

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, - July 27-Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106; Mt 13:31-35
8:00 a.m. Joseph Burba
2:00 p.m. Elaine Robertson (Mass at Carroll Lutheran Village)
Tuesday, - July 28-Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103; Mt 13:36-43
8:00 a.m. Dorothy Eckert
Wednesday, - July 29-Ex 34:29-35;Ps 34;Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
8:00 a.m. Intention of Pat Brink
Thursday, - July 30-Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13:47-53
8:00 a.m. Nick Adenhardt
Friday, - July 31-Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81;Mt 13:54-58
8:00 a.m. Helen Margaret Whiteley
Saturday, - August 1-Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:1-12
8:00 a.m. Mildred Taymens
4:30 p.m. Frank Trichilo
Sunday, - August 2-Ex 16:2-4,12-15;Ps 78; Eph 4:17,20-24;Jn 6:24-35
7:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
8:45 a.m. Olivia Yates
10:30 a.m. William O'Reilly
12:15 p.m. Mabel Meredith
3:30 p.m. Horace M. McCullin, Jr.
6:00 p.m. Charles H. O'Donnell

From the Pastor

I continue to be humbled by the generosity and faithful stewardship of our parishioners especially during these difficult times. Along with most of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, our parish school is doing everything possible to maintain an affordable tuition and continue to meet the rising costs of education. So many families have asked for tuition assistance, that we have increased the parish's donation to the fund. Additional funds will also be available because we surpassed the parish goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Thank God, a most generous, anonymous donation of \$20,000 was given to our school's tuition assistance fund. Many families will be able to keep their children in our school as a result of these and countless other sacrifices.

More than 20 years ago, Msgr. Joe Antoszewski (July 25, 1992) began saving money for our school tuition assistance endowment fund. Our School Board will host an Inaugural Gala on December 4th to honor one of our most distinguished alumni, Mr. Charles Fisher, Sr. Proceeds from the Gala will support the tuition assistance endowment fund. More information about the Gala will be available soon. Please contact the parish development office if you would like to know more about this fund and additional opportunities to support the mission of our parish.

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 Mass schedule is as follows: There will be only one Mass celebrated each weekday morning during the months of 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 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 Walter Shipley and Jane Marie McKenny 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, Mary Ford Naill, Donna Miller, Joseph Notich, Debbie Dozier, Helen Sellers, John Sellers, Jr., Doub Eby, May Kay Duex, Charlotte Hoffman, Anne Juliette, Lee Stecker and Baby Mark Wesley Kohlhepp.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Grace Elinore Frank, daughter of Emily and Paul Frank, III; Noah Johnathan McKinnon, son of Anne McKinnon and Anthony Walter; Hannah Elizabeth Schmitz and Victoria Diane Schmitz, daughters of Christina and John Schmitz, Jr.; Cadence Marie Vallon, daughter of Jennifer and John Vallon; Cole Miles Smith, son of Julie L. Smith; and Gabrielle Therese Sladic, daughter of Elizabeth and Wayne Sladic.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR this weekend are in loving memory of Msgr. Joseph Antoszewski and were donated by the family of Peg Murphy and the family of Julia Ford.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of July 18-19, 2009

Envelopes:	\$21,742.25	Attendance:	2,746
Loose:	<u>\$ 5,180.18</u>	Poor Box:	\$1,795.04
TOTAL:	\$26,922.43		

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00
Our current weekly average is \$28,649.43.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Missionary Cooperative collection. The total amount collected was \$6,926.17.

SECOND COLLECTION... There will be a second collection next weekend **August 1-2** for the Catholic Communications Campaign and Catholic University of America.

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 29

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 29th Journey to Emmaus—Acts of the Apostles, Revelation.** Jesus has returned to the Father and left Peter and ten Apostles in charge of the Church. How did it get started? Then, the Book of Revelation is the most misunderstood book in the Bible. Is it really predicting the end of time or is there a deeper meaning? Deacon Mark will conclude our summer seminars with this fascinating topic.

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, 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 & 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 date:

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 or 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 26— An Edge Night you will not want to miss...bring your friends, we will meet in the courtyard behind the school at 7:30 pm

Fall Retreat...October 16-17... We have booked the dates for the Edge Fall Retreat!!! Come and join us for a camp fire, praise & worship, fun, games and prayer! The cost is \$45.00 a person and it will be an overnight at Camp Hashawa from October 16-17! Just a check and a liability/release form is all we need. Registration forms will be available soon. Email Mandy at mkomar@sjwest.org. if you have any questions.

— 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 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

Aug. 2— Twin Kiss...Ice cream rules! That's why we're walking down to Twin Kiss this night. Bring some cash for your ice cream!

Aug. 9— Tarzan Ball...You've played kick ball right? Well, what happens when you add Tarzan to a normal game of kick ball? You get Tarzan ball! Don't miss this fun game night!

Aug. 16— Luau—Summer is not complete without a luau party. We'll have food, drinks and of course, wacky luau party games!

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 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

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.

