

MASS INTENTIONS

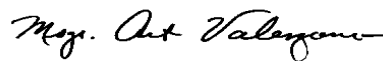
Monday, August 31- 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96; Lk 4:16-30
8:00 a.m. Clotilde C. Drechsler
Tuesday, September 1- 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27; Lk 4:31-37
7:00 a.m. Mabel Meredith
8:00 a.m. Anthony Mazzuca, Sr.
Wednesday, September 2- Col 1:1-8; Ps 52; Lk 4:38-44
7:00 a.m. John Dahlberg
8:00 a.m. Jean Klaiber
Thursday, September 3- Col 1:9-14; Ps 98; Lk 5:1-11
7:00 a.m. Katie O'Brien
8:00 a.m. Intention of Terry Weiss & Family
Friday, September 4- Col 1:15-20; Ps 100; Lk 5:33-39
7:00 a.m. Intention of Doug Eby
8:00 a.m. J. Robert Sprankle
Saturday, September 5- Col 1:21-23; Ps 54; Lk 6:1-5
8:00 a.m. Frank P. Hepner
4:30 p.m. Intention of Dan and Pat Rafferty (50th Anniversary)
Sunday, September 6- Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
7:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
8:45 a.m. Scott Conover
10:30 a.m. Int. of Secular Carmelites of the Sacred Heart-Frederick
12:15 p.m. Joseph Beaver
3:30 p.m. Clarence Bassler
6:00 p.m. Kenneth Wetzel

FROM THE PASTOR

Thanks to your generous response to the annual summer maintenance/facilities collection, we will build a storage facility this fall. The building has been downsized to 40 feet by 40 feet. The building will be used for the Christmas Bazaar and thus enable this important fund raiser to continue to expand. The present parish garages will now house the maintenance equipment and provide storage for the spring carnival. Please mark the date in your calendar, Saturday, Dec. 5th and volunteer to help with and participate in our Christmas Bazaar.

Our regular weekday Mass schedule will return on Tuesday, September 1st: Mass will be celebrated at 7a.m. and 8a.m. The Liturgy Committee is currently working on the possibility of scheduling additional opportunities for prayer and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on weekday evenings. Please continue to pray for peace, and for the safety of our troops as well as our police, firefighters and first responders

May God Bless you,



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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY...The 10:30 a.m. Mass on *Sunday, Sept. 6th* will be a Children's Liturgy.

NOTICE: The Parish Offices and St. John School will be closed on *Monday, Sept. 7th for the Labor Day holiday*. There will be only *one Mass* on Labor Day at 9:00 a.m.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of James C. Barrett, Jr., Leonard Yagatich, Jr., and Margaret Rouse 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, Ellen Riggie, Joseph Kase, Jayne Koelber, Julia Ford, Karen Feroli, Doris Hoffman, Rosina Pantaleo, Paul Dorkas, Carolyn Logan, Carolyn Wenige, Madeline Dworkowski, Chris Becker and Therese Berry.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR THIS WEEKEND were donated in memory of Raymond and Anna A. Beard by their loving family.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of August 22-23, 2009

Envelopes:	\$22,450.20	Attendance:	2,953
Loose:	\$ 5,198.54	Poor Box:	\$1,713.00

TOTAL: \$27,648.74

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00.

Our current weekly average is \$29,097.72

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.

SECOND COLLECTION...There will be a second collection next weekend, **Sept. 4-5** for Peter's Pence.

