

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 20 -Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Eckert

8:00 a.m. Ethel McLean

3:00 p.m. Helen Wood (Mass at Golden Living Center)

Tuesday, April 21 -Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

7:00 a.m. Mary Ann Winterling

8:00 a.m. Paul Sampogna

Wednesday, April 22 -Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

7:00 a.m. Nancy Nazelrod

8:00 a.m. Mariam Flynn

Thursday, April 23 -Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

7:00 a.m. William G. Conner, Sr.

8:00 a.m. Vera Schwessinger

12:00 p.m. Lucy Romero (Wisdom Club Mass)

Friday, April 24 -Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

7:00 a.m. Horace Matthew McCullin, Jr.

9:30 a.m. J. Robert Sprankle

Saturday, April 25 -1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20

8:00 a.m. Katie O'Brien

10:00 a.m. Int. of St. John First Communicants

2:00 p.m. Int. of St. John First Communicants

4:30 p.m. Stephanie Budosh

Sunday, April 26 -Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

7:15 a.m. Intention of Joseph Buss

8:45 a.m. J. Robert Sprankle

10:30 a.m. Vitolo Juisepina

12:15 p.m. Donald Bell

3:30 p.m. Michael Kilkelley

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

From the Pastor

Please join me in congratulating the young people from our parish who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 18th. Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, our Vicar Bishop, celebrated Mass and Confirmation at 10 a.m. and 2 pm. I am especially grateful to the parents, sponsors and our parish Confirmation team, coordinated by Kenn DeMoll. Along with study, prayer, service hours and a letter to the bishop, our youth have demonstrated a willingness to commit to our faith by word and witness. I encourage you to keep our youth in your prayers as they are constantly confronted by a contemporary culture that more often than not conflicts with Catholic doctrine and Catholic values. These young people are a blessing to our parish.

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Westminster Council 1393 as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary at the 4:30 Mass next Saturday, April 25th. The Council should be commended for a century of dedicated service to God, our parish and the community. The Council will host a gala dinner in the Portico following the Mass. On a personal note, I might add that the Council has been and continues to be a tremendous source of support each and every time I have sought their help for our parish and our parish school

May God Bless you,

Mgr. Art Talbot

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 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are in loving memory of Mary Wheatley from Robert and Elizabeth Knust and Family.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of April 11-12,2009

Envelopes: \$59,378.32 Attendance: 5,918

Loose: \$14,758.65 Poor Box: \$2,594.83

TOTAL: \$74,136.97

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00. Our current weekly average is \$30,872.51.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Total Pledged: \$ 7,262,817.

Paid to Date: 7,190,713.

Balance \$ 72,104.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Holy Land collection on Good Friday. The amount collected was \$4,212.38.

THANK YOU ...From Rev. Luigi Esposito, Pastor of Our Lady of Pompei, for our latest donation of \$1,047.71. "Your continual assistance is truly a blessing for us at Pompei. We feel that we have a sister parish sharing from a distance the work of the Lord in South East Baltimore. Your care and concern for our needs gives us more than just financial help. You show us truly love in action, and for that, we cannot express in words our deep gratitude. Prayers for you and your parishioners are offered at every Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Pompei. We feel that what we cannot express in words, the Lord will do with His blessings."

THANK YOU... From Mrs. Kathryn Black, Principal, St. Michael School, Frostburg. "As we rapidly approach the end of our school year, and unfortunately, the closing of St. Michael School-we are grateful for the support and commitment of many friends of our school. Our lives have been touched by many parishioners, alumni, and other friends within our community that give us strength to face the close of this wonderful school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the congregation of St. John Westminster for continuing to provide financial support during this school year. We sincerely appreciate your generosity."

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Apr. 24-School Liturgy—9:30 a.m.—Church

Gr. 4—Trip to LaFarge Medford Quarry

PTF Family Fun Night—7 p.m.—Cafeteria

Apr. 25—First Communion—10 a.m.- Church

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.

DIVINE MERCY 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. Contact pgallagher@sjwest.org.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

REMINDER: Those *students* who will be *making* their *First Holy Communion* on *Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m.* will have *practice on Monday, April 20th at 6:30 in Church.* *Students receiving First Holy Communion on April 25th at 2:00 p.m.* will have their *practice on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.* in the Church. Students **MUST** attend practice as this is the only time we have for practice.

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 bulletin for registration details, 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.

Apr. 19—Easter Egg Hunt...Who doesn't like hunting for Easter Eggs? Except this is going to be an Easter Egg hunt with a slight twist to it and played in teams!

