

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, -September 7-Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62; Lk 6:6-11
9:00 a.m. Sister Bernadette Fields
Tuesday, -September 8-Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
7:00 a.m. Horace McCullin, Jr.
8:00 a.m. Richard Joseph Allen
3:00 p.m. Irene Meredith (Mass at Golden Living Center)
Wednesday, -September 9-Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26
7:00 a.m. Joe Beaver
8:00 a.m. Jean Klaiber
Thursday, -September 10-Col 3:12-17; Ps 150; Lk 6:27-38
7:00 a.m. Dale Middleton
8:00 a.m. Alice Green
Friday, -September 11-1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Lk 6:39-42
7:00 a.m. Gerald Shoemaker
9:30 a.m. John Dahlberg
Saturday, -September 12 -1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113; Lk 6:43-49
8:00 a.m. Cassie Weaver
4:30 p.m. Frances Kase
Sunday, -September 13-Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
7:15 a.m. Intention of Terry Berry
8:45 a.m. Intention of Marion and Mike Smith
10:30 a.m. Edward and Mary Katkish
12:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. John
3:30 p.m. Dale Middleton
6:00 p.m. P. Patricia Milani

FROM THE PASTOR

The opening of the new school year coincides with the start of the new ministry year. There is always room for new volunteers and participants. The Religious Education Office is seeking volunteers to help in the classrooms. Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin soon. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic or completing the sacraments of Initiation please contact the parish office. New Bible study classes are in the process of forming. Thanks to a donation from the Knights of Columbus and an anonymous donor, 60 new Bibles have been donated to our church.

I am working on getting prices for the raised oak paneling around the back wall of the sanctuary. It has been suggested that a framed portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe on one side and one of our patron, St. John the Beloved Disciple on the other side would enhance the beauty of the sanctuary. I will discuss this possibility with the Liturgy Committee and the Pastoral Council. I am interested in hearing your thoughts too
May God Bless You,

Mex. Ant. Valenzona

**LITURGY &
WORSHIP**

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

We currently have an adorer who is having scheduling problems with his assigned hour and needs to change to a different time. With the help of substitutes, the hour is presently being covered but we really need someone to adopt it. Please consider making the following hour your special hour with the Lord:

Saturday 11 p.m. to midnight

If you are willing to be scheduled for this hour, please call the parish center at 410-876-2248.

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 Lizzie Gross, Genevieve Brown, Nancy Blaney Watson, Irene Reppe and Madeline Dworkowski 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 Sol Hoke, Ellen Riggie, Theresa Berry, Rosina Pantaleo, Erin Dean, Connie Sapp, Joseph Notich, Mary Ford Naill, Julia Ford, Karen Feroli, Brian Watkins, Barbara Shifflett, Joseph Kase Conner Husey, Mary Redmond, Jay Underkoffler, and Wesley Mark Kohlkepp.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Adaeze Nicole Ani, daughter of Ebere and Uehenna Ani; Tiffany Arabella Estrada, daughter of Arabella and Julio Estrada; Brody Jacob Knight, son of Jennifer and Ronald Knight, Jr.; Arturo J. Contreras-Maldonado, son of Dagmar Maldonado-Quintanilla and Luis Contreras-Orta; and Eliya Adriana Fernandez-Reyes, daughter of Claudia Reyes-Fernandez and Isaac Mauricio Fernandez.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of August 29-30, 2009
Envelopes: \$23,397.01 Attendance: 3,313
Loose: \$ 5,251.95 Poor Box: \$1,592.29
TOTAL: \$28,648.96

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00
Our current weekly average is \$29,047.86
Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

STATUS OF MORTGAGE:

Beginning Balance: 08/01/09 \$1,570,722
Paid: Interest \$ 8,181
Principal \$17,452 -25,633
Interest Charged 8,181
Ending Balance \$1,553,270

NOTICE: Use Mortgage Fund Envelopes for second collection on last Sunday of the month to reduce the mortgage.

SECOND COLLECTION...There will be a second collection this weekend, **Sept. 5-6** for Peter's Pence.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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...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.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES...We will be offering *two Bible Studies* this Fall. The *Gospel of Matthew Bible Study and Praying with Scripture Study* to 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.**

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.

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

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.**

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.

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, and 8th
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

SUNDAY CLASSES: 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...Confirmation projects are **now available** for selection online at www.sjwest.org. Projects were scheduled for release on Sept. 14th, but we were able to move up the release date. Please email your selections to Kenn deMoll at Kdemoll@sjwest.org.

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!

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

Sept. 20 —Fall Kick Off...Join LIFE TEEN for this night as we roll out our fall theme of "Glorious Rock!" Join us as we travel back in time to ancient Rome to visit the catacombs. Danger lurks around every corner. And, play guitar hero? It's all happening here on Sept. 20th!

Sept. 26-27—Give it Away Now! You may remember last year, LIFE TEEN helped organize a clothing drive for the parish that raised about 3,000 lbs. of clothes as part of a global service project which raised 300,000 lbs of clothing! Due to the enormous success of that drive, this year, we're going to try and "Give It Away" again by organizing a *non-perishable food drive* to feed the hungry of Carroll County. All of our food raised will be donated to Carroll Food Sunday, a food bank which gives food to anyone in need. The drive is planned for the *weekend of Sept. 26-27th* and is once again part of a global service project. Please start considering what you could "Give Away Now" to be a part of this global effort!

LECTORS NEEDED... Teenage lectors are needed for the 6 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**). 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.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY...is in need of wheelchairs and shower chairs for those in need of these special items during illness. Please call the Health Care Office, 410-848-4744 x 220.

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.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER...Friday, September 11

Be sure to join us for our *first of three* chicken dinners from 4-7 p.m. in the Portico. Adults: \$8.00, children 5-10—\$4.00 and children under 5 eat free. Desserts will be available but are extra. *Next dinner dates are October 2nd and November 13th.*

ST. JOHN BOYS BASKETBALL...Sept. 12 and 13

Registration for 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 are required to take the "STAND Program" if they have not already done so. **There will be no exceptions.** Call Bo Yingling at 410-876-1162.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST...Sunday, Sept. 13

Join the Knights at the Portico 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. Join us for a great breakfast of French toast, pancakes, eggs, creamed chipped beef, sausage gravy, corned beef hash and more. See you on the 13th!

LADIES SODALITY...Sunday, Sept. 13

The Sodality meets for Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary at 8:45 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish 18 years and older are invited to join the Sodality. All parishioners are invited to join in the recitation of the Rosary following the 8:45 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month in front of the Blessed Mother's statue. For information call Carolyn Keiner at 410-848-4563.

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.

TWENTY-THIRD 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 ***

If there is a family you know who needs assistance, please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can “make God’s presence known to those who are suffering and need help.

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.

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.

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 new fall store hours starting week of Sept. 21st– Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-7 p.m., Saturdays – 12-6 p.m., Sundays 8:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. Bookstore will try to be open for all parish events. Will have extended hours for holidays and sacramental seasons

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.**