SCHOOL NEWS

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**

Sept. 8 — Market Day Pick-Up Day -

Sept. 11 — School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m. — Church

Sept. 12 — PTF Family Picnic — 2-4 p.m. — School grounds

Sept. 13 — Catholic High Schools Fair — 3-5 pm. Martin's West

Sept. 14 — Back to School Night — 7 p.m. — Portico

Sept. 18 — School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m./Early dismissal @ 12:15

ST. JOHN BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC..Sat., Sept. 12

Make plans to join us as we welcome in a great new year at St. John with our first annual SJ Family School Picnic to be held on Saturday, Sept. 12th. We'll have music, games, prizes and lots of fun. Bring your own picnic blanket, food and drinks for some great family friendly fun! The picnic will be from **2-4 pm** outside on the campus. Then **join us for Mass at 4:30 pm** in the Church. If you have any questions, contact Dave Issing at davidissing@airi.org. This **free event** is sponsored by the St. John School PTF.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOHN FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE...Friday, Sept. 25

How would you like to watch one of your favorite movies on the big screen outdoors? That's exactly what we're doing at 7 p.m. We'll take a poll of three family friendly movies that night and we'll watch the one everyone cheers the most for. Bring your own drinks and we'll supply the popcorn! This is a *free event* sponsored by the St. John School PTF. For questions, contact Dave Issing at davidissing@airi.org.

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*. RCIA is the process in which adults become a member of the Catholic Church. Registration forms are now available on the parish website, www.sjwest.org, under the Faith Formation Tab. Please contact Paul Gallagher at 410-848-8443 if you wish to register.

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...We will be offering *two Bible Studies* this Fall. The *Gospel of Matthew Bible Study and Praying with Scripture Study* will begin the *week of Sept. 20th*. Registration forms are in the back of the church outside the Liturgical Ministry Room and on the parish website under Faith Formation. *Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 11th*.

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

OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED...A part-time position in the Religious Ed Office is available. This is a *10 hr. a week* position, *Tuesdays 4-8:30 p.m., Thursdays 4-6:30 p.m. and Sunday's 8-10:30 am. September through May*. The office Assistant will answer phones, help parents, teachers and classroom assistants. Fluency in Spanish would be helpful. To apply for this position, please contact Paul Gallagher at 410-848-8443. *Application deadline is Friday, September 4th*.

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) 3rd, 7th and 8th grades

Tuesday @ 4:30-5:45 p.m.—4th, 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 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!

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!

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!

Sept. 13—Adoration Night...Come spend a night in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

LECTORS NEEDED...Teenage lectors are needed for the 6:00 p.m. Mass. If you would like to get involved in this worthwhile ministry, contact Kenn at 410-848-8443 or kdemoll@sjwest.org.

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.

HEALTH CARE MEETING...Tuesday, Sept. 8

Our meeting will be at 1:00 pm. in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center. All Health Care ministers are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in Health Care Ministry is welcome.

RESPECT LIFE MEETING...Thurs., Sept. 10 (new date)

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 join us for our *first of three* chicken dinners from 4-7 pm in the Portico. We will be serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots and green beans, roll, butter and drinks. Adults: \$8.00 and children ages 5-10 \$4.00 and children under 5 – eat free. Desserts will be available but are extra. **Other upcoming dates are October 2 and November 13th.**

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., Sunday, Sept. 13th—9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 19th—1:00-5:00 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.

CUB SCOUTS— OPEN HOUSE...Monday, Sept. 21

Scouting builds character, teaches core values, and challenges youth through participation in a variety of fun activities with other scouts and families. Boys (1st through 5th grade) are invited to join St. John's Pack #420. We are holding an open house at **6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria on Monday, Sept. 21st.** To learn more about Cub Scouting, contact Chris Joneckis at 410-795-0069 or joneckis@comcast.net.

WISDOM CLUB RETREAT...Thurs., Oct. 8

Join us for a retreat from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville. Msgr. Art will be the Moderator. The cost is \$40.00 and is **due at our next meeting on Thursday, September 24th.** All reservations and payments must be made before or on Sept. 24th. Please make checks payable to the Wisdom Club. For information please call Martha Murphy at 410-871-9667.

ILLUMINATE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONF...Oct. 9-10

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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 ***

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul will be *Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Portico.*

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

DELONE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS...Saturday, Sept. 19

The Delone Catholic Alumni Association is turning back the clock to the late 1960s and 1970s when the BRUTES once again take to the Old Gym stage for a night of music and dancing. Come take a trip down memory lane. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call the Delone Catholic Development Office at 717-637-5969 for tickets.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

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.