

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, - September 14-**Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

7:00 a.m. Edward and Lillian Swinderman

8:00 a.m. Richard M. Baeder

2:00 p.m. Int. of Agnes Lafferty-(Mass at Carroll Lutheran)

**Tuesday, -September 15-**1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 31; Jn 19:25-27

7:00 a.m. Ann Kelly

8:00 a.m. James Newell

**Wednesday, September 16-**1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35

7:00 a.m. Dale Middleton

8:00 a.m. Florence L. Benesh

**Thursday, -September 17-**1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:36-50

7:00 a.m.- Eleanor K. Lovell

8:00 a.m. Benaventure Chennat

**Friday, -September 18-**1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3

7:00 a.m. Intention of Donnelly Wolf

9:30 a.m. Dennis Notich

**Saturday, -September 19-**1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15

8:00 a.m. Carol Meadowcroft

4:30 p.m. Ed Cochran

**Sunday, September 20-**Wis 2:12,17-20;Ps 54;Jas 3:16-4:3;Mk 9:30-37

7:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John

8:45 a.m. Margaret Mackowiak

10:30 a.m. Int. of Robert Salvatore Hinkleman

12:15 p.m. Robert Joseph Krause

3:30 p.m. Intention of Kathy Robinson

6:00 p.m. Raymond Lombardi

## FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday in our parish. I have invited our parish school faculty along with our new principal, Mrs. Harriann Walker; Paul Gallagher, the Director of Religious Education for our parish along with the staff and volunteer catechists and the members of our parish Home School Program to participate in the 10:30 Mass and receive a blessing and commission as we begin the new school year. I am deeply grateful to our professionals and volunteers who responded to the invitation to hand on our Faith and Traditions to the children in our parish. This important ministry would not be possible were it not for your prayers, support and participation. We need additional volunteers to help in the Religious Education Program. There are currently 404 students enrolled in the school and 950 children in the Religious Education Program.

The Pastoral Council will meet next week to address the implementation of the strategic plan. The plan includes goals to work on the spiritual life of our parish, educational ministries, outreach/ evangelization, stewardship and volunteers. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

May God Bless You,

*Msgr. Ant. Valergame*

**NOTICE: Weekly Offering Envelopes** will now be delivered in two-month supplies instead of quarterly. The reduced packet size will be a savings to the parish under the new postal rates. Parishioners currently not receiving envelopes may request them by calling the parish office.

## LITURGY & WORSHIP

### PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

We currently have two adorers who are having scheduling problems with their assigned hours and need to change to a different time. The hours are presently being covered, but we really need people to adopt them. Please consider making one of the following hours your special hour with the Lord:

Monday 2 pm. to 3 pm.

Saturday 11 p.m. to midnight

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

## WE PRAY ...

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE** of Verna Baron, Msgr. Myles McGowan 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, Theresa Berry, Rosina Pantaleo, Julia Ford,, Connie Sapp, Joseph Notich, Kristin Traband, Joseph Kase, Karen Feroli, Doris Hoffman, Catherine Hynes, John Burns, Sr., Mary Ford Naill, Baby Wesley Mark Kohlpepp and Brian Watkins.

**BAPTISMS...**Congratulations and welcome to Angel Ismael Callejas Fuentes, daughter of Andriana Fuentes Corona and Ismael Callejas Godinez and Annabelle Cecile Leckron, daughter of Kelly and Adam Leckron.

## STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** Weekend of September 5-6, 2009

Envelopes: \$25,019.25

Attendance: 3,091

Loose: \$ 6,432.47

Poor Box: \$1,864.83

**TOTAL: \$31,451.72**

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

Our current weekly average is \$29,288.25.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

Amount collected in August from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
(now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program  
\$10,267.49

## SCHOOL NEWS

**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

**Sept.20**— Catholic HS Fair—2-5 pm. College of Notre Dame

**Sept. 21-25**—ACRE testing— Grades 5-8

**Sept. 25**—School Liturgy @ 9:30 a.m.

PTF Family Fun Night—Outdoor movie –7-9 p.m.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:pgallagher@sjwest.org)) with days/times that work best for you.

**Religious Ed./Youth Activities**

**Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443**

**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  
*Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m.*—7th grade *Tuesday @ 6:45*—RCIY  
*Thursday @ 4:30-5:45 p.m.* —Pre 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

**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.

**HOME STUDY CLASSES-**Begin *Wed., Oct. 7th* -6:45-8 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS...**Confirmation projects are now available for selection online at [www.sjwest.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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. 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 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](mailto:kdemoll@sjwest.org).

**ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH**

**CONGRATULATIONS...**The Division of Evangelization and Catechesis, the Division of Ministry Formation & Development and the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry are pleased to announce that on *Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 pm.* they will host a Recognition Celebration at *St. Ursula Church*. This celebration honors those who have achieved a level of catechetical certification or are renewing a level of catechetical certification as well as those persons who have completed the CLI formation process in a specific ministry. The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski will be the principal celebrant at the liturgy and confer certificates. The following persons from St. John will be honored:

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| Daniel Lech—Advanced       | Ruth Schnauble—YM Certif. II |
| Joseph Langan—Professional | Krista Kniesler—YM Certif. I |
| Marilyn Young—Catechist    | Kenn de Moll—YM Certif. II   |
| Frank Nicely—Professional  | James Spencer—YM Certif. I   |

**(Honorees Continued)**

Patricia Witte—Catechist  
Lori Bouthner—Preliminary  
Barbara Maranto—Catechist  
Junella Spencer—Catechist  
Theresa Knorr—Catechist  
Mary Dudderar—Catechist  
Kelley Chesebrough—Catechist  
Eva Taylor—Preliminary  
Kevin McShane—Preliminary  
Theresa Greene—Professional  
Nancy Merrill—Preliminary  
Bonnie Bach—Preliminary  
Mary Wojtkowiak—Catechist  
Harris Quesnell—Preliminary  
Nancy Sellers—Preliminary

Catherine Clunk—YM Certif. I  
Judy Hake—YM Certif. I  
Jeremy Tippett—YM Certif. I  
Sandra Johnson—YM Certif. I  
William Salter—YM Certif. II  
Michael Johnson—YM Certif. I  
Ursula Sherwin—YM Certif. I  
Susan Sweitzer—YM Certif. I  
Cindy Myers—YM Certif. I  
Nicole Mentges—YM Certif. II  
Laura Hullett—YM Certif. II  
Mandy Komar—YM Certif. II  
Charles Witte—YM Certif. I  
Jordan Tippett—YM Certif. II

**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 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.

**ST. JOHN BOYS BASKETBALL...Sept. 13 and 19**

Registration for St. John's Boys Basketball program will be held in the school gym on **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.

**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**

All married couples and soon-to-be married couples are welcome to attend a Marriage Investment dinner on Friday, Sept. 18th at the Portico at 6:30 p.m. Invest in your marriage and enjoy a presentation on the Five Love Languages. Cost is \$55.00 per couple. To register call Betty Belk at 410-848-9391 or email: [bettybelk@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mak@dvorak.net), or Frederick Dvorak at 410-876-1292. All proceeds will benefit St. John School.

**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.** Contact Chris Joneckis at 410-795-0069 or [joneckis@comcast.net](mailto:joneckis@comcast.net) for details.

**ST. JOHN CYO TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS:**

Basketball players in Grades 4-8 interested in representing the St. John Eagles throughout the Baltimore Archdiocese, please note current schedule of tryouts. Tryouts will be held at the St. John Gym. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the St. John travel CYO league, please contact Lisa Hurley at 443-277-3983 or by email at [lwhurley@hurlevir.com](mailto:lwhurley@hurlevir.com). **Coaches are needed for the 4th grade teams.**

**BOYS**

8th Gr.-Sept. 21 and Sept. 24 –7:30-9:00 p.m.  
7th Gr.-Sept. 22 and Sept. 23- 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
6th Gr.-Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
5th Gr.-Sept. 21– 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Sept. 22 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
4th Gr.-Sept. 30 - 6:00-7:30 and Oct. 1 - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**GIRLS**

8th Gr. –Sept. 25 and Sept. 28 -7:30-9:00 p.m.  
7th Gr. –Sept. 29 and Sept. 30-7:30-9:00 p.m.  
6th Gr. –Sept. 25 and Sept. 28– 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
5th Gr. –Sept. 29.- 6:00-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 2 – 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
4th Gr. –Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**WISDOM CLUB MEETING...Thurs., Sept. 24**

Join us at 12:00 pm. for Mass celebrated by Msgr. Art followed by lunch and meeting. Bring your brown bag lunch-drinks and desserts will be provided. We will have a "Plant Swap" which means if you have extra plants, bring them to the meeting and swap plants with a member. St. John's School Principal, Mrs. Harriann Walker, will be introduced to the members. Contact Karen at 410-848-9564.

**WISDOM CLUB RETREAT...Thursday, 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](http://www.catholicilluminate.com) to register. Additional information is also available at the bookstore, the parish center or the church.

**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](mailto: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.

**COMBAT RANGER ROSARY** John Paul taught through praying the rosary that one trains like an athlete for HOLINESS. We allow Mary, in her ministry as a mother, to train and mold our hearts until Christ is fully formed in us.

“Thank you so much for your continued prayers and gifts of the rosaries. It is very evident that many of you are praying and asking others to pray and intercede for our soldiers, their families and friends. The hand of God continues to be with us and go before us. (Ch.USA-Iraz.)” Rosary makers needed 2nd & 4th Fridays 1:00-3:00 & 6:30-8:30 pm. Call Carolyn Peters 410-876-8268 for details.

## OUTREACH

\* **THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** \*

Please continue to help minister to the poor in Carroll County by remembering that next weekend (*Sept. 19-20*) is the *3rd weekend* of the month—*Food Sunday*. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to church and place in the baskets provided in the narthex of the church. We especially need canned meats, stews, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta meals, jelly, peanut butter, powdered milk, canned fruit and bottled juices. We also need paper goods, such as toilet paper, baby diapers, paper towels, napkins, etc. Thank you for your 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](mailto:svdp@sjwest.org).

## REMINDERS

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

**Sept. 13**—KofC Breakfast— after morning Masses

**Sept. 13**—Ladies Sodality Mass & meeting

**Sept. 14**—Blood Drive—2-8 p.m.—Portico

**Sept. 14**—PTF General Meeting—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

**Sept. 20**—Fall Bible Studies begin—Parish Center

**Oct. 4**—RCIA classes begin—Parish Center

**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.**