

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 25 -Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33
9:00 a.m. Matt Snyder

Tuesday, May 26 -Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a
7:00 a.m. Edna Belanger
8:00 a.m. Bernard Richards
10:30 a.m. Eleanor K. Lovell (Mass at Carroll Lutheran Village)

Wednesday, May 27 -Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19
7:00 a.m. Gladys Rossi
8:00 a.m. Florence L. Benesh

Thursday, May 28 -Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26
7:00 a.m. Helen Broxterman
8:00 a.m. Gloria Chubb
12:00 p.m. Beverly Morgan (Wisdom Club Mass)

Friday, May 29 -Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19
7:00 a.m. Lewis Thomas
9:30 a.m. Intention of Heidi Traband

Saturday, May 30 -Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25
8:00 a.m. Peter Bearzi
4:30 p.m. Anne V. Seibel

Sunday, May 31 -Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7-13; Jn 20:19-23
7:15 a.m. Intention of Clotilde Drechsler
8:45 a.m. Dale Middleton
10:30 a.m. Richard M. Baeder
12:15 p.m. Kimberly Macy
3:30 p.m. Mary Meyers
6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John

From the Pastor

I hope you have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. This holiday provides us with a unique opportunity to remember with a profound sense of gratitude all who have given their lives to defend our nation. Let us also continue to remember to keep our troops in prayers, especially those stationed in harms way. I look forward to joining our parish school children in walking in Westminster's Annual Memorial Day parade. I am also looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual carnival that begins on Monday afternoon and continues through the week. We could still use some volunteers.

I call you attention to our summer daily Mass schedule. Throughout the months of June, July and August, daily Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. only. If you are planning a "stay home vacation," this summer, daily Mass is a wonderful and blessed way to start your day.

May God Bless you,

Mrs. Ant 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.

NOTICE: There will be only one Mass on *Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m.* The parish offices and school will be closed for the holiday.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: Our summer schedule necessitates a change in our Mass schedule as follows: There will be only one Mass celebrated each weekday morning during the months of June, July and August. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday There will be no First Friday Masses at 7 p.m. during June, July and August. There is no change to the Mass schedule on Saturday or Sunday. Please make a note of these changes.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Andrew Janocha, Jr., Brother Rene Sterner, FSC, Edward Nicoli, J. Melvin Comes and Charlotte Bright Hollinger 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, Jim Clingan, Dorothy Shipley, Steve Horn, Joseph Kase, Richard Kehoe, Mary Frances Smith, Tim Durbin, Charles Palmisano, Mary Ford Nail and Mary Pat Kavanagh.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Brody Kade Friert, son of Jaimee and Gregory Friert; Anna Qiandi Kachik, daughter of Debra and Joseph Kachik, Jr., and Tyler Gray Simons, son of Demi and Colin Simons.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND were donated in memory of Sophia Curtis by Dr. and Mrs. Sherrill Cheeks.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of

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| Envelopes: | \$21,578.30 | Attendance: | 3,039 |
| Loose: | \$ 4,467.20 | Poor Box: | \$1,614.12 |
| TOTAL: | \$26,045.50 | | |

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00. Our current weekly average is \$30,756.16.

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...Thank you parishioners for your continued support of the Annual Appeal! We see a continued increase in donations and your donations make possible a generous response for those in need at both Our Lady of Pompeii School and our own St. John School—as well as those in need throughout the archdiocese and beyond! We sincerely thank you for your kind response via donations, prayers, and patience during this entire process!

SCHOOL NEWS

May 25—School closed—Memorial Day

May 25-30—St. John Carnival

May 28—Gr. 7 Field trip to Gettysburg

May 29—School Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

- K1 & K2—Trip to Seton Shrine

June 2—Gr. 2A & 2B field trip to Rose Hill Manor

June 3—School Liturgy at 9:30

June 7—8th Grade graduation at 2:00 p.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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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!

TO PARENTS OF 7th GRADE STUDENTS... You should have received information in the mail regarding the Confirmation Program. If you wish to have your child confirmed in 8th grade, they *must be registered through the Religious Ed office before June 30th.* Any questions, please call the Religious Ed office 410-848-8443.

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.

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. *Call Paul Gallagher if you plan on attending* and 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We are *in need of six more teachers, a music person, someone for babysitting.* Please call the Religious Ed Office if you can help. Registrations forms are at the doors of the Church or can be picked up at the Parish Center.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009: Families currently attending our program should have received their registration packet for the 2009-2010 school year. If you would like to get registered for classes beginning in September (3 yr olds—8th grade, including Confirmation) please give our office a call. *Deadline for registering is June 30th.*

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 24—No Life Teen—Memorial Day Weekend!

May 31 –Dead Strength: What's your idea of being "strong"? You will want to join us for the first ever LIFE TEEN Strong Man/Woman contest, proven through an eating contest! And, Dexter Drake, the LIFE TEEN line backer will be back for another life night! And, somehow, this all relates to Pentecost? Be here to see it!

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!*

June 7- Capture the Bible: When was the last time you played Capture the Flag? This is our version of capture the flag. It's going to be epic because we play over the entire St. John campus! Bring a friend, it's going to be a blast!

