p.m. Please consider sponsoring a child or donating whatever you can to reach our goal. Simply drop your contribution in the mail to the school. Please make all *checks payable to St. John School PTF. All money should be received by April 30th.*

ST. JOHN SCHOOL'S GOT TALENT...Saturday, May 2

We all know how talented our kids are—now they'll have a chance to show it! Students, parents and St. John staff are practicing their routines and will be participating in this high energy, fun-filled evening. Don't miss this chance to be entertained and impressed through dance, music, comedy, and many other planned acts. *Tickets will be on sale soon (\$2 per ticket, maximum of \$10 immediate family) and will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at Winters Mill High School.* Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you know someone who owns a local small business and may be interested in sponsoring our show, please let us know. Questions? Contact Shelly Issing at 410-259-7803 or Bridget Isayiw at 410-635-6412. See you at St. John's Got Talent Show!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDY...Thanks to all who have been participating in our parish's study of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Our study of Second Corinthians *will begin the last week of April. Registration forms are now available in the back of the church.* Everyone is welcome to join us, even if you haven't studied the Bible before.

ADULT CONFIRMATION...Our Adult Confirmation class will begin on *Thursday, April 30th.* This five week session is open to all baptized adults (18+) who for whatever reason never received this sacrament. Registration forms are available on our parish website under the Faith Formation (Adults/Adult Confirmation) tab. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Gallagher.

SUMMER WEEKLY TALK SESSIONS...Wednesday, June 24
Deacon Mark Ripper will once again be offering several weekly talks through the summer, *beginning Wednesday, June 24th,* and designed for adults who want to go deeper in their understanding of our Faith. Details will be posted on the parish website after Easter.

COLLEGE SUMMER RETREAT...July 17-July 20

Our parish will once again be hosting a retreat this summer for all college age young people. Anyone graduating from high school in June is also welcome to join us. The theme of the retreat is "Come Be My Light," and the dates are *Friday, July 17-Sunday, July 20.* For those who are interested, there will be an additional time of silence beginning Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon, July 21st. The cost is \$55 for the Friday-Sunday portion, with an additional \$20 for those staying until Monday. Several priests and women religious will be helping to facilitate the weekend, which is sure to sell out. For information, contact pgallagher@sjwest.org.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

REMINDER: No Sunday Religious Ed classes for April 12th. The Religious Education Staff wishes all of our Students, Catechists, Classroom Assistants, Hall Monitors, Office helpers and their families a blessed and joyous Easter. Sunday classes resume on Sunday, April 19th, Tuesday classes on April 14th and Thursday classes on April 16th.

THREE YEAR OLD PROGRAM...The Religious Ed Office is considering the possibility of beginning a program next year for three year olds. If you would be interested in this for your child, please call Ruth at 410-848-8443.

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!

COMING ATTRACTION!!! - June 29-July 3

The Edge will be hosting a week-long day camp from June 29-July 3rd for middle schoolers! The week will include, sports, camps, crafts, music, fellowship, a day trip, camp fire, FUN, music, a service project, and much more! Watch the bulletin for registration details, because space will be limited.

— 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!

YOUNG APOSTLES 2009-2010...The Young Apostles are a leadership team composed of 11th and 12th graders. They help the Church by serving our youth group and Confirmation program. Young Apostles have their own special retreat during the summer and get to participate in activities throughout the year! Applications are now available on website under LifeTeen/Young Apostles tab.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL...Thursday, April 16

All Confirmation candidates and their sponsors must attend the Confirmation Rehearsal. Tuesday students should **attend at 6:15 p.m.** Thursday and Sunday students should attend at **7:45 p.m.** The location for the rehearsal is at the Portico. Please be prompt!

Activities in Our Parish

OPERATION RICE BOWL...Easter Sunday...Jesus Christ is risen! Our Operation Rice Bowl journey has come to an end but working toward global solidarity doesn't have to. Let us continue to *pray* for all those who work for justice and for those who benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief Services, and continue to *learn* how to stay connected with our global family through Catholic Relief Services. Take some time to visit www.crs.org. Thank you for taking part in the Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. **Baskets are available in the church to return the Rice Bowls.**

THANK YOU...St. John Cub Scout Pack 420 would like to thank the parishioners of St. John for their generous donations of food during the Scouting for Food Drive. With the parish collection, the Cub Scouts *collected a total of 501 lbs. of food.* *Scouts from Carroll District collected over 28,000 lbs. of food.*

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY MEETING...Tues., April 14
We will be meeting Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone in the parish interested in Health Care Ministry is welcome to attend.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH PROGRAM...Thurs., April 16
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 (for women only). 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. This month's talk is on the Sacrament of Baptism. ***There is no cost***—location for meeting is in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center and refreshments will be served. Call Dawn at 410-876-0250.

MEN IN BLACK BASKETBALL...Friday, April 17
7th Annual Event at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster High School. ***Free for the entire family!*** Come enjoy an exciting evening of activities and watch our Archdiocesan priests and seminarians play against St. John parishioners. ***On sale this year—Men in Black posters from all previous years!*** Please bring donations of cookies, cupcakes and brownies for the refreshment table. For details ***contact Betty Belk at 410-848-9391***

CATHOLIC TEACHERS RECOGNITION DINNER..Apr.19
The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly is holding their Annual Catholic Teachers Recognition Dinner at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19th in The Portico. This event recognizes our Religious Education and Catholic school teachers and is open to all. Tickets are \$22.00 and can be purchased from John Bryan, 410-848-7126. Come join us as we recognize those individuals who do such a great job of passing our faith on to our children.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING...April 21-April 29
Present altar servers **must attend ONE** of the following training sessions if you wish to continue serving after June, 2009. Any questions call Jim Diggs at 410-302-3312.
Tues., Apr. 21—3:45-5:00 p.m. , Wed., Apr. 22—3:45-5:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 29—3:45-5:00 or 7:00-8:00 p.m.

