

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 11 -Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26
7:00 a.m. Mothers Day Intentions
8:00 a.m. Helen Cronauer
2:00 p.m. William Deming (Mass at Carroll Lutheran Village)

Tuesday, May 12 -Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a
7:00 a.m. Charles Edward Drechsler, Jr.
8:00 a.m. Mothers Day Intentions

Wednesday, May 13 -Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8
7:00 a.m. Mothers Day Intentions
8:00 a.m. Alexandria Kowalczyk

Thursday, May 14 -Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17
7:00 a.m. Josephine Loverde
8:00 a.m. Mothers Day Intentions

Friday, May 15 -Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17
7:00 a.m. Derik Sipes
9:30 a.m. Mothers Day Intentions

Saturday, May 16 -Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21
8:00 a.m. Mothers Day Intentions
4:30 p.m. Joseph C. Manger, Jr.

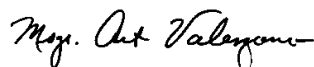
Sunday, May 17 -Acts 10:25-35,44-48;Ps 98;1 Jn 4:7-10;Jn 15:9-17I
7:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
8:45 a.m. Marion Marino
10:30 a.m. Mothers Day Intentions
12:15 p.m. Nathan and Rachel Seibel
3:30 p.m. Intention of Kelly Stafford
6:00 p.m. James R. Milani, Sr.

From the Pastor

Happy Mother's Day! Today as we honor our mothers on this secular holiday, we are blessed as Catholics to add our prayers and make this a holyday for all mothers. I would like to offer a word of thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council for providing a flower for each mother who attends Mass at St. John's this weekend. We are also encouraged to thank and honor our Blessed Mother for her continued protection and powerful intercession. We can be deeply grateful to Holy Mother Church for faith that sustains, nourishes and enriches our lives.

I call you attention to the many events and activities that our parish is sponsoring this spring and summer including: the annual carnival (May 25 – May 30), the 17th Annual Golf Tournament (June 19) and this fall the Illuminate Catholic Women's Conference (Oct. 9 & 10). Hopefully many parishioners will make plans to participate, volunteer and attend.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of James Stella, Dale Middleton, Stephen Tamburo, Jr. and Joseph D. Hurd 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 Steve Horn, Charlotte Hoffman, Rachael Crockett, Erin Dean, Gary Shafferman, Crystal Contreras, Valentine Ceioss, Renee Meyer and Francis Callahan.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND were donated in memory of Myrtle E. Dyson by her loving children Elizabeth and Andy Dyson.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of May 2-3, 2009

Envelopes:	\$23,690.20	Attendance:	3,012
Loose:	\$ 5,076.49	Poor Box:	1,614.16
TOTAL:	\$28,766.69		

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00.
Our current weekly average is .30,812.73.

Amount collected in April from the 5th Sunday of the month (now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program)
\$11,033.99

FACILITY BUILDING DRIVE...Please help us reach our goal of \$50,000 for the storage facility building. Donation cards available in the Church and Parish Center.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE...Congratulations St. John Parishioners! We have made **111%** of our 2009 Annual Appeal Goal! This represents a **\$16,517 increase over LAST year!** And, is a **168% increase** over last year! We had **1,044** parishioners/families donate this year which is **390 more** than last year and represents 23% of our population! In summary, we experienced a **60% increase** in the number of gifts and a **68%** increase in the amount of dollars! All of this good news translates into the solid support of those in need and our two parish partner schools (Our Lady of Pompeii and our own St. John School and their tuition assistance programs). Thank you St. John Parishioners for your generosity, your faithful support and your prayers! God Bless you!

SCHOOL NEWS

May 10—Mother's Day

May 13—Wacky Wednesday

Gr. 8—trip to District Court

May 14—Middle School Fun Day

May 15—School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m.—Church

Fun Day—K thru 5

Middle School Dance—7-10 p.m.—gym

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

FIFTH 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.

HOLD THE DATE!! Please mark *Sunday, June 14, 2009* on your calendars as the date on which our *parish will honor Miss Patricia M. Brink, Principal of St. John School*, who will be leaving at the end of this school year, after 25 years of dedication and service to our school and parish! *This special celebration will begin with the 10:30 a.m. Mass and there will be a Reception with light refreshments in the Portico immediately following Mass.* All are welcome! Come show your appreciation of Pat's commitment to our children!

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

No Religious Ed Classes on *Sunday, May 10th*. Happy Mother's Day!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...June 22-26

Registration forms are available on the tables at the doors of the Church or at the Parish Center.

We are still in need of catechists, classroom assistants, music and babysitting. Please call the Religious Ed office if you'd can help.

The *last Religious Ed classes for the year* will be *Tuesday, May 12th, Thursday, May 14th and Sunday, May 17th*.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009...Those families who are currently attending Religious Ed Classes should be receiving your registration packet for the 2009-2010 school year sometime this week. If you would like to get information about classes for the fall or receive a registration packet, please give our office a call.

