

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 29 -Acts 12:1-11;Ps 34;2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;Mt 16:13-19
8:00 a.m. Charles and Evelyn Young
Tuesday, June 30 -Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; Mt 8:23-27
8:00 a.m. John Wandishon
Wednesday, July 1 -Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34; Mt 8:28-34
8:00 a.m. Leo B. Morgan
Thursday, July 2 -Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115; Mt 9:1-8
8:00 a.m. Mary Chennat
Friday, July 3 -Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29
8:00 a.m. Daniel O'Brien
Saturday, July 4 -Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135; Mt 9:14-17
9:00 a.m. Intention of Douglas Eby
4:30 p.m. Catherine Baumgardner
Sunday, July 5 -Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
7:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
8:45 a.m. Mariam Flynn
10:30 a.m. DeRosa Pietro
12:15 p.m. Antonio and Antonia Zito
3:30 p.m. Lt. Col. John W. Cole
6:00 p.m. Intention of St. John Volunteers

From the Pastor

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers, coordinators and participants in our most recent parish fund raisers. Not only were the events financially successful, but they proved to be community building experiences for all involved. The Basket Bingo raised more than \$6,000.00 for the Building Fund. The Tea hosted by the Roses (the Women Auxiliary of the Knight of Columbus) was a wonderful event. The Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the Westminster Council of the Knights of Columbus was sold out. It should be noted that I have kept my streak alive; I have now missed the putt at the Msgr. Art of Putting contest for 16 consecutive years! Proceeds for this year's tournament will benefit our parish school. It is the only golf tournament that I know of that donates a vase of flowers to the Blessed Mother's altar.

There is still time to make a donation to help us build a storage and maintenance facility this summer. This building is necessary so that we can continue the annual Christmas Bazaar and spring carnival. Your continued support is appreciated.

May God Bless you,

Msgr. Art Valasek

LITURGY WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is nothing less than a close, private conversation with a living person Who is the risen Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It is as close as we can come in this life to talking with God face to face.

Our goal is to have two or more scheduled adorers per hour. We currently have many hours with only one scheduled adorer. To select an hour for adoration, please call Agnes at the parish center at 410-876-2248 Ext. 219.

NOTICE: Parish offices will be *closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th for the holiday.* The Mass schedule for Saturday, July 4th will be at **9:00 a.m.** and at 4:30 p.m.

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 ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Clotilde Drechsler and Scott Ditch 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, Dot Shipley, Jim Clingan, Tim Durbin, Mary Ford Naill, Donna Miller and Baby Wesley Mark Kohlhepp.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Alyssa Jordan Domboski, daughter of Kathleen and Kevin Domboski; Nicolas William Duerr, son of Laura and John Duerr, III; and Caitlyn Amanda Kilchenstein, daughter of Florence and Peter Kilchenstein.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR this weekend are in loving memory of James J. Fogarty, III.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of June 20-21, 2009.

Envelopes: \$22,743.44 Attendance: 3,106
Loose: \$ 5,852.25 Poor Box: \$1,551.21

TOTAL: \$28,595.69

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00.

Our current weekly average is \$31,146.81.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

THANK YOU ST. JOHN FOR A JOB WELL DONE...Thank you to all parishioners for your donations, prayers and volunteer hours in assisting with our parish's generous response to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We appreciate your generosity and kindness during challenging economic times!

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.

CORPORATE SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS...Did you know that many large and even medium-sized corporations will give donations to charitable organizations like St. John for which their employees volunteer their time? Many companies will *match* their employees gift of time and service with a direct dollar donation through a granting process. If you work for a major corporation and volunteer at St. John, check out your company's benefits office—it is quite possible that the volunteer hours you offer here at St. John could translate into a donation for us!

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 on **Wednesdays during the summer months from 8 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** 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

SUMMER WEEKLY TALK SESSIONS...Wed., July 1

We are excited that Deacon Mark Ripper will be presenting a summer series this year, continuing through Wednesday, July 29th. Each seminar will take place in Portico South from 7-8:30 p.m. Sessions are independent of one another which means you don't have to attend all of them. All adults are welcome to join us, and there is **no cost** to participate. Specific information for each seminar is on the parish website under Faith Formation—Adults. *The next seminar is Wed., July 1st:*

CATHOLICISM 101...We will explore what distinguishes the Catholic Faith from other Christian faiths and will examine how the Catholic Church provides the fullest opportunity to us on our journey towards heaven.

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, so register now. Contact pgallagher@sjwest.org.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

THANK YOU to all of our Vacation Bible School volunteers. The young campers had a great time! I pray all of you will have a restful and safe summer.