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.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY is now accepting donations of household items, small furniture, lamps, pictures, toys, games, etc. for our white elephant sale this September. (**NO CLOTHES OR SHOES**). Keep us in mind when you clean out your attic, basement and closets this summer. Call Betty Belk at 410-848-9391 to arrange pick-up or drop-off of items.

ST. JOHN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP...Sunday, July 26
Men of St John join us and bring a friend on July 26th 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.

LADIES SODALITY...Sunday, August 9

The Ladies Sodality of St. John Parish will attend the 8:45 a.m. Mass as a group. After Mass we will recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. All members of the parish are invited to join in the recitation of the Rosary after Mass. All women of the parish 18 years of age or older are invited to join the Sodality. For information call Carolyn Keiner at 410-848-4563.

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 tregreene@comcast.net or call 410-876-9578. Our registration meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, August 9

This spiritually based ministry is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet in the Parish Center from 10:00-11:30 a.m. **No registration required.** For information call Janet Tenney at 410-833-1542.

ST. JOHN BLOODMOBILE...Monday, Sept. 14

Thank you to all donors at our recent blood drive. We received 90 pints at our July 6th drive. We can use phone callers for our next drive which will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14th at the Portico. For information or to donate call Ted Cook at 410-876-2107.

MARRIAGE INVESTMENT DINNER...Friday, Sept. 18

Love is in the air! St. John Church invites you and your spouse to a Marriage Investment Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Portico. Concerned about your family, your future, and your investments? It's time to stop and take time to invest in your marriage! Enjoy a great dinner for two, a funny and sincere presentation of "The 5 Love Languages," door prizes, family resource table and great fellowship with friends! Cost is just \$55.00 per couple. Table of 10 or portions of a table are available for your group. Register by contacting Betty Belk at 410-848-9391 or by mailing your check (payable to St. John Church) to Mrs. Betty Belk, 1680 Oats Dr., Finksburg, MD 21048. email: bettybelk@gmail.com.

CRAFTER'S FAIR & FLEA MARKET...Sat., Sept. 19

Knights of Columbus Council 1393 is looking for vendors for their 5th annual event being held on St. John parking lot from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Vendors may set up at 5:30 a.m. Spaces 17x20 feet are \$35 each or 2 for \$60. More space can be arranged if requested in advance. Spots are pre-paid and non-refundable. No rain date. For information or to reserve space contact Mike Dvorak at mak@dvorak.net, or Frederick Dvorak at 410-876-1292. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus Charities.

COMBAT RANGER ROSARY..."A senior officer in my brigade, a West Point graduate and Army ranger, asked me how he could re-engage God and his faith. I said start with a Ranger Rosary. He absolutely loved the concept! I have not seen him this excited about his faith in a long time." (Capt. In Iraq) "The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is 'our peace' (Eph 2:14)." (Pope John Paul II) **Join the rosary makers the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the Parish Center from 1-3 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Contact Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268 for more information.

OUTREACH

* THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY *

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY at Carroll County Hospital is very grateful for the shawls made by volunteers this summer. So far they have received over 100 shawls and the patients are pleased to receive them. However, in summer things have slowed down, so **any knitters or crocheters out there**, please help if you can. The work can be done at your pace in your home. Call Mary Jane Cheeks at 410-857-7436 for information on obtaining instruction kits.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HEALING HEARTS DAY CAMP...Friday, August 21

Carroll Hospice is hosting a day camp for children ages 7-17 who are grieving the loss of a loved one from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Landon C. Burns Park (near the Ag. Center). Lunch will be provided. **Registration is required.** Call Kathy Bare at 410-871-7231 or Jessica Roschen at 410-871-7656.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ...July 31-Aug. 2

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of St. Elizabeth's arrival to St. Joseph's Valley. The Daughters of Charity have planned weekend long events beginning Friday, July 31 at 10 a.m. and running through Sunday, August 2nd at 4 p.m. **Events are open to the public with no fee to attend (unless specified as a ticketed event).** A full agenda may be viewed at www.setonlegacy.org.

THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION...Thursday, August 6

Fr. Dominique Peridan 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 St. Louis-Clarksville Parish Center. For information call 410-531-6040.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER: Sat. Aug 8 & Mon. Aug.17

If you are a caregiver, you are considered the pillar of strength in your particular situation. You are invited to spend a "low key" morning or evening of personal sharing, answer seeking, being cared for and comforted. Suggested donation is \$15 per session (or free will offering for those whose personal situation does not permit that amount). Times **Saturday, August 8 -9-11 a.m.** and **Monday, Aug. 17—6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville. Call 410-442-3120 for information.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

(For information on any of these events, call the Parish Center)
July 25-26—Eyeglass/hearing aid collection— Doors of Church
July 26 -Men's Fellowship Group—7:30 p.m. —St. Luke Room
Aug. 3—Homeschool Meeting—7:00 p.m. Parish Center
Aug. 9—Ladies Sodality—8:45 a.m. Mass
Aug. 9—Bereavement Support Group 10 a.m. Parish Center
Sept. 18—Marriage Investment dinner— 6:30 p.m.—Portico
Sept. 19—Kof C. Flea Market—7:00—3 p.m.
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.**