

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, - August 17 -Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106; Mt 19:16-22
8:00 a.m. Edward and Lillian Swinderman
Tuesday, - August 18 -Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85; Mt 19:23-30
8:00 a.m. Katie Doane
3:00 p.m. Int. of Andy Anderson (Mass at Golden Living Ctr.)
Wednesday, - August 19.-Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21; Mt 20:1-16
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Clingan
Thursday, - August 20.-Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40; Mt 22:1-14
8:00 a.m. Robert R. Thompson
Friday, - August 21.-Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146; Mt 22:34-40
8:00 a.m. Int. of the School Bd. For Sacred Heart Tutorials
Saturday, - August 22.-Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128; Mt 23:1-12
8:00 a.m. Intention of Laura Stranovsky
4:30 p.m. Amelia Sorrentino
Sunday, - August 23.-Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32
7:15 a.m. Florence L. Benesh
8:45 a.m. Intention of Cary Renz
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
12:15 p.m. Thomas Reddy
3:30 p.m. Irene Licaco
6:00 p.m. John Subock

From the Pastor

It was my privilege to concelebrate with Father Patrick Peach, Father Michael DeAscanis, Msgr. Joseph Luca and Father John Mary who is the Prior of the Carmel of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. During the Mass, Father Peach received the Carmelite habit and was officially accepted as Novice in the community. After he completes his two years as a novice, Father will take temporary vows for a period of three years. Following that he will be eligible to pronounce his permanent vows. It is the tradition of many religious communities for the novices to receive a new name. Father's new name is Father Peter of Jesus. He promised to continue to pray for our parish and asks that we continue to keep him in our prayers.

It would be an understatement to say that the Mass and ceremony were a beautiful and prayerful experience. Father's parents, brother and several close friends participated in the celebration. Father Peter of Jesus has a full, thick beard, a peaceful smile and joy filled heart. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

May God Bless you,

Msgr. Ant Valergona

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

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Rita Walsh d'Epagnier and for her family and friends.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for all who are home bound or in nursing homes and for all the sick, especially Erin Dean, Ruth O'Brien, Karen Feroli, Cheryl Piazza, Joseph Kase, Doris Hoffman, Maria DeCesare, Rosina Pantaleo and Theresa Berry.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations and welcome to Atemnkeng Asonganyi, Joyce Njia Mbeboh and Ryan Alem Mbeboh, daughters and son of Maria and Bernard Mbeboh; Michael David Flemming, III and Stevie Michelle Flemming, son and daughter of Melanie and Michael Flemming, Jr.; and Jackson Edward Stone, son of Amanda Diehl and Jason Stone.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of August 8-9, 2009

Envelopes:	\$22,168.04	Attendance:	2,944
Loose:	<u>\$ 4,971.72</u>	Poor Box:	\$1,496.95
TOTAL:	\$27,139.76		

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00
Our current weekly average is \$27,622.81.
Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Total Pledged:	\$7,300,363
Paid to Date:	<u>7,246,193</u>
Balance	\$ 54,170

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Catholic Communications Campaign and Catholic University of America. The total collected was \$5,335.10.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL STARTS...on Tuesday, August 25th. Prayer starts in the classroom at 8:30 a.m., so please be in school before that time. Lunch for the 1st day will be fruit and salad bar for \$3.00.

STILL UNDECIDED? There is an open seat for the upcoming school year, a challenging and supportive environment and a loving Catholic family community available to you at St. John School. Call or email our Principal, Harriann Walker at 410-876-7228 x-229 or email hwalker@sjwest.org for more information

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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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 the Scriptures" 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.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY...Beginning this fall, our parish will be doing a seven week Bible Study called "Praying the Scriptures." We would like to see if there are any young adults (18-35) interested in forming a small group to meet here in the Parish Center. If you are interested, email Paul (pgallagher@sjwest.org) with days/times that work best for you.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

Parents of 2nd graders: If your child was in a Religious Ed program for first grade and you have *not yet registered* them for the upcoming sacramental year, please do so as soon as possible. Call the office if you need a registration form.

RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED... Religious Ed teachers in the following grades and times are needed. Please consider serving the church in this very important ministry of passing on the Faith!

Sunday@ 9-10:15 a.m.—3 yrs olds, K (both classes) 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th grades

Tuesday @ 4:30-5:45 p.m.— 1st, 4th, 6th and 7th grades
@ 6:45-8:00 p.m. —Older Eucharist teacher (a class that prepares 3-5th graders for 1st Communion.

Thursday @ 4:30-5:45 p.m. —Pre K and K

MANY assistants are needed at every class time and in ALL grade levels. Please consider being an assistant for Religious Ed. It is part of our policy and that of the archdiocese that every classroom have 2 adults. Call the office for specific needs.

HOME STUDY TEACHERS...There will be a separate teacher meeting for all home study teachers on **Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Therese Room**. Please make every attempt to attend. There are some new expectations for the coming year.

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS...Our beginning of the year teacher meeting will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Portico**. All new and returning catechists are expected to attend.

NOTE: REVISED START DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...if we did not call you, you can assume that you were given your 1st choice as indicated on your registration form.

HOME STUDY PARENT MEETING (1st session)...Wed., Sept. 9th at 6:45 p.m. in the Portico. All home study parents must attend to pick up books and lessons for your child. First class for students will be Wed., Oct. 7th—6:45-8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SESSION: Parent meeting-9:00 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 20th in the Portico.

Classes begin: Sunday, Sept. 27th at 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

TUESDAY CLASSES: Parent meeting-Tues., Sept. 22 at 4:30 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. in the Portico.

Classes begin: Tues., Sept. 29th at 4:30-5:45 p.m. and 6:45-8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY CLASSES: Parent meeting- Thurs., Sept. 24th at 4:30 p.m. in the Portico.

Classes begin: Thurs., Oct. 1st at 4:30 -5:45 p.m.

CATECHIST & ASSISTANT TRAINING: Aug. 19 & 26

There will be 2 training webinars online that will take the place of our NEW Catechist & Assistant training this year. This on-line webinar will be entitled, "Getting Started as a Catechist: Welcome to the Catechist's Toolbox" and will be led by Joe Paprocki. The sessions will run from 8:15-9:15 p.m. on 8/19/09 and 8/26/09 and Joe Paprocki's book is available in the Religious Ed Office. **Please sign up immediately by visiting: <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com>**

THE EDGE — (Grades 6, 7 & 8) —

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday every month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Newcomers are welcome!

Aug. 23—We are going to have an **EDGE KICK OFF!!!** It's Luau time—limbo, smoothies, games, piñata, and lots of food! We are kicking off the beginning of a new year with a little taste of Hawaii. Invite all your friends from 6th-8th grade, anyone and everyone is invited! Get ready to limbo the night away.

Sept. 13—Oh yes...time for a **BONFIRE!** We are going to have fabulous music, s'mores and all the fun that comes with a campfire. You don't have to bring anything but your friends to enjoy the night with our special music guests and our campfire games. Can't wait to see you there!

FALL RETREAT...Oct. 16-17.. Save the date 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. Just a check and 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!

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...Our summer service projects are now full. We will have a new round of projects available on line by September 14th for those who weren't able to complete their project. For more information on these projects and to sign up, call Kenn at 410-848-8443.

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 please call Nancy at 410-876-2173.

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.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT...Wednesday, August 19

The Knights of Columbus, Westminster Council 1393 is sponsoring "*The Bible in the Beginning*" a FREE Family Movie night presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Portico. The running time of this epic movie is 172 minutes. This astounding film depicts the first 22 chapters of Genesis. This is the spectacular story of man's creation, his fall, his survival, his faith, the tower, the flood and much more. This movie, rated "G" may be too intense for very young children. For details call Chuck Witte—410-875-2759.

ALTAR SERVERS & MC FAMILY PICNIC...Sun, Aug. 23

The altar servers and MC annual picnic will be held from 12:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sparks Retreat House. There will be swimming, games and food. *Information and waiver forms* for the picnic *should be returned* to the Parish Center by Wed., Aug. 19th. Please call Mr. Diggs if you have any questions, 410-302-3312.

CHICKEN DINNER...Friday, September 11

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar for our chicken dinner! We will be holding 3 chicken dinners on Friday nights from 4-7 p.m. at the Portico. The dates are: *September 11th, October 2nd and November 13th*. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

FALL BEREAVEMENT SERIES... Tuesday, Sept. 15

We begin a seven week series for those grieving the loss of a loved one from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will be using the book "Seasons of Hope". There is *no cost*, but registration is required. To register call Janet Tenney at 410-833-1542.

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. To register call Betty Belk at 410-848-9391 or mail 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. – 2:00 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.

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.

PRE-CANA SESSION FOR MARRIAGE ...Oct. 17,23-24

We will be holding a pre-cana session for marriage preparation on October 17th, 23th and 24th. To register contact Rosalie Seeley via email at rosalie.seeley@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA "SING NOEL"...December, 2009

The Music Ministry of our parish will perform a Christmas Cantata entitled "Sing Noel." from 7-8 p.m. in early December (Date to be determined). This beautiful Cantata retells the story of Christ's birth through music and the spoken word. This is a perfect opportunity for those who like to sing, but can't commit to year-round weekly practices, to come and be part of this event. We especially would like to encourage more tenors and bass voices to participate. Contact Sarah Howes, at dshowes@gmail.com, 443-605-3538 or Regina McCurdy at 410-876-3850.

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.

OUTREACH

* THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY *

Since we are all trying to put the Gospel into action in our own lives, we need to remember the poor boxes every Sunday. The St Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continued generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...We are in great need of more volunteers to help us in our mission to take care of the needs of 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

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

SILENT RETREAT...Aug.21-23

“Do Whatever He Tells You” a Silent Retreat sponsored by the Secular Carmelite Community of the Sacred Heart is being held at the Seton Retreat Center on August 21-23rd. Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy OFM Cap. is the retreat leader. The cost is \$175.00. Contact Dawn Walsh at dwalsh33@gmail.com or 410-876-0250.

EVANGELIZATION CONFERENCE...Saturday, August 22

Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese, will be held at Resurrection, Ellicott City. To register or for details visit <http://www.archbalt.org/evangelization-catecheis/conference/>

ATTENTION GRADE 9 DELONE STUDENTS...Please wear your school uniform on **Monday, Aug. 24th** so we may take the group photo for our alumni magazine “Delone Today.”

235TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION...Sunday, Aug. 30

The 235th anniversary of Elizabeth Ann Seton’s birth will be celebrated in the Basilica at the National Shrine in Emmitsburg beginning with Mass at 1:30 p.m., celebrated by Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, C.M., Chaplain at the Shrine, followed by birthday events in the courtyard. This is an annual family fun day for parents and children. Special honors will be paid to women and girls named Elizabeth Ann or Elizabeth. Admission is free. For details or to volunteer to help with this event please call 301-447-6606.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

Aug. 19—Free Movie Night—6:30 p.m.—Portico

Aug. 23—Altar Servers Picnic-12:30 p.m.-Sparks Retreat Ctr.

Sept 6—Hospital Sunday resumes after morning Masses-Portico

Sept. 11—Chicken Dinner—4-7 p.m.—Portico

Sept. 15—Bereavement Series begins—7:30 p.m. Parish Center

Sept. 18—Marriage Investment dinner- 6:30 p.m.—Portico

Sept. 19—Kof C. Flea Market—7:00 a.m.—2 p.m.— Parking Lot

Oct. 9-10—Illuminate Catholic Women’s Conference

Oct. 17,23-24—Pre-Cana Sessions

THE PORTICO OF ST. JOHN BOOKS + GIFTS...

Our *summer store hours starting the week of June 1st:* are: Tuesday 12-5 p.m., Thursday 12-5 p.m., Saturday 12-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.—2 p.m. **SPECIAL SUMMER SALE ENDS on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!**

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.**