

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, -August 24-Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51
8:00 a.m. Rose Metzger
3:00 p.m. Intention of Karen Feroli (at Carroll Lutheran)

Tuesday, -August 25-1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139; Mt 23:23-26
8:00 a.m. Intention of Carol Wallace

Wednesday, -August 26-1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139; Mt 23:27-32
8:00 a.m. Intention of Mark and Barbara Martin

Thursday, -August 27-1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90; Mt 24:42-51
8:00 a.m. Intention of John Payne and Family

Friday, -August 28-1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97; Mt 25:1-13
8:00 a.m. Eleanor K. Lovell

Saturday, -August 29-1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 71; Mk 6:17-29
8:00 a.m. Intention of Patsy Dahlberg, Kristen & Jake
4:30 p.m. Anna A. Beard

Sunday, -August 30-Dt 4:1-2,6-8;Ps 15;Jas 1:17-18,21b-27;Mk 7:1-8,14-15
7:15 a.m. Joseph H. Beaver, Jr.
8:45 a.m. Intention of Kathi Sikorski
10:30 a.m. Karen Scellini
12:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. John
3:30 p.m. Intention of Karen Feroli
6:00 p.m. Intention of Tom Scott and Family

FROM THE PASTOR

Monday, August 17th the pastoral staff of the parish along with the staff and faculty of our parish school joined together for a time of prayer and reflection. I believe that it is important that the new ministry year begin with a focus on prayer and mission. With the help of God's grace I look forward with hope and great expectation for all that lies before us. I ask your continued prayers for all who work and minister in our parish and parish school. To paraphrase St. Augustine, "for you we do ministry, with you we are disciples...loved and sent." The day concluded with the celebration of the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit.

The new school year that begins on Tuesday, August 25th is the 143rd year for our parish school. I am deeply grateful to the parents who worked many volunteer hours this summer repainting the main entrance and lobby of the school.

Registration for our parish Religious Education Program is going very well. We still need volunteers to keep pace with the continued growth in enrollment. Please contact the Religious Education office if you are willing to help. I invite your continued prayers for all the children in our parish.

May God Bless you,

Mary Ann Valeriani

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 Dennis Henley and Mae Hinchey and for their families and friends.

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for all who are homebound or in nursing homes and for all the sick, especially Erin Dean, Karen Feroli, Doris Hoffman, Theresa Berry, Joseph Kase, Julia Ford, Kenneth Weidel, J. C. Barrett, Jr., Donna Jean Goonan, and Madeline Dworkowski.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Zachary James Becker, son of Rebecca and Paul Becker; Ella Lillian Duffy, daughter of Shannon and Paul Duffy; Iris Nadine Inskeep, daughter of Natalie and Michael Inskeep; Alijah Thomas Porter, and Jeremiah Aidan Porter, sons of Julie and Albert Porter; Payton Elizabeth Stillions, daughter of Amanda and Alexander Stillions.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR THIS WEEKEND were donated by the Notich Family in loving memory of Dennis Notich. .

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of August 15-16,2009

Envelopes:	\$27,627.50	Attendance:	3,104
Loose:	\$ 5,031.49	Poor Box:	\$1,955.75
TOTAL:	\$32,668.99		

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00. Our current weekly average is \$28,343.70. Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

FACILITY BUILDING DRIVE...Please help us reach our goal of \$50,000 for the storage facility building. Donation cards are available in the church and the parish center.

SCHOOL NEWS

Aug. 25—School opens—K & Gr. 1 dismiss at 1 p.m.

Aug. 26—K and Gr. 1 dismiss at 1 p.m.

Aug. 27—K and Gr. 1 dismiss at 1 p.m.

Aug. 28—K dismiss at 1 p.m.—Gr. 1 (first full day)

Aug. 31—K (first full day) dismiss at 3 p.m.

Sept. 2—Market Day Orders due

Sept. 4—School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m. - Church

Sept. 7—Labor Day—School Closed

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 current 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 x229 or email hwalker@sjwest.org for more information.