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.**

If you are interested in passing on our faith by becoming involved in our Religious Ed 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!

June 28 —Edge Day Camp Parent Meeting...A parent meeting for all those who will be going to the Edge Day camp on June 29th. There will be no official Edge Night, just the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Therese Room.

July 12—Water Olympics...Come play endless water games, have squirt gun battles and play with water balloons. Meet new people and bring your friends!

July 28—Ocean City Trip...We depart at 7:00 a.m. and return at 11:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$45 and a liability form. Spaces are limited, so sign up early. **All money is due on July 9th!!!**

— 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!

June 28—NO LIFE TEEN—STEUBENVILLE!

July 5 — NO LIFE TEEN—HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

July 9 —Who's ready for Hershey? We're going on July 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Cost is only \$50 which is less than regular park admission! **Cut off to register is past due** but we still have a couple of spots left! Call Kenn at 410-848-8443 to sign up!

July 28—The Edge and Life Teen Ocean City Trip...A day at the beach is the way to spend your summer vacation! We are leaving on July 28th at 7:00 a.m. and returning at 11:00 p.m. The cost is only \$45 for this great event. Families are encouraged and welcome to attend! **Cut off to register is July 9th!!** Call Kenn or Mandy at 410-848-8443 to sign up!

August 30 —Laser Tag...LIFE TEEN is bringing in a laser tag company for you to play here! They set up the barriers, you strap on your gear and your two handed laser gun and play the night away! The cost is only \$10 and you need a special liability form for this event. Call Kenn at 410-848-8443 to sign up!

Activities in Our Parish

THE WESTMINSTER COUNCIL KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS takes this opportunity to profoundly thank all the golfers, hole sponsors, volunteers, teachers, and students of St. John School who made this year's Charity Golf Tournament such a stellar success. Let's do it again, **mark your calendars for June 18, 2010** and look for more details in early 2010.

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE PROGRAM...Did you know that since this program began (almost 7 years ago) we currently have 3 men studying to become priests just from St. John and others who are discerning! Has your family participated yet? Families receive the chalice at a mass of their choice and pray the provided daily prayer for vocations. Participants keep the chalice for 2 weeks before returning it to the Parish Center. To sign up contact Theresa Greene at 410-876-9578 or tregreene@comcast.net.

THANK YOU- THANK YOU- THANK YOU...for braving the rain, snow, wind and now the heat to fill our paper recycling bins. Because of you in just over a year we were able to recycle: 108,825 lbs of paper (54 tons), save 180 cubic yards of landfill space. (Terry Jones, Facilities Manager)

THANK YOU ...On behalf of the Catholic War Veterans of the Msgr. Hugh J Monaghan Post, we extend a most sincere "Thank You" to you and to the St. John parishioners for their most generous financial support during this years Cross of Peace Campaign. Because of your kind help and generosity we are able to continue our activities for 2009. Be assured that your generosity supports our programs which are directed to our veterans and to the parish elementary schools in our Diocese. These programs include parish elementary school basketball leagues, religious and patriotic theme contests conducted in parish elementary schools, which included St. John School, and a yearly high school scholar/athlete scholarship award to help with tuition to a Catholic High School that the selected scholar/athlete desires to enroll as a student. To all of you, many times thank you for all your help. (Herbert Markowski, Adjutant, CWV Post 736)

ST. JOHN LADIES SODALITY...Sun., June 28

The Ladies Sodality would like to thank all who participated in honoring our Blessed Mother by attending the May Procession. We would especially like to express our thanks to those who contributed flowers, Ann Grzaski, Bea Wolfe, The Cutting Garden, Stewart N. Dutterer Flower Shop, The Flower Box, Flowers by Evelyn, Hock's Floral Design, and Safeway Stores.

The Sodality will gather on *Sunday, June 28th* at Sweet Simplicity Tea Room in Sykesville for afternoon tea. We will carpool from St. John Portico at 10:30 a.m. Please confirm attendance to Carolyn Keiner at 410-848-4563.

ST. JOHN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP...Sun., June 28

Men of St. John *join us and bring a friend* every Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Luke Rm (located in the new section of the school) as we explore the Catechism with Fr. John Corapi, followed by a period of discussion, reflection, and prayer as we continue to grow in our understanding of our Catholic faith this Sunday, June 28th as Fr. Corapi discusses the "Nature of Catechesis." For more information please contact Dr. Paul Forst at docforst@aol.com or Dan Lech at dclech@verizon.net or visit Fr. Corapi's web site at www.fathercorapi.com.

