

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, -September 21-Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13
7:00 a.m. Clotilde Drechsler
8:00 a.m. David J. McNamara
3:00 p.m. Charles and Evelyn Young (Mass at Golden Living)
Tuesday, -September 22-Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21
7:00 a.m. Nancy Blaney Watson
8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Scott Chesser
10:00 a.m. Genevieve Brown (Home School Mass)
Wednesday, -September 23-Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13: 2-4, 6-8, 6; Lk 9:1-6
7:00 a.m. Eleanor K. Lovell
8:00 a.m. Florence L. Benesh
Thursday, -September 24-Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9
7:00 a.m. Richard Baeder
8:00 a.m. Theresa and Edward Ryncewicz
12:00 p.m. Intention of Karen Feroli (Wisdom Club Mass)
Friday, -September 25 -Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22
7:00 a.m. William McLean, Sr.
9:30 a.m. Eric Cote
Saturday, -September 26-Zec 2:5-9,14-15a;Jer 31:10-13;Lk 9:43b-45
8:00 a.m. Arthur Bentley
4:30 p.m. Adelaida Muneses
Sunday, September 27-Nm 11:25-29;Ps 19;Jas 5:1-6;Mk 9:38-43,45-48
7:15 a.m. Henry Shipley
8:45 a.m. Anthony Thomas Warren
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
12:15 p.m. Intention of Jim Groves
3:30 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:00 p.m. Intention of Pat Brink

FROM THE PASTOR

Hopefully this is the final chapter in the ongoing saga for the building of a storage facility for the fundraising activities for our parish. You may remember we have been trying to raise the money for the proposed building during the past two summers. I had decided to reduce its size from 40 by 60 to 40 by 40 so that we could afford to build it this fall. Thanks to a generous gift, we can now build the larger building. In order to place the building near the current garage, it would be necessary to spend several thousand dollars to cut down 14 large trees. The 40 plus year old trees currently provide shade and an excellent wind break for the parish center. It should also be noted that the storage facility would be the first visible building when driving on to our parish campus. Relocating the building closer to the existing rectory would: save the trees, improve its access to the school building and preserve the sightlines when entering our parish campus. Thank you for patience and cooperation throughout this process.

May God Bless you,

Mrs. Ant Valagano

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 one adorer who is having scheduling problems with the assigned hour and needs to change to a different time. 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.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Hilda Coven, Mary Lusby, Donald Marion, and Richard Flanigan 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, Tim Mueller, Theresa Berry, John Burns, Sr., Erin Dean, Connie Sapp, Brian Watkins, Rosina Pantaleo, Julia Ford, Joseph Notich, Doris Hoffman, Catherine Hynes, Joseph Kase, Andrea Kehoe, Mary Redmond, Barbara Shifflett, Linda Knight Conner Husey, Kristin McGraw, Dolores Matthews, Mary Naill Ford, Baby Ezekiel Senkbeil and Baby Wesley Mark Kohlhepp.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Sadie Marie Clark, daughter of Heather and Timothy Clark; Noah Henry Backof, son of Rebekah and Matthew Backof; Gabriel Thomas Chirillo, son of Dana and Brandon Chirillo; Charles Thomas Myers, son of Cynthia and Edward Myers; Peyton Sawyer Dennis Henley, son of Erin and Sean Henley; and Kolt Thomas Henley, son of Jennifer and Kevin Henley.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR THIS WEEKEND were donated in memory of Charles and Evelyn Young by Shirley Young and Betty Beauchamp.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of September 12-13, 2009

Envelopes: \$20,282.35 Attendance: 3,213

Loose: \$ 4,067.45 Poor Box: \$1,533.99

TOTAL: \$24,349.80

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00
Our current weekly average is \$29,450.86.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Total Pledged:	\$7,316,074
Paid to Date:	<u>7,251,616</u>
Balance	\$ 64,458

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the recent Peter's Pence collection. We collected \$7,089.91.

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Sept. 28 —Market Day Orders due

TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

MARKET DAY ORDERS...Win a beach bag of goodies! Place your order on line by **Monday, Sept. 28th** and you can win a beach bag with goodies. www.marketday.com. Account #25762. Any questions call Teresa at 410-857-9639 or Terry at 410-484-1487.

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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP...Sunday, October 11

Join us from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at O'Lordan's Pub. Fr. Jesse Bolger will be offering a reflection entitled "Mary: Mirror of the Church-What Do People See in You." Open to all young adults 18-35. Appetizers will be available.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED...

Please call the religious education office if you are interested in teaching or assisting in a class this year. Classes begin next week. Please call if you are able to help.

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. 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. 27—Capture the Bible—When was the last time you played Capture the Flag? This is our version of capture the flag. It's going to be epic because we play over the entire St. John campus! Bring a friend, it's going to be a blast!

Oct. 11– Talent Show Night! - Can you sing or dance? Show off your special talent tonight! Parents are invited too! Call or email Mandy and let her know what you will doing at the show.

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 are now available in the narthex of the church and at the Parish Center. 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. 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.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ...Sept. 23-Nov. 1

Join us from *Sept. 23-Nov. 1 for the 40 days for Life Campaign!* Thousands of people will join simultaneously in 250 U.S. cities in fervent prayer and fasting for: Women and babies who are in danger of abortion—Men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion —Workers at abortion facilities and local, state and national leaders who misguidedly support abortion. Prayer can take place as peaceful, prayerful public witness in front of an abortion facility (recommended) or in church, home or school. For more information go to 40daysforlife.com/baltimore or contact Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068.

