

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, - July 13 -Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124; Mt 10:34—11:1
8:00 a.m. James William Schultz
2:00 p.m. Edward and Lillian Swinderman (Mass at CLV)

Tuesday, - July 14 -Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69; Mt 11:20-24
8:00 a.m. Intention of Evelyn Hartigan

Wednesday, - July 15 -Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103; Mt 11:25-27
8:00 a.m. Intention of Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Thursday, - July 16 -Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105; Mt 11:28-30
8:00 a.m. Joseph Anthony Klaus

Friday, - July 17 -Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116; Mt 12:1-8
8:00 a.m. Alois and Albina Skiber

Saturday, - July 18 -Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136; Mt 12:14-21
8:00 a.m. Richard Baeder
4:30 p.m. Mary and Raymond Garner

Sunday, - July 19 -Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
7:15 a.m. Matt Snyder
8:45 a.m. Joseph C. Manger, Jr.
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
12:15 p.m. Kevin Sellner
3:30 p.m. Jaye Hernandez
6:00 p.m. Russell Bollinger

From the Pastor

Please join me in congratulating the newly elected officers of our Pastoral Council: Rebecca Martin, President; Robert Andrews, Vice-President; Mary Mussari, Recording Secretary; Jerry Hynson, Corresponding Secretary. I deeply appreciate the officers and members of the Pastoral Council for their willingness to serve our parish. The Strategic Plan developed by the Council gives focus to our parish mission in 5 specific areas: Liturgy, Evangelization\Outreach, Volunteers, Education and Stewardship. You may remember the previous strategic plan which focused on our physical plant: new classrooms for the school and religious education, renovation of the parish center and rectory and the Portico and our beautiful new church. The new plan is all about mission, ministry and people. More information concerning specific goals and objectives will soon be available on our parish website and published in the next edition of the Evangelist. I look forward to your feedback, questions and hopefully your willingness to participate.

May God Bless you,

Msgr. Ant Valeriano

LITURGY WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

St. John Vianney once compared adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host. Find one hour in the week when you can share in the warmth of Our Lord's abiding love.

Our goal is to have two or more scheduled adorers per hour. We currently have many hours with only one scheduled adorer. Please consider making one of them your own special hour with the Lord by calling Agnes at the parish center at 410-876-2248 Ext. 219.

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 Baby Christopher Debernardo, Charles E. Litz., Jr., Carolyn Dukehart, Kathleen Bowen and Maria Kovacs 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, Mary Belesky, Doug Eby, Ray Fendlay, Donna Miller, Carol Wallace, Lois Simering, Janice Marie Strahotsky, John Sellers, Jr., Joseph Aversa, Joseph Notich and Katherine Dukehart.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Tyler Joseph Chesebrough, son of Kelley and Michael Chesebrough; and Victoria Ramirez-Rodriguez, daughter of Pamela and Victor Ramirez-Villavicencio.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR this weekend are in loving memory of Sarah and William Hoffman and Stanley Grzasko and were donated by Bea Wolf and Ann Grzasko.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of July 4-5, 2009

Envelopes:	\$21,322.00	Attendance:	2,643
Loose:	\$ 3,637.43	Poor Box:	\$1,186.36
TOTAL:	\$24,959.43		

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00
Our current weekly average is \$24,959.43.

Amount collected in June from the 5th Sunday of the month (now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program)
\$8,365.93

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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.

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 15

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 seminar this week is Wed., July 15th: Journey to Emmaus—Exodus, Kings, Exile & Return...** We will explore the Exodus of God's chosen people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Deacon Mark will explain how the fourth (Moses) and fifth (David) covenants prepare the people of Israel for the eventual King of Kings — Jesus Christ.

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.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE...St. John has been asked to once again hold formation sessions **beginning Sept. 26th**. The first eight week program will focus on Theology for Ministry, **all sessions will take place on Saturdays from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center**. This is a cost for this program. To register, please call Pat Ashby at 410-547-5470.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES...Beginning in September, we will be offering two new Bible Studies. Praying With Scripture will provide participants with a wonderful opportunity to go deeper in prayer using Sacred Scripture. The study of the Gospel of Matthew will kick off a two year study of the Gospels. More information on these two studies, which will be offered concurrently, will be available in August.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2009: The *deadline* for registering for fall Religious Education classes **was June 30th**. Please send in your registration ASAP if you have not already done so. Any questions, please give us a call.

If you are interested in passing on our faith by becoming involved in our Religious Ed program, either by teaching, preparing children for sacraments or assisting, we would like to talk to you. Training and support are provided. Please call the office should you have any questions..

STAND TRAINING...Thursday, July 23 & August 13th

All volunteers from all parish ministries, school and Religious Ed need to be STAND trained as mandated by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The volunteer screening process began in the fall of 2003 and must be renewed every **five** years. The Archdiocese of Baltimore's *Procedures for Implementation and Compliance of the Statement of Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth* states:

Volunteers will need to repeat this process [VolunteerSelect Criminal History Screening] **every five** years. This would include completing the VolunteerSelect Criminal History Screening Consent Form and submitting information to the screening service [VolunteerSelect].

