

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 4 -Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10
 7:00 a.m. Louis Valenzano
 8:00 a.m. Helen Deleise
 3:00 p.m. Robert Krause (Mass at Golden Living Center)

Tuesday, May 5 -Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30
 7:00 a.m. Intention of Eleanor Wood
 8:00 a.m. Jack Denman

Wednesday, May 6 -Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50
 7:00 a.m. Edward Bowersock, Jr.
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Carol Goldbeck

Thursday, May 7-Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20
 7:00 a.m. Myrtle Simms
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Ryan Ward

Friday, May 8 -Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6
 7:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. Benedic Groeschel
 9:30 a.m. Mary Kuhn

Saturday, May 9 -Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14
 8:00 a.m. Teresa Dawedeit
 4:30 p.m. Intention of Jason and Lori Ludwig

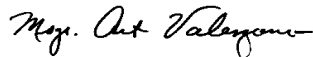
Sunday, May 10 -Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
 7:15 a.m. Anna Elizabeth Hackett
 8:45 a.m. Laura Clise
 10:30 a.m. Int.of John & Theresa Knorr -50th Wedding Anniv.
 12:15p.m. Myrtle E. Dyson
 3:30 p.m. Mothers Day Intentions
 6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John

From the Pastor

Each spring, during the month of May, the Church invites us to honor our Blessed Mother. I am grateful to our parish Sodality who once again coordinated the annual May Procession prior to the 12:15 Mass this Sunday. Thanks also to the children, parents and all whose participation and helped make this year's event prayerful and special. We can always count on Our Lady's powerful intercession and protection. I encourage you to pray the rosary daily.

Elections for our Pastoral Council will take place this month. I would like to thank all who have graciously accepted nomination to run for the Council. Pictures and resumes of the candidates will be in the narthex of the church. The Pastoral Council exercises an important role in the life of our parish. Please take time to pray for and elect the members of the Council.

May God Bless you,



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.

MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS are available at the doors of the church and at the parish center.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY...Sunday, May 3

The 10:30 a.m. Mass will be a children's liturgy.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Isabelle Spalla, Beverly Morgan, Joseph Korcheski, Judith Raffel, Mabel Meredith, Charles H. O'Donnell, Rose Metzger and Albert Ciampaglia 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, Helen Sellers, Tom Hartman, Gary Shafferman, Jeff Frock, Francis Callahan, Ashley Hankinson, Steve Horn, Ben Petrocko, Vincent Perticone, Charlotte Hoffman, Scott Gilmore, Valentine Ceioss, Robby Griesmyer, Dale Middleton and Joseph Kase.,

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Alejandro Torres, son of Maria and Bernardino Torres.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND were donated by Bea Wolf and Ann Grzasko in loving memory of Sarah and William Hoffman and Stanley Grzasko.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of April 25-26, 2009

Envelopes:	\$23,892.51	Attendance:	3,060
Loose:	\$ 5,395.98	Poor Box:	\$2,543.04

TOTAL: \$29,288.49

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00. Our current weekly average is \$30,860.31.

STATUS OF MORTGAGE:

Beginning Balance: 04/01/09	\$1,639,630
Paid: Interest \$8,540	
Principal <u>\$17,093</u>	-25,633
Interest Charged	8,540

Ending Balance 05/01/09 \$1,622,537

NOTICE: Use Mortgage Fund Envelopes for second collection on last Sunday of the month to reduce the mortgage.

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 **1,021** gifts-which is **367 gifts more** than last year and represents **23%** of our families participating! Your generosity is very much appreciated!

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend (May2-3) is to help support the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Thank you for your generous support of vocations.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

May 3— May Procession at 12:15 p.m. Mass

May 4— Gr. 8—Respect Life presentation

May 5— Pick up Market Day Orders

May 6— Rain Date for Walk-A-Thon

May 8— School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m.—Church

Gr. 7—Civil War Day

May 10—**Mother's Day**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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

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.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

SUMMER WEEKLY TALK SESSIONS...Wed., 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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our young people who received First Holy Communion this year. We pray that you will always stay close to Jesus by receiving Him in Eucharist.

HOME STUDY CLASSES will meet *Wednesday, May 6th* at 6:45 p.m. for the last time this year. Please have books completed.

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.

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.

THE EDGE — (Grades 6, 7 & 8) —

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

THE EDGE DAY CAMP - June 29-July 3

The week will include 2 off campus trips: One to the Basilica in Baltimore with lunch at the ESPN Zone (+ 1 hr. of unlimited play), and another to the Grotto in Emmitsburg with a picnic lunch near a huge covered wooden slide. Other activities include: Mass, praise & worship, prayer, a rock wall, sumo suits, camp T-shirt, music and a mini-basketball camp with Becky Martin, the coach for McDaniel College!! The camp will run from 9 am-4 pm with Friday ending at 12:00 pm. The cost will be \$200.00 a person. Registrations are available in the Rel. Ed office and in the back of the Church. They are due along with a liability form and payment in full **NO LATER THAN JUNE 15TH. SPACE IS 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!

