

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, -October 5 - Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Ps 2; Lk 10:25-37

7:00 a.m. Lester and Vivian Byrns

8:00 a.m. Charles Litz

3:00 p.m. Mary Mumford (Mass at Golden Living Center)

Tuesday, -October 6 - Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130; Lk 10:38-42

7:00 a.m. David J. McNamara

8:00 a.m. Jane McKenny

Wednesday, -October 7 - Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86; Lk 11:1-4

7:00 a.m. Debbie Dozier

8:00 a.m. Sr. Marie Bernadette Fields

Thursday, -October 8 - Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1; Lk 11:5-13

7:00 a.m. Eleanor K. Lovell

8:00 a.m. William McLean, Sr.

Friday, -October 9 - Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11:15-26

7:00 a.m. Antoinette McFadden

9:30 a.m. Jane Marie Kenny

7:00 p.m. Bernadine Kulik

Saturday, -October 10 - Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97; Lk 11:27-28

8:00 a.m. Joseph O'Brien

4:30 p.m. Intention of Marguerite Gonce

8:00 p.m. Garland Goldstraw

Sunday, -October 11.-Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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

8:45 a.m. Clotilde Drechsler

10:30 a.m. Rosario and Vincent Maranto

12:15 p.m. Bertha and John Zips

3:30 p.m. Intention of Facchina Family

6:00 p.m. Earl Monroe

FROM THE PASTOR

There are several things regarding the celebration of Mass that I would like to call to your attention. Holy Communion is being distributed under one form, the consecrated bread. This decision is in response to the request from the Archdiocese last winter when we were alerted to use precaution to prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus. When one receives Holy Communion under either form, one receives the sacred body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord. At the invitation to share, "the sign of peace" please feel to accept and/or acknowledge the greeting with a nod of the head without an embrace or shaking hands. This form of greeting is perfectly acceptable and understandable. I am thankful for the respectful quiet in our church that provides an atmosphere conducive to prayer prior to the beginning of Mass. Please consider those who like to remain after Mass for prayer and reflection. I encourage use of the narthex for socializing before and after Mass. You may consider going to the Portico for Hospitality Sundays, to support the Knights of Columbus breakfasts and to shop in our parish book store. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and cooperation.

May God Bless you,

Mrs. Ant Valagano

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

We are currently in need of an adorer for **Saturdays from 11 p.m. to midnight**. If you can fill this hour please call Agnes at the Parish Center, 410-848-4744 x 219.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK...October 17 and 18

An anointing with holy oils will take place at the **4:30 Mass on Saturday, October 17th** and at the **12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 18th**. At both Masses the anointing will take place after the homily. Those who should receive this Sacrament at our annual masses of anointing include: Those with a chronic illness which affects day to day life, those elderly persons who are experiencing diminishing health, those who are experiencing mental or emotional illness, those who have received a diagnosis of a serious health issue, those anticipating a serious surgery, and women who are pregnant. Throughout the year we invite parishioners with any of the above conditions, or who are entering into hospice care to request the Sacrament of the Sick. Kindly let the parish office know if you wish to be anointed and arrangements can be made. Anointing can also be done when you attend Mass on weekends or weekdays.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Irene Reppe, Margarete T. Neteler and Jean Deardorff 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, Joseph Kase, Brian Watkins, Mark Baugher, Julia Ford, John Russell, Arlene Kromm, Rosina Panteleo, Joe Urban, Linda Knight, Mary Redmond, Richard Sweeney, Karen Feroli, Conner Husey, Kristin McGraw, Jay Underkoffler, Patty Werner, Doris Hoffman, Barbara Shifflett, Theresa Berry, and Doris Wells.

BAPTISMS... Congratulations and welcome to Kyle Joseph Kelly, son of Julieanne White and Timothy Kelly; John Robert Stauder, son of Kathleen and Jeffrey Stauder; and Olivia Nicole Svejda, daughter of Nicole and George Svejda.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR THIS WEEKEND are in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Bill and Dolores Sinnott.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of September 26-27, 2009

Envelopes: \$20,999.44

Attendance: 3,332

Loose: \$ 5,071.15

Poor Box: \$ 1,216.67

TOTAL: \$26,070.59

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

Our current weekly average is \$29,201.59.

