

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 1 -Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112; Mk 12:1-12
8:00 a.m. Robert Krause
3:00 p.m. Irene Sternick (Mass at Golden Living Center)

Tuesday, June 2 -Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112; Mk 12:13-17
8:00 a.m. Mildred and Chester Bower

Wednesday, June 3 - Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25; Mk 12:18-27
8:00 a.m. John Cruz

Thursday, June 4-Tb 6:10-11;7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a;Ps 128;Mk 12:28-34
8:00 a.m. Dan O'Brien

Friday, June 5 -Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146; Mk 12:35-37
8:00 a.m. Sharon Annette Marie Wagner
9:30 a.m. Horace M. McCullin, Jr.

Saturday, June 6 -Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6; Mk 12:38-44
8:00 a.m. Katie O'Brien
4:30 p.m. Graduating Class of 1959

Sunday, June 7 -Dt 4:32-34,39-40;Ps 33;Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20
7:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
8:45 a.m. Frank Puleo
10:30 a.m. DeRosa Errica
12:15 p.m. Richard M. Baeder
2:00 p.m. St. John Graduation Class of 2009
3:30 p.m. Edward and Lillian Swinderman
6:00 p.m. Sarah Helen Pulliam

From the Pastor

I invite you to join me in expressing congratulations to the members of our parish who are graduating this spring. The graduates from our parish school (founded in 1866) will receive their diplomas directly after the 2 p.m. Mass next Sunday. I am deeply grateful to Miss Brink, the faculty, staff, administration, parents and volunteers for their dedication, work and generosity. Despite the many challenges that all Catholic Schools have to deal with today, we can be justly proud of our parish school. May God bless these and all the children of our parish as we celebrate their accomplishments.

Thank you to all the candidates for our Pastoral Council. Their willingness to serve our parish is deeply appreciated. The new Council will begin serving in June. Thanks also to all who coordinated, volunteered and participated in the annual parish carnival. Finally, (if you have not already done so) I encourage you to make a donation to the annual summer building/maintenance collection. Your contribution may enable us to build a much needed storage facility for maintenance, the Christmas Bazaar and the carnival.

May God Bless you,

Msgr. Art Valeriano

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: Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets are available at the doors of the church and at the Parish Center.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY...Sunday, June 1
The 10:30 a.m. Mass will be a children's liturgy.

NO FIRST FRIDAY MASS...Friday, June 5
There will be no 7 p.m. Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION...Saturday, June 6
Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Rosary, please pick up a folder with the prayers and come to the front pews. Anyone interested in the devotion is welcome to join in prayer.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Charles Payne, John Dahlberg and John Trompen 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, Joseph Kase, Steve Torbeck, Audrey Velnoskey, Jack Carr, Jim Clingan, Frances Kehler, Charles Palmisano, Steve Horn, Helen Sellers, Richard Kehoe, Mary Pat Kavanagh, Tim Durbin, Conner Husey, Mary Mumford, Mary Frances Smith, Mary Redmond, Nicholas Polinsky, Mary Ford Naill and Ann Coster.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Jackson Riley Zahn, son of Michelle and Jason Zahn; and Ella McKenna Frock, daughter of Kimberly and Jeffrey Frock.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of May 23-24, 2009
Envelopes: \$20,484.20 Attendance: 3,082
Loose: \$ 5,968.40 Poor Box: \$1,477.12
TOTAL: \$26,452.60

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00.
Our current weekly average is \$31,237.12.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION...June 6-7

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Black and Native American Missions. We appreciate your generosity.

SCHOOL NEWS

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
June 12- Prayer Service—9:30 a.m.—Church
Last Day of School—dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.*

We are *looking for a teacher for our 3 year old program beginning this September on Sundays from 9-10:15 a.m.* If you love working with children and would like to share the joy of knowing Jesus with them, call the Religious education Office.

If you are interested in passing on our faith by becoming involved in our program, either by teaching or assisting, we would like to talk to you about the opportunities available for our new session beginning this fall. Please prayerfully consider this rewarding ministry.

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 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!

June 13 & 20—Car washes to help Youth Ministry. LIFE TEEN will be holding a car wash at the SunTrust bank right off of 140 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. All proceeds go to help fund our Young Apostles, the parish's teenage leadership team. Please help us reach our fundraising goal for this year! Car wash is a free will offering.

Activities in Our Parish

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected members of the Pastoral Council. The following parishioners were elected to the Pastoral Council: Dean Ditman, Debbie Middleton, Christopher McGrath and Charles Witte. Thank you to all of our candidates and for all who voted in this year's election process.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY ...Sunday, May 31

Come join us for fellowship and a continental breakfast after Sunday morning Masses. **This will be our last breakfast until the fall.**

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING...Thurs., June 4

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome. This will be our last meeting until September. Any questions, contact Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068.

50th HIGH SCHOOL REUNION MASS...Sat., June 6

The graduating class of 1959 of St. John High School will be celebrating their 50th High School reunion at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 6th. For further information, call Margaret Beard Gatuso at 410-840-9319.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, June 7

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

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 ROSARY: "The rosaries are an important part of the Marines lives here. The St. Michael cards disappear in minutes as he is the much recognized Patron Saint of the Corps. God is good especially to spreading devotion to His mother. Thank you for your generosity and for this incredible ministry. You have blessed my soldiers, the Chaplains and myself! We will remember the rosary makers at the Holy Mass on Sunday. PEACE." Ch. Kersten, USN, Parris Island, S.C. We just received an order for more rosaries from *Fr. Tyson Wood*, now deployed to Iraq again. Join us in the Parish Center the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268.

OUTREACH

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

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. Thank you for your generous gifts in the month of May.

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

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR BENEFIT...Sun., June 7

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to join them for a benefit performance of the musical *The Phantom of the Opera* and buffet dinner at the *Oregon Ridge Dinner Theatre*. A portion of each ticket will help to defray expenses for events surrounding the canonization of their Foundress, Blessed Jeanne Jugan, on Oct. 11, 2009 in Rome. Tickets are \$40. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Meg Ducey at 410-744-9367 ext. 174.

ROCKIN' FOR THE ELDERLY...Saturday, June 12

Come join The Little Sisters of the Poor for a rockin' good time fundraiser of oldies music, food, fun and a great cause from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., 601 Maiden Choice Lane, To reserve your rockin' chair, call 410-744-9367 ext. 174 or devbaltimore@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

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 visit the website: www.IHMConference.org.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 details 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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN...June 5-7

Single Catholic women who are discerning their response to God's call are invited for a weekend of prayer and reflection at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Villa Notre Dame Convent in Wilton, Connecticut. For details contact Sr. Maria Iannuccillo, SSND at 203-545-9034 or miannuccillo@amssnd.org.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND...June 26-28

The Sisters of Bon Secours at Marriottsville, MD, invite single Catholic women to experience the life of the Sisters of Bon Secours and to learn more about religious life. You will have the opportunity to be with sisters as you learn about their life. You'll also meet and share with other women who are exploring religious life as a life option. This weekend offers time for discussions, reflection, liturgy, relaxation and one-on-one conferences with a sister. For information call 1-877-742-0277 or visit our website: www.bonsecoursvocations.org

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

May 31—Hospitality Sunday after Sunday A.M. Masses –Portico

June 6—50th High School Reunion Mass—4:30 p.m.—Church

June 7—8th Grade Graduation—2 p.m. Church

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.