RESPECT LIFE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE...Sat. Sept. 26

We will be holding a sale on *Saturday, Sept. 26 and on Oct. 3rd* from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at 1680 Oats Drive on Deer Park Road in Finksburg. Lots of toys in excellent condition, youth golf clubs, bone china teacups and saucers, antiques and collectibles, furniture and more! Come find a bargain and support the efforts of the Respect Life Ministry. Thanks to all who donated items!

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

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 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@hurleyir.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. 25 - 5-6 p.m. (change)**
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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS MEETING... There will be a meeting of chairpersons on **Thurs., Sept. 24th OR Tuesday, Sept. 29th** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. It is only necessary to attend **one** of the meetings. New volunteers are invited. For questions contact Jim Diggs at 410-346-6576 or diggsit@aol.com.

ST. JOHN ROSES BAKE SALE...Saturday, Oct. 3

Join the St. John Roses at their **first** Boscov's bake sale. Sale begins at 11 a.m. in front of Boscov's at Cranberry Mall (inside mall). Discount shopping passes will also be available for sale. All proceeds benefit the St. John Community. Any questions call Yvonne Hynson at 410-795-2093.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY...Sunday, October 4

All parishioners are invited to watch a brief and moving video featuring Archbishop O'Brien after all Sunday masses on Oct. 4th to learn more about our call as Catholics regarding the needs of women in crisis pregnancy. More than 30,000 pregnant women in need are served every year through the compassionate assistance of Maryland's pregnancy resource centers. These centers offer pregnant women emotional and material assistance and work with them to access medical care and public benefits for which they may be eligible. The call to support pregnant women in need was made manifest in the life of Christ's mother, Mary, who "set out in haste" to lend assistance to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth. For details contact Maria McCarthy 410-552-0682.

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 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.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL GALA...Saturday, December 4

The St. John Parish Community will honor a very distinguished alumnus of our school, Mr. Charles O. Fisher, Sr. Mr. Fisher's renowned legal career combined with his notable lifetime of service to our church and the greater Westminster community to distinguish his life's achievements is something to be celebrated. Bishop Rozanski will attend this evening which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Portico and includes dinner, libations and music. **Save the date and watch for more details to follow.**

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 MAKERS NEEDED...Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Carolyn Peters for details 410-876-8268.

OUTREACH

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

On **September 27th, at the 8:45 a.m. Mass**, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent always said that "Love is inventive to the point of infinity." Members of our organization are on the front line in laboring for the poor daily. This month through your generous gifts, we were able to be "inventive" in helping the poor by assisting families with utility bills, prescriptions, rental, etc. Thank you!

If you are interested in joining and helping with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Patty Terrano at 410-857-1473 or visit our website at www.sjwest.org/svdp/index.htm or email us at svdp@sjwest.org.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

PREGNANCY CENTER MEETING...Tuesday, Sept. 29

Alpha Pregnancy Center wants to open a center in Carroll County. There will be a planning meeting at 7 p.m. at the Carroll Nonprofit Center, 255 Clifton Blvd (behind Wal-Mart). Join us to see how you/your organization can be part of it. Call Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068 for information.

JUNCTION, INC. BINGO FUNDRAISER...Saturday, Oct. 3

Junction, Inc. will hold its 7th Annual Longaberger/Vera Bradley Bingo at the Westminster Moose Family Center, 309 Buena Vista Drive. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Admission \$15.00. Call 410-848-6100 or 410-876-1788 for ticket information.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

FAMILY FUN DAY...Sunday, Oct. 4

The Archdiocese is hosting a Family Fun Day for persons with developmental disabilities, their families and friends at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, MD. from 2-5 p.m. For information contact Bill Fleming at 410-547-5410 or email at bfleming@archbalt.org.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CATHOLIC...Begins October 8

At a time when many Catholics are disillusioned, questioning their Faith and filled with doubts about the relevance of Catholicism in today's world...this series of classes is for you. "What it Means to be Catholic" is a comprehensive program in the Catholic Faith for all Catholics...cradle Catholics, converts, parents, Catechists and those who just need to reacquaint themselves with Catholic teaching. Time: 7-8:30 on the *first two Thursdays* of each month, from October-May at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church (Parish Center) in Manchester. Cost is \$20. Contact Tom Abbott at 410-239-8881 or thomas1050@yahoo.com. Registration deadline -Oct. 1st.

ST. ANN SCHOOL REUNION...Sunday, October 11

Join us for a St. Ann's All School Reunion to be held for students, teachers and staff who attended St. Ann's Elementary/Business School. Day begins with 10 am Mass at St. Ann Church followed by tours of 2215 Greenmount Ave. (the new Mother Seton Academy) and reception. RSVP St Ann's Church 410-235-8169 or stannchurch1@verizon.net.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

- Sept. 20**—Fall Bible Studies begin—Parish Center
- Sept. 21**—Cub Scout Open House—6:30 p.m.—Cafeteria
- Sept. 23—Nov. 1**—40 Days of Life Campaign
- Sept. 24**—Wisdom Club Mass & meeting—noon
- Sept. 25**—PTF Outdoor Movie—7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26**—Respect Life White Elephant Sale 8-3 p.m.
- 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 (Sept. 27)** of each month **in the Portico at 10:00 a.m.**