ST. JOHN BLOOD DRIVE...Monday, July 6

The next blood drive will be held from 2:00-8:00 p.m. in the Portico. We received 98 pints in March. We can still use phone callers and/or help in the canteen the day of the drive. To make an appointment to give blood call Ted Cook at 410-876-2107. Give the gift of life—Donate!

HOMESCHOOL MEETING...Monday, August 3

Considering homeschooling? If you are currently homeschooling, or are considering homeschooling, St. John Homeschool Group is a wonderful support. If you are not on our contact list and would like to be called, email Theresa Greene at treegreene@comcast.net or call 410-876-9578. Our registration meeting is scheduled for *Monday, August 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.*

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..."There have been over 50,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen and women who have been trained here and mobilized to Iraq, Afghanistan and various other overseas battle zones. 10,000 more are expected within the next 6 months or so. They would be so grateful for these beautiful Rosaries and without a doubt be comforted by them as they are carried into battle." (*Joint Forces Training Center, Hattiesburg, MS*) Join the rosary makers and make great new friends! The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday in the Parish Center from 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pray a daily rosary to Our Blessed Mother for your own needs and remember our troops and their families. Contact Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268 for more information.

OUTREACH

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

In today's Gospel we see how in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering. This week, please join with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

If you are interested in joining and helping with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Patty Terrano for more information at 410-857-1473, or visit our website at <http://www.sjwest.org/svdp/index.htm> or email us at svdp@sjwest.org.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

DELONE CATHOLIC BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT...Monday, June 29

The 2nd annual Delone Catholic Boys and Girls Basketball Golf Tournament will be held at the Prestigious Hanover Country Club in Abbottstown, PA. The shotgun start will begin at 9 a.m. The cost of the tournament is \$75 per person (\$300 a foursome). Hole sponsors are available at a cost of \$100. All checks are to be made payable to Delone Catholic Basketball and sent to Tom Becker, 5116 South Church Street, Lineboro, MD 21102. Lunch and awarded prizes will follow the tournament. For more information please contact Tom Becker at 443-605-8449 or Gerry Eckenrode at 410-848-2523.

BOYS BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC...Thurs., July 2

An individual skills clinic will be held from 1:00-4:30 p.m. at McDaniel College (Gill Gymnasium) for boys 6-16. Cost is \$35 per person. Contact Coach Kevin Curley at 410-857-2573 kcurley@mcdaniel.edu for information.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED...July 2—July 29

A group of 15 Spanish students are arriving from Spain in the Westminster area for a 4 week stay. The program is sponsored by Global Friendship and we *still need to place 12 students*. If you can host a student(s) call Alyssa Tarlow at 443-605-2688.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

VOCATIONS...Operations Genesis...Tuesday, June 30

This summer, the Vocation Office is hosting an opportunity for young men to grow in their faith and learn more about a vocation to the priesthood! This day will feature sports, Mass, Adoration, food, and inspiring talks. This event is being held at St. Timothy, Walkersville. *Operation Genesis* is for *young men ages 12-14* and runs from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. The *cost is free and includes lunch*. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Vocation Office at 410-547-5426 or pryan@archbalt.org.

VOCATIONS...Dare to Follow...Thursday, July 2

This summer, the Vocation Office is hosting another opportunity for young men to grow in their faith and learn more about a vocation to the priesthood! This day will feature sports, Mass, Adoration, food, and inspiring talks. The event is being held at St. Timothy, Walkersville. *Dare to Follow* is for *young men ages 15-17* and runs from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. The *cost is free and includes lunch*. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Vocation Office at 410-547-5426 or pryan@archbalt.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN HOLY NAME UNION FAMILY BASEBALL NIGHT...Friday, July 10

Join us for the 56th annual family baseball night at Oriole Park to see the Orioles and the Toronto Blue Jays. Fireworks after the game, Good seats—reduced prices. Contact John Cieslak at 410-327-1368 for tickets.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

- June 27-28**—Eyeglass/Hearing aid collection—Narthex of church
- June 28**—Ladies Sodality meeting—10:30 a.m.
- June 28**—Men's Fellowship Meeting—7:30 p.m.—school
- July 1**—Summer Talks with Deacon Mark—7-8:30 p.m.—Portico
- July 6**—St. John Blood Drive—2-8 p.m.- Portico
- 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. **SUMMER SALE!!!** Don't miss out! All books, statues and many other items on Sale. Sale ends on the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene.

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 Portico at 10:00 a.m.**