BASKET/BAG BINGO...Friday, April 24
Tickets are now available at the Parish Center, the school and Portico Bookstore and are \$12.00 each. For more information call the parish center, 410-848-4744 x 210.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 100th ANNIVERSARY..Sat.Apr.25
Westminster Council 1393 will host a gala 100th anniversary celebration from 6-11 p.m. in the Portico after the 4:30 Mass. There will be dinner, program and dancing and the event is open to the parish. Seating is limited. Call Bill at 410-848-5494 for tickets.

PRO-LIFE T-SHIRT WEEK...April 28-May 4
Our Respect Life Group is helping to promote Pro-Life T-Shirt Week, which runs April 28-May 4. T-shirts with a beautiful pro-life message are available for \$6.50. Contact Surretha Uebel at 410-346-7280 to purchase yours and to help spread the Pro-Life message.

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES...Friday, May 1
The Knights of Columbus are holding a ***FREE*** night at the movies to begin the summer season. Join ***WALL.E. and EVE*** at 7:00 p.m. at the Portico for an interplanetary adventure. (Children must be accompanied by a parent) Bring chairs or pillows for your comfort. ***Free popcorn and soda!*** Call Chuck Witte at 410-875-2759 or pick up a flyer and fill it out so that he can get a idea as to headcount.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to the GROTTA...Thursday, May 7
Join the Wisdom Club for Mass celebrated by Msgr. Art Valenzano at the Grotto Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Following Mass we will have a family style lunch at the Cozy Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. **Reservations required.** **The cost is \$16 and is due by Thursday, April 23.** For information call Martha Murphy at 410-871-9667.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP SESSION ...May 9, 15 and 16
Session 2 of Pre-Cana begins on May 9th. To register contact Rosalie Seeley at rosalie.seeley@verizon.net.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH...Sunday, May 10
The Portico is hosting our First Annual Mother's Day Brunch from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The brunch will be catered by Uptown Caterers. The cost: \$24.95 for adults and \$11.95 for children 12 and under. For information and to make your reservations call 410-848-7080. This promises to be a sellout so make your reservations early!

17th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT...Friday...June 19
The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual charity golf tournament at Westminster National Golf Course, benefiting St. John School. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. followed by steak dinner and prizes after tournament. Cost \$80 per player, hole sponsorship \$100.00. Play is open to anyone. Contact Pat Hogan 443-392-5495 or Dennis Ford 410-840-0266 for more details.

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY...Combat Ranger Rosary:
Pope John Paul II said "The rosary is my favorite prayer. We repeat the words again and again that the Virgin Mary heard from the Archangel and from her cousin Elizabeth. On the background of the words 'Ave Maria' the soul visualizes the main events in the life of Jesus Christ. From my deepest heart I exhort all to recite it." Join the rosary makers the ***2nd and 4th Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.*** Donations accepted at the Knight's breakfast or call

EASTER SUNDAY

OUTREACH

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate the Feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

Please remember that next weekend (*the 3rd weekend of the month*) is **Food Sunday**. Bring your donations of non-perishable food to church and place in the baskets by the doors of the church. If you are interested in learning more about our organization visit our website at www.sjwest.org/svdp/index.htm or email us at svdp@sjwest.org.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CASINO NIGHT & AUCTION BENEFIT...Friday, April 17

Join us for a casino night and sports memorabilia auction to benefit Hailey's Wish to build an accessible and inclusive playground in Westminster for children with disabilities. Time 7-11 p.m. at the Portico. Tickets \$30 in advance or \$45 at the door includes \$200 in "Fun Bucks" and 2 drink tickets. Beer, wine and food concessions available. Purchase tickets at Hess Music and Carroll Springs School or call 410-377-5106.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE...Sunday, May 3

College of Notre Dame of Maryland will hold an open house for prospective women college students from 12-4 p.m. starting in Knott Science Center, at 4701 North Charles St., Baltimore. For more information call 410-532-5330 or visit www.ndm.edu.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

Apr. 17—Men in Black Basketball—7:00 p.m.—WHS

Apr. 19—Teachers Recognition Dinner—4 p.m.—Portico

Apr. 24—Basket/Bag Bingo—Portico - doors open 5:30 p.m.

Apr. 25—KofC—100th Anniversary Gala—7 p.m. Portico

May 7—Pilgrimage to the Grotto with Wisdom Club

May 10—First Annual Mother's Day Brunch 10-3—Portico

June 19—KofC Golf Tournament—Westminster Nat. Golf Course

Oct. 9-10—Illuminate Catholic Women's Conference

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

We are gearing up for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Season. Shop early and save \$\$\$! 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.

HOW TO REGISTER at this PARISH: All new parishioners who wish to register with the parish are invited to receive a welcoming packet from the Parish Office, Ushers, School, Religious Education, or Baptism Preparation Class. Welcome Sessions are held the **last Sunday** of each month **in the Parish Center at 10:00 a.m.**