

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, April 27**-Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29

7:00 a.m. George Stieber

8:00 a.m. Earle Flick, Sr.

2:00 p.m. Russell Bollinger (Mass at Carroll Lutheran Village)

**Tuesday, April 28**-Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35

7:00 a.m. Lynn Weibel

8:00 a.m. Intention of Teresa Hughes

**Wednesday, April 29**-Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

7:00 a.m. Paul Kelley

8:00 a.m. Helen Deleise

**Thursday, April 30**-Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

7:00 a.m. Intention of Sue Foley

8:00 a.m. Edward Warfield

**Friday, May 1**-Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

7:00 a.m. Derik Sipes

9:30 a.m. J. Robert Sprinkle

7:00 p.m. Helen Broxterman

**Saturday, May 2**-Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

8:00 a.m. Intention of Michiko Waminal

4:30 p.m. Intention of Pat Brink

**Sunday, May 3**-Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

7:15 a.m. Intention of Maureen Seibel

8:45 a.m. Doris A. Eckard

10:30 a.m. DeRose Aguest

12:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. John

3:30 p.m. Curtis Wright

6:00 p.m. Katherine Anne McKindles

## From the Pastor

Please join me in offering congratulations to the 161 children of our parish who are receiving their First Holy Communion this month. I am particularly grateful to their parents, the teachers in our school and our religious education program, and especially to Ruth Hartman who coordinates the preparation and celebrations. In addition to the two special Masses celebrated on Saturday, some of the children will receive their First Holy Communion with their families at one of the Sunday Liturgies. Our entire parish family is blessed as these children now join us at the altar.

Congratulations are also in order for Marty Salter who received the Ellen Feustel Award for Religious Education teachers. The award was presented by the James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, and is in recognition of dedicated and faithful service to handing on our Faith to our children

Thank you to all who coordinated, volunteered, participated in and attended this year's annual Men in Black Basketball game. The game was well played, the crowd was enthusiastic, the refreshments were delicious and the "Good Guys," won. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and ministries in the Church.

May God Bless you,

*Mary Ann Valenzano*

## LITURGY WORSHIP

**PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE!**

**ADORERS NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

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.

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE** of Russell Day, William Buckley, Carol Kibler, Robert Krause, Lewis Thomas, Lennie Sweitzer and Kevin Sellner 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 Erin Dean, Tom Hartman, Frank Balsamo, Gary Shafferman, Helen Sellers, Mary Redmond, Dale Middleton, Robby Griesmyer, Dawn Phipps, Francis Callahan, Charles Zincon, Charlotte Hoffman, Michael Clark, Margaret French and Floyd McCurdy.

**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations and welcome to Miguel A. Garcia-Gomora, son of Maria Del Rosario Gomora-Sanchez and Rosalio Garcia-Reynoso.

## STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** Weekend of April 18-19, 2009.

Envelopes: \$20,698.00 Attendance: 3,156

Loose: \$ 4,506.00 Poor Box: \$2,062.29

**TOTAL: \$25,204.80**

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00. Our current weekly average is \$30,897.73.

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Total Pledged: \$ 7,265,857

Paid to Date: 7,202,433

Balance \$ **63,424**

**THANK YOU ST. JOHN PARISHIONERS!!!** Thank you to all who donated to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal this year! Not only have we reached our goal...*we have exceeded it by almost \$15,000!* Thank you so much for every one of your generous donations; especially during these tough economic times. To date, we have received **1,010** gifts-which is **356 gifts more** than last year and represents **23%** of our families participating! Your generosity is very much appreciated!

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Apr. 28—DUDE Day**—Middle School

Market Day orders due today Gr. 1B Service Project

**Apr. 29**—Gr. 2B Service Project

**Apr. 30**—Gr. 1A & 2A Service Project

Walk-A-Thon Money due today

**May 1** — School Liturgy—9:30 a.m. Church

PTF Walk-A-Thon 1-3 p.m.

**May 2.**— St. John Talent School—3 p.m. Winters Mill High

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

**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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

We are down to the final week for this year's St. John School Annual Walk-A-Thon! *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. When you donate \$25, \$75, \$100, or \$500, you help our youth get the best Catholic education in Carroll County. 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

The St. John School PTF is proud to present *St. John's Got Talent!* The show will be held at *Winters Mill High School on May 2nd at 3 p.m.* In addition to the 70 St. John students who will be performing, we are pleased to announce the exclusive premiere of the *Priests of St. John of Westminster!* That's right-our very own priests of SJ will be performing for an act you won't want to miss and you will only be able to see it here! Tickets are now on sale (\$2 each, maximum of \$10 per immediately family). Tickets to be sold at the door for \$4 or \$20 max per immediate family. Questions: Call Shelly Issing at 410-259-7803 or Bridget Isayiw at 410-635-6412.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC...