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.

TWENTY-FIRST 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. 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...If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we will be offering an Inquiry Session on *Monday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m.* in the Parish Center. We will answer any questions you may have regarding the RCIA process, which will begin on Sunday, October 4th.

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

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

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.

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.

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. 23– Back to school Adoration...With school starting next week (nooooo) we thought the best way to help you prepare would be to spend some time in prayer with the Lord. Be sure not to miss this awesome adoration opportunity with your peers.!

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!

Sept. 6—There will be NO LIFE TEEN because the CORE team is planning the Fall and Spring Semesters. Happy Labor Day!

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

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 HOMESCHOOL MEETING...Thurs., Aug. 27
Join us for our next meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. For questions, please contact Theresa Greene at 410-876-9578.

RESPECT LIFE MEETING...Thurs., Sept. 3
Today's life issues will touch us all at some point. We need to be informed about the Church's teaching on end-of-life care, reproductive technology, and other important issues. Our next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Find out how you can be apart of the Culture of Life. All are welcome. Call Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068 if you have any questions.

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.

ST. JOHN BOYS BASKETBALL...Sept. 12 and 13
Registration for the St. John's Boys Basketball program will be held in the school gym on **Sat. Sept. 12th –1:00-5:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, Sept. 13th—9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.** The fee is \$45 for one child and maximum of \$65 for 2 or more boys. All present coaches and those who wish to coach will be required to take the "STAND Program" if they have not already done so. **There will be no exceptions.** For information call Bo Yingling at 410-876-1162.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST...Sunday, Sept. 13
The Knights will again be cooking breakfast for the parish on the **1st Sunday of each month** beginning Sept. 13th after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. To start off our new fall season **this month's breakfast will be free!** We look forward to another good year and we appreciate the support given to us by the parish. Proceeds from the parish breakfast are used to support the St. John community. Join us on Sept. 13th!

ST. JOHN BLOOD DRIVE...Monday, Sept. 14
Our next blood drive will be held from 2-8 p.m. in the Portico. We received 90 pints in July. We need phone callers! If you can help or to make an appointment call Ted Cook at 410-876-2107.

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
If you haven't already registered, what are you waiting for??? Please join us here at St. John's on Oct. 9th & 10th to be inspired through our speakers, breakout sessions and many opportunities for individual prayer, adoration and reconciliation. Visit our website at: www.catholicilluminate.com to register. Additional information is also available at the bookstore, the parish center or the church. We also need many volunteers to make this event happen. Call Jeanne Link at 443-324-8487 if you can help.

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.

STITCHES & CRAFTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...Volunteers needed to create Christmas themed craft and fabric items for our bazaar. Also in need of wood crafters (builders and painters). Some donated materials available. Call Jeanne at 410-596-6280 if you are able to help or can donate other materials. All season crafts are welcome as well.

OUTREACH

* THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY *

Give us this day our daily bread! When we pray the Our Father, we ask God to provide our food. Your contributions to the Poor Box helps St. Vincent de Paul Society keep food on hand for emergency situations and also to support Carroll Food Sunday.

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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

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. Admission is free. For details or to volunteer to help with this event please call 301-447-6606.

ABORTION PROVISIONS IN H.R.3200 UNACCEPTABLE:

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia urged preservation of "Longstanding federal policies that prevent government promotion of abortion and respect conscience right," and called current House health care legislation "seriously deficient" on the issue of mandated coverage and funding of abortion. To read the full text of his letter go to: <http://www.usccb.org/profolife/CardrigaliHealthCareReformLetter-08-11-09.pdf>.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

Aug. 25—School Opens

Sept. 7—Labor Day—Offices & School closed

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

Sept. 13—KofC Breakfast—after morning Masses

Sept. 13—Ladies Sodality Mass & meeting

Sept. 14—Blood Drive—2-8 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.

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.