STATUS OF MORTGAGE:

Beginning Balance: 09/01/09

\$1,553,270

Paid: Interest \$8,090

Principal \$17,543

-25,633

Interest Charged

8,090

Ending Balance 10/01/09 \$1,535,727

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

SCHOOL NEWS

- Market Day pick-up is **Tuesday, October 6** at 3 p.m.
- There will be an Archdiocesan High School Fair, **Wed., October 7th** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Glyndon. All 7th & 8th grade students along with their parents are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

- Sr. Maria Jude from Delone High School will speak to St. John's 8th grade on **October 8th**.
- All parents are invited to attend the General PTF meeting on **Tuesday, October 13th at 7 p.m. in the Portico**. "The 2009-2010 St. John School Vision" will be presented by Mrs. Walker along with various faculty members. There will also be an overview of PTF sponsored events and information regarding volunteer opportunities.
- **St. John School will be closed n Friday, October 16th.**

GIFT CARDS...St. John School has gift cards available for sale for Food Lion, Giant, Shoppers, Super Fresh, Weis, Kohl's and Boscov's. Please consider routinely buying the gift cards to use for your food shopping. Kohl's and Boscov's are wonderful for your clothing and gift purchases. You can also pay your Kohl's credit bill with our Kohl's cards. St. John School earns 5% of the purchases and 10% for Boscov's! **Gift cards are available at the school office from 8:15 until 3:45 each school day.** Gift cards will also be available at the Knights of Columbus breakfasts and the Hospitality Sundays in the Portico. Any questions, contact Debbie Weetenkamp at www.dweetenkamp@sjwest.org or call the school office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA... Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from Him. Yet God the Father's love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek Him with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation. If you or someone you know has thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season", our RCIA sessions will begin **Sunday, October 4th**. Details and forms are available on our parish website under Faith Formation/Becoming Catholic. Please consider joining us!

THEOLOGY ON TAP...Sunday, October 11

Join us from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at O'Lordon'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.

"Praying With Scripture" On **Saturday, October 17th**, Monsignor Art will be speaking on how our relationship with God can grow and be strengthened through Sacred Scripture. We will be meeting in Portico North from 9:00-11:00 am. In addition to Msgr. Art's talk, there will be a discussion on the ancient tradition of "lectio divina" or "sacred reading." Everyone participating in our parish Bible Studies is encouraged to attend. Please be sure to bring your Bible!

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

STILL NEEDED...a teacher for our Older Eucharist class on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Please call the Religious Education Office for more details.

HOME STUDY CLASSES have their first class on **Wed., Oct. 7th** from 6:45-8:00 p.m.

PARENTS OF STUDENTS preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist should have received a letter inviting you to a very important meeting either Tuesday, October 13th at 6:45 OR Thursday, October 15th at 6:45. If you cannot make this meeting, please call Ruth to set up a time to come into the office to pick up the materials. Along with this letter was a request for baptismal information. If you did not receive this letter, please call the Religious Education Office.

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.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETINGS...Our Confirmation parent meetings will be held on **Wednesday, October 21** (for all **Tuesday students**) and **Wednesday, October 28th** (for all **Thursday and Sunday students**). Both meetings will be held in the Portico at 7:00 p.m. **At least one parent is expected to attend with their teenager.** Should you have any questions, please call the office.

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!

Oct. 11—Talent Show, Movie and Smoothies! 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 be doing at the show as all performances must be pre-approved. Join The EDGE for a terrific combination of fun and entertainment!

FALL RETREAT...Oct. 16-17...The Fall Retreat is coming up fast and you don't want to miss it! 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, school and at the Parish Center. Email Mandy at mkomar@sjwest.org about 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!

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.

Oct. 4—Bond-Fire: Fire, Friends and Fun! It's a LIFE TEEN bonfire with pumpkin launching! What??? Be there to find out!

Oct. 11—Adoration Night...Need some prayer time? Come pray before Jesus in the Eucharist!

THANKS to all who contributed to the food drive for Carroll Food Sunday last weekend. We raised approximately 1600 canned goods to feed about 160 people here