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 7:30-9:00 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 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!

May 24—No Life Teen—Memorial Day Weekend!

STEUBENVILLE 2009: We will be holding our parent meeting on *June 7th at 5:00 p.m.* for the trip. If you are traveling with us to Steubenville, **you must attend this meeting!**

Activities in Our Parish

THANK YOU FROM DEACON ADAM MUDA...Seems like it wasn't that long ago in September, 2008 when I was introducing myself to you, and last Sunday was the last day of my practice in your parish.

I would like to thank you all, for your prayers, kindness and support which you have given me through this year. It was an honor for me to spend my year in one of the best parishes in this Diocese. Thank you Msgr. Arthur Valenzano for inviting me to this parish, and for being so kind to me throughout this year. Thank you for your wonderful example of a great and holy priest. Thanks to all the priests who I met in this parish. I learned a lot from you and I hope I will be as good a priest as you all are. My priesthood ordination will be on May 23rd in Paterson, NJ. Later I will have my first Masses, one will be on May 24th in one of my summer parishes in East Hanover, NJ and the other will be on June 7th in Poland at my home parish. Please pray for me, especially on that day of my Ordination. I assure you of my prayers. I will remember you all, as I celebrate my first Masses. Thank you again and May God Bless you all. Deacon Adam Muda

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION ... May 9-10, and 16-17

All registered parishioners, aged 16 & older, are encouraged to **complete one** of the ballots (which is inserted in the bulletin this weekend) and will be in pews next weekend and place it in one of the ballot boxes at the entry areas of the church by the conclusion of the 6:00 Mass on Sunday, May 17. We ask that you prayerfully consider the following candidates: Dean Ditman, Mary Masimore, Debbie, Middleton, Christopher McGrath, Larry Messer, Edmund C. O'Meally, Kay Seibel, Janet Shearer, Vickie Stark and Charles (Chuck) Witte. Detailed information on each candidate is posted in the entry areas of the church and in the bulletin. **Please complete one ballot only.**

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, which will be our last breakfast until 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 GROTTO 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.

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME... Monday, May 25—Saturday, May 30

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...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 rfdetrow@hotmail.com.

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS...We are selling 50/50 raffle tickets and *our goal is to sell 10,000 tickets!* The tickets are \$1.00 each or (6) for \$5.00 (cash or check). Checks should be payable to St. John School. For tickets contact Christy Pope 410-239-9614 or 410-303-9468 or Karen Angelella 410-876-6679. Tickets available at school and parish center and should be returned to either place by **May 22nd or to the Information Booth during Carnival Week. Drawing at 11 a.m. on May 30th. No need to be present to win.**

CARNIVAL RIDE TICKETS...Advance ticket sales for the All-You-Can-Ride Nights on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at a cost of \$10 a bracelet has begun. **Tickets on sale at school and Parish Center.** For more information contact Shari Amrhein at shariamrh@aol.com.

CHILI COOKOFF to be held on **Wednesday, May 27 from 6-8 p.m. in the Portico** as part of the carnival festivities. Contact Ginger Bruha at sgbruha@gmail.com for more details.

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.

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 & 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 1st Sunday of the month or call Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268.

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.

OUTREACH

* THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY *

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Reminder that the *3rd weekend of the month is Food Sunday*. Please bring your non-perishable donations to church and place in the baskets in the narthex of the church.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE Y...Saturday, May 16

Free Family Fun Night from 6-9 p.m. at the Carroll County Y, 1719 Sykesville Road, Westminster. Enjoy a fitness class, the gym or pool, a variety of games and other fun Y activities.

EMPTY BOWLS FEED HUNGRY SOULS...Sunday, May 17

Special fundraiser (proceeds to benefit Shepherd’s Staff and Carroll Food Sunday) from 12:30 –3:30 p.m. at West Middle School. Lunch, entertainment, silent auction (including a hand painted ceramic bowl by Msgr. Art). Tickets \$5.00 (prior to event) at the door \$7.00, maximum of \$15.00 per family.

AMS 15th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS...Sun., May 17

The Archdiocese for Military Services, U.S.A., invites you to join them at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. for Mass at 4:30 p.m. to honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, Rosary at 3:45 p.m.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

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

May 17—Bereavement Group Meeting—10-11:30—Parish Center

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

May 23-24—Eye glass & Hearing aid collection—Church

May 25-30—St. John Carnival

June 12-13—Catholic Family Expo—Church of the Resurrection

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 will have *new summer store hours starting the week of June 1st*: Tuesday 12-5 p.m., Thursday 12-5 p.m., Saturday 12-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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.**

FOR SHUT-INS...EWTN television broadcasts Mass at 8 a.m., 12 noon and 7 p.m.(Mon.-Fri.) and at midnight daily. The Rosary with Mother Angelica is broadcast daily at 11:30 a.m. Check www.ewtn.com for updates to scheduling.