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!

May 17– Ultrasound—Abortion is making a lot of headlines lately. What is the Church's teaching on abortion? Why is it so important to be pro-life? Check out this night for an experience you will never forget!

Activities in Our Parish

SUPPORT THE TROOPS OPEN HOUSE...Tues., May 5

We will host our Support The Troops Open House 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.** 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.

NO HOSPITALITY SUNDAY ...Sunday, May 10 or 17

Hospitality Sunday *will not be held on May 10 or May 17*. Come join us for fellowship and a continental breakfast on May 24 and May 31. Hospitality Sunday will not be held over the summer, but will resume again in the fall.

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!

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY TRIP –THE GROTTA Tues., May 12

The Health Care Ministry will be traveling by carpool to the Grotto in Emmitsburg on **Tuesday, May 12th**. We will leave the church parking lot (Blessed Mother side) at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Ray will celebrate Mass in the Glass Chapel at 10:30 a.m. We will have lunch at the Shamrock Restaurant at 1:00 p.m. The rest of the time will be spent on your own quietly in the Grotto. Carpools will arrive back at the parish around 3:00 p.m. Any interested parishioner is welcome to join us. If you would like to attend, please call the Health Care Ministry office (410-848-4744 Ext.220), so that we can plan accordingly for the carpools and the restaurant reservation.

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP MEETING...Sunday, May 17

This ministry is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet in the Parish Center from 10-11:30 a.m. *No registration is required*. For more information contact Janet Tenney at 410-833-1542.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH PROGRAM...Thurs., May 21

Join us for our 4th talk in a series of 10 on Our Catholic Faith sponsored by Filiae Mariae (for women only). This is the last series until September. We'll come together 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 the Holy Eucharist. *There is no cost*. Location is in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center and refreshments will be served. Call Dawn at 410-876-0250.

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 can help for just 1 hour or more during the week, 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. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. followed by steak dinner and prizes after tournament. Cost \$80 per player, hole sponsorship \$100.00. 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. Workers needed now, call Jeanne Link at 443-324-8487.

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 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 Pumptis at dpumptis@comcast.net.

COMBAT RANGER ROSARIES: Over 260 Chaplains have requested the rosaries and this year all the military academies (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines) will give them to their graduates. Some have asked for rosaries for their first year students also. We have made and shipped **5,000** rosaries to date. This month of May, Mary's month, try to pray a daily rosary for our troops. **ROSARY MAKERS NEEDED!** *We meet to make rosaries the 2nd and 4th Friday each month from 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.* Donations accepted at the Knight's breakfast on the 1st Sunday of the month or contact Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268.

OUTREACH

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

Today we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us. This month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families with utility and rent bills, etc. Also providing food and necessary daily products. Thank you.

Our next meeting is May 6th at 7 p.m. in the Portico. If you are interested in joining or helping with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and 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 or email us at svdp@sjwest.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN...Saturday, May 9

A Day of Prayer for Women entitled "Women of the Spirit...Proclaiming the Good News" will be held at Villa Assumpta, 6401 N. Charles Street, Baltimore from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sr. Charmaine Krohe, SSND will be the presenter. Please RSVP to Sr. Maria Iannuccillo, SSND @ 203-545-9034 or miannuccillo@amssnd.org.

CARROLL COUNTY HISTORY PROJECT...Tues., May 12

Consider sharing your memories of life in Carroll County for the Carroll County History Project, an initiative to capture the history of the county through the people who have lived here. May 12th is Oral History Collection Day and interviews are being scheduled at the Westminster, North Carroll and South Carroll Centers. Your videotaped interview will become a permanent part of the Carroll County Remembers archive for future generations to view and enjoy. To see the current collection or learn more about the History Project, visit www.CarrollHistory.org. To schedule an interview, please contact your local senior center or the Community Media Center at 410-386-4415.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

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

May 21—Our Catholic Faith Program 7-8:30 p.m. Parish Center

May 25-30—St. John Carnival

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

July 21—Market Day summer sale—3-4 p.m. Portico

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

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

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, etc. Ask about our personal engraving for jewelry and imprinting on a selection of Bibles.

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.**

LOST AND FOUND...We have a large variety of items that were left in the church at various times, (keys, coats, children's toys, books, etc.) If you have lost any such items, please see one of the ushers before or after Mass.