STAND TRAINING is scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, July 23 – 7 p.m. – Portico

Thurs., Aug. 13 – 7 p.m. – Portico

On the bottom of your Policy Compliance Verification Card you will find the date that the card expires. If you have any questions regarding whether or not you need to be recertified please call George Hinkel at 410-848-4744 x249. **This procedure is a mandate from the Archdiocese and there will be no exceptions for any volunteer in order to comply.**

THE EDGE — (Grades 6, 7 & 8) —

We meet one Sunday every month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Newcomers are welcome!

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!

— 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!

July 12—Water Olympics...Squirt guns, hoses, water balloons and many other ways to get wet. You'll want to be here for this one as we host the 2nd annual LIFE TEEN water balloon fight. Bring a towel & wear a swim suit. **You will get soaked!!!**

July 19—Fantacky Game Night...It's a game night that's wacky and fantastic. So, it's "Fantacky!" Ever played "Hunt the Roman?" How about "Blob Tag?" Have you ever played a game of ultimate Frisbee with a cabbage? Be sure to join us !!

July 26 —Chilled Coffee House... This night we're bringing in a brand-new Christian band named "Adonia" Check them out at: www.myspace.com/adoniaband

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!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS... If you tried to sign up for the summer service projects this past week, we've been having technical problems with our website! The projects available for the summer are the *Linus Blanket/Casserole Making project (July 23rd)* and a *trip to Our Daily Bread (August 17th)*. For more information on these projects and to sign up, call Kenn at 410-848-8443. Space is limited!!!

Activities in Our Parish

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. Contact Theresa Greene at 410-876-9578 or treegreene@comcast.net for details

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD is seeking additional volunteers. If you are able to help with our ministry one Sunday each month or need more information please call Nancy at 410-876-2173.

2009 CARNIVAL NEWS!...This week long event proved to be a great activity - building fellowship among parishioners, the school, and the Westminster community. Many compliments have been received on the choice of food vendors, ride operator, entertainment venues, and overall atmosphere of this spectacular family experience. Despite the poor weather conditions throughout the week, the carnival produced a net profit of **\$14,467.90** for the St. John Catholic Community. The \$1,006 winner of the 50/50 raffle was Cindalee Notich. Many other prizes were won in random drawings from the remainder of the raffle tickets. Special thanks go out to all of the members of the Carnival Planning Committee, the staff of the parish and the school, the volunteers, the sponsors, and everyone who attended this wonderful and memorable event. Thank you, Jim Kramer, Chairman, Carnival Planning Committee.

LANDFILL PERMITS: Carroll County residents receiving their Carroll County property tax bill also receive landfill-use coupons. If you have no use for your coupons, your donations of those coupons to St. John Church would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them in the collection basket, drop them off at the parish center or mail to the parish center. Many thanks.

ST. JOHN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP...Sunday, July 12
Men of St John join us and bring a friend on July 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Luke Room as we explore the Catechism with Fr. John Corapi. For details contact Dr. Paul Forst at docforst@aol.com or Dan Lech at dclech@verizon.net.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, July 19

This spiritually based 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 at 410-833-1542.

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... Join the rosary makers each week on the 2nd and 4th Fridays 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.

THANK YOU FROM LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR...

"The love and support that you gave the Little Sisters of the Poor was a sign of your genuine charity. The collection amounted to \$6,476.12. Your gifts are truly a sign of God's loving and caring Providence, which will help us provide the best possible care for the many elderly in need who come to make their home with us. Thank you all! Our residents of St. Martin's Home join with us in promising you our daily prayers for all your many intentions. God bless each and everyone of you." Gratefully, Sister Rosemary

OUTREACH

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

Please continue to minister to the poor in Carroll County by remembering that **next weekend (the 3rd Sunday of the month)** is Food Sunday. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to the church and place in the baskets provided in the narthex of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

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

CONEWAGO CHAPEL PICNIC...Saturday, July 18

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hanover, PA., is holding their annual old fashion Conewago Chapel Picnic from 9:30 a.m.—9:30 p.m. featuring chicken corn soup (carry-out); lunch—soup and sandwiches, fried chicken dinners—adults \$8.00 and children \$4.00. Live entertainment by Country Ramblers from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Past Time Harmonaires from 3-6:00 p.m. For details call Nancy Fahnestock at 717-259-6624.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

VOCATIONS...Operations Genesis...Tuesday, July 21

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. John, Severna Park. *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 23

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. John, Severna Park. *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.

THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION...Thursday, August 6

Fr. Dominique Peridans and St. Louis Church, 12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, is hosting an evening of theological exploration on the book "The Shack," when tragedy confronts eternity, by Wm. Paul Young, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. For information call 410-531-6040.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

July 15—Summer Talks with Deacon Mark-7-8:30 p.m.—Portico

July 19—Bereavement Support Group—10-11:30—Parish Center

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

Aug. 3—Homeschool Meeting—7:00 p.m. Parish Center

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.**