Recently, Mrs. Wood shared with us her trip to the Dominican Republic. It has inspired us to help the children of those villages by collecting school supplies. We are collecting plain spiral notebooks, pens and pencils *through May 8th.* Please help us to provide the basic school necessities that we all take for granted. A donation box will be placed in the school office for this purpose. Thank you, Ricky, Charlie and Sam Hoerl.

## 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.

**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.

**RCIA REUNION...SUNDAY, May 31st:** Save the date! After the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, we will host our first annual RCIA Reunion Potluck Dinner. Whether you came into the Church here at St. John or at another parish, you are welcome to join us. Details will be available soon. Call Paul Gallagher if you can help out in any way.

### 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](mailto:pgallagher@sjwest.org).

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

*Congratulations to Marty Salter,* one of our 8th grade catechists who was the recipient of the Ellen Feustel Award for Teachers in Catholic Education. Marty's dedication and commitment to the youth of our parish is a blessing to our program. *Congratulations also to nominee, Nancy Breichner,* one of our wonderful 2nd grade catechists.

**REMINDER:** Those *students* who will be *making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. will have practice on Wednesday,, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.* Students **MUST** attend practice as this is the only time we will 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!

### Sun., May 3—EDGE TRIATHLON (The First Ever!)

Teams will compete in a fun "triathlon" which will involve 3 zany games! From there, we will investigate the 3 Theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. You will learn about them in a way that will knock your socks off...literally!!!

### 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!

**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.

**May 10— No Life Teen—It’s Mother’s Day!**

## Activities in Our Parish

**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](http://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 Dime 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](mailto:dpumputis@comcast.net).

**MEN IN BLACK GAME...Key Found**—If anyone lost a single key on a blue strap at the basketball game call 410-848-9391.

**MEN IN BLACK POSTER CONTEST WINNERS...**The poster contest winners were *Olivia Dorsey* (for grades K-2), *Molly Kelly* (for grades 3-5) and *Katie Seppi* (for grades 6-8). Thanks to all who participated. Remember to “pray like you play...seriously!” A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped make the night a success.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING...Wednesday, 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.

*Wed., Apr. 29—3:45-5:00 or 7:00-8:00 p.m.*

**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

**BOY SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER...Saturday, May 2**  
Troop 420 is sponsoring their annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction from 4-9 p.m. at the Portico. Tickets are \$8.00 (kids under 7 yrs. of age and scouts in uniform—Eat Free). For tickets or more information contact Allen or Ketti Dutterer at 410-346-8090 or Jack Lusby at 410-861-6475.

**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 & Respect Life Ministry will host a bake sale with cakes, cookies, brownies& 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 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.** 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](mailto: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!

**SPEND A DAY AT PREAKNESS...Saturday, May 16**  
The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend the 134th running of the Preakness, on May 16th, on us! ***We have been asked to serve as Ushers for the Preakness.*** A bus will pick us up at St. John’s at 7 a.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided during the day. We work in the Upper Grandstand as Ushers in air conditioning at the Finish Line. A donation of \$50 will be given to St. John’s School for all parishioners ***who sign up to be an Usher.*** Call Rich Nestor @ 410-751-5258.

**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](mailto:rdetrow@hotmail.com).

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### 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. Call Pat Hogan 443-392-5495 or Dennis Ford 410-840-0266.

### ILLUMINATE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONF...Oct. 9-10

Register Now! Don't miss out! Great time of fellowship, praise and education. Forms and information at the bookstore, narthex of church and parish center or visit [www.catholicilluminate.com](http://www.catholicilluminate.com). Workers needed now, call Jeanne Link at 443-324-8487.

## OUTREACH

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? *Our next meeting is May 6th at 7 p.m. in the Portico.* To learn more about our work, join us at our meeting or call Patty Terrano at 410-857-1473 or visit our website at [www.sjwest.org/svdp/index.htm](http://www.sjwest.org/svdp/index.htm) or email us at [svdp@sjwest.org](mailto:svdp@sjwest.org).

**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.

## REMINDERS

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

**May 1**—Family Night at the Movies— 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 3**—May Procession—12:15 Mass

**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.**