Apr. 26—Go Fish...Normally this is a card game. But have you ever played it with a giant fish? We have a pretty "fishy" game that will make you laugh to start things off, with a chance to win an iTunes gift card! Plus, we'll be talking about how Christ calls us to be "fishers of men and how we're called to be His disciples.

May 3— Ultimate cabbage...You've played ultimate Frisbee right? What if you played with a cabbage instead of a Frisbee? This night is going to be off the hook and, straight out of the garden. Plus we'll spend a little time talking about a movie soon to come out called "Angels and Demons" and how this movie relates to your faith.

Activities in Our Parish

OPERATION RICE BOWL... If you have not already done so, please drop your Rice Bowls in the large baskets in the narthex of the church this weekend. Thank you for taking part in the Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Service's Operation Rice Bowl.

BAKER/YINGLING SCHOLARSHIP 2009... Students who have been a part of a St. John's Athletic Program for at least three (3) years, and have been accepted into a college, university, or private high school for the upcoming school year are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. You may pick up an application at the Parish Center or go on line to the following website: www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org. Please fill out completely and include all attachments and drop off at the Parish Center by **May 15th**. For more details call Bo Yingling at 410-876-1162.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CARNIVAL... The St. John Game Booth needs glassware for use in the Dine Pitch. Donations of small items to be given as prizes are also needed, (crayons, pencils, markers, stuffed animals, small toys (Kid's meal toys), full size candy bars, bags of candy (Skittles, M&M's). In addition, any donations of gift certificates, merchandise, or food products from local businesses would also be appreciated. Please contact Dottie Pumputis at dpumputis@comcast.net.

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.
Sat., May 2—9-10 a.m. (NEW ALTER SERVERS ONLY)

WISDOM CLUB...Thursday, April 23
The St. John Wisdom Club will meet for Mass at 12:00 p.m., celebrated by Msgr. Art, followed by lunch in the Portico. Desserts and drinks will be provided. The program is yet to be determined. For information, call Bonnie at 410-795-0786.

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

SPECIAL PARISH BREAKFAST...Sunday, May 3
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 will benefit a new "Our Lady of Guadalupe Garden," a memorial and prayer garden on our campus promoting the sanctity of human life, from conception until natural death.** The garden will feature a Rosary Walk and a beautiful mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Find out more and have a delicious breakfast of sausage, French toast, pancakes, eggs, creamed chipped beef, corned beef hash, and drinks. Adults: \$6.00 and children under 12 : \$3.00. **The Roses and the Respect Life Ministry will also host a bake sale table with cakes, cookies, brownies and more!**

MAY PROCESSION...Sunday, May 3
The May Procession will take place at the 12:15 Mass. Children and the May Queen and the Court are asked to line-up at 11:30 a.m. at the South Portico entrance to process into the Church. First Communicants are asked to wear their First Communion clothes. A reception will follow Mass in the Portico. Everyone is invited to participate in the process followed by the crowning of the Blessed Mother.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS OPEN HOUSE...Tues., May 5
We will host our STOJ during our Market Day sale from 3-5 p.m. in Portico North.. You can win baskets of food from Market Day, purchase "special baskets/items" from Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Creative Moments and other vendors.

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!

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...The 2009 St. John's Carnival is **Monday, May 25 through Saturday, May 30th.** Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, working game and food booths, and clean-up. If you would like to help for 1 hour or more during the week, please contact Bob Detrow at rdetrow@hotmail.com.

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. Shot gun 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.

"ILLUMINATE" CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE..
Save the dates **October 9 and 10, 2009** at St. John-Westminster . Registration began April 13th. Please be aware 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.

OUTREACH

* THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY *

In today's Gospel Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

BLESSINGS CLOSET... During the month of May, St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your help to assist us in supporting the Shepherd's Staff Blessing Closet. Please put the following items in the baskets in the narthex of the church: Bath tissue, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, napkins, tissues, all purpose cleaners, feminine supplies, baby care items, light bulbs and liquid food supplements. These items will be delivered to Shepherd's Staff to be distributed to needy families in the area. Thank you.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON...Saturday, April 25-

Archbishop O'Brien will lead parishes from the Archdiocese of Baltimore on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This pilgrimage will be a wonderful way to celebrate the Year of St. Paul. For more information go to www.Archbalt.org or for questions call Rev. Erik Arnold at 410-747-4334.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT...May 1-3

Do you know someone hurting from abortion...mother, father, sister, or friend? Help save a life! Rachel's Vineyard –healing the trauma of abortion one weekend at a time. For more information, visit www.project-rachel.net or call 1-800-286-4224.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

- 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 2**- St. John Talent Show –3-5:30 p.m. Winters Mill High
- May 2**—Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner-4-9 p.m. Portico
- May 3**—Parish Breakfast—after morning Masses—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.**