Activities in Our Parish

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY ...Sunday, May 24

Come join us for fellowship and a continental breakfast on *May 24 and May 31, which will be our last breakfast until the fall.*

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

Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, work games, cook and serve burgers and dogs, cashier, sell sodas and clean-up. We especially need help Monday evening (5-10 p.m.), Friday evening (6-11 p.m.) and Saturday evening (4-11 p.m.) although there are other slots to be filled. To volunteer, please contact Bob Detrow at 410-840-0307 or by email rfdetrow@hotmail.com, as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support of our entire parish and school community.

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 by *May 22nd or to the Information Booth during Carnival Week. Drawing at 11 p.m. on May 30th. No need to be present to win.*

CARNIVAL RIDE TICKETS...ticket sales for the All-You-Can-Ride Nights on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at a cost of \$10 a bracelet will be *on sale after all Masses outside the church this weekend as well as on sale at Portico Bookstore and Parish Center. or 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.

WISDOM CLUB... Thursday, May 28
We will meet at 12:00 p.m. for Mass celebrated by Msgr. Art followed by lunch and program at the Portico. Desserts and drinks will be provided. A representative from the Carroll County Y of Central Maryland will speak on "How to Stay Fit at any Age." For more information call Bonnie at 410-795-0786.

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. 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

OUTREACH

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

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

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

SPRING RETREAT FOR LAITY...May 29-31

Are you trying to find the "miraculous" amidst the monotonous in life today? Do you have an "S.O.S.-Sense of Sacredness?" Join Fr. Jack Lombardi, Chaplain of the Grotto of Lourdes in Emmitsburg for "Living Supernaturally in a Secular World," to be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. To register, or for more information call: the Grotto Office- 301-447-5318 or email: grotto@msmary.edu

DELONE PLACEMENT TEST...Friday, June 5

Delone placement test for any 8th grade students interested in attending Delone for the 2009-2010 school year and ***did not already*** take the placement test, it will be administered at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5th at the school, 140 S. Oxford Ave., McSherrystown, Pa. For details contact Sr. Maria, SCJ at 717-637-5969. ***All 8th grade applicants to Delone must take this test.***

LATIN MASS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW...Sunday, June 7

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass (the Tridentine Rite) will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on Trinity Sunday, June 7th at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Manchester.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL...Sunday, June 7

Join The Timber Ridge residents for their annual ice cream social from 2-4 p.m. (rain or shine). Bring a chair and enjoy some ice cream and music by the Westminster Municipal Band. Limited parking on grounds. Parking available on Bishop St., Stoner Ave., and at Change and at the Senior Center.

2009 CATHOLIC FAMILY EXPO...June 12-13

This year's EXPO will take place at ***Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City, MD.*** Individual pass \$20, Family pass \$30. Many noteworthy speakers, including Dr. Peter Kreeft and his daughter Dr. Elizabeth Kreeft Turcic, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Andrew Pudewa, Dr. John Bruchalski, Mark Pacione and Kristen Witte. Other Expo activities include: Friday Mass with Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, exhibitors and free prize drawings, used book sale, youth rally on Friday evening and music by Martin Doman. For registration and updated information visit www.catholicfamilyexpo.org.

NAT HOME SCHOOL & PARENT CONF...June 12-13

Immaculate Heart of Mary National Home School and Parent Conference is being held at Dulles Expo and Conference Center, North Hall, on ***Friday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*** For more information on conference vendors and details about the conference visit the website: www.IHMConference.org.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUNE FÊTE OF 2009...Saturday, June 13

Friends of The Village are holding a silent auction and celebration at the Hospitality Center of Carroll Lutheran Village from 4-8 p.m. (featuring AYCE pit ham, turkey and cocktail shrimp dinner) with music by "Never Too Late" (beer and wine available). Tickets for raffle and event are \$35. For tickets contact Hermine Saunders at 443-605-1008 or Sandra Ferguson at 410-848-3032.

SUMMER PROGRAM AT CALVERT HALL...June 22-24

Calvert Hall will offer a coeducational summer program and includes enrichment courses in Reading, Study Skills, Composition, Math and Intro to Algebra for students in grades 7-9. Also remedial courses for students in grades 9-12. Camps in baseball, basketball, soccer, football, hockey, theatre and history are also being offered. Call 410-825-4266 for details or visit www.calverthall.com/summerprogram

STUDENTS FROM SPAIN NEED HOST FAMILIES...

A group of 16 students from Spain are arriving in the Westminster & Hampstead communities on **July 2** for a 4 week stay. Host families are urgently needed all or part of the time. For more information please call Bridget Betlow at 410-374-8820 or 410-446-0504.

MEN'S RETREAT...October 17-18

Sacred Heart in Glyndon will be hosting an overnight men's retreat at Bon Secours Spiritual Center. The retreat provides an opportunity to step out of your daily routine and focus on the things that matter most. In addition to several talks, Mass and Reconciliation will be offered. The cost is \$125.00 For more information, contact Mike Serio at mseriobc@yahoo.com.

TRAVELERS LOOKING for MASS TIMES: Go to : www.MassTimes.org

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

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

May 25-30—St. John Carnival—parish grounds

June 14—Mass & celebration for Miss Patricia Brink-10:30 a.m.

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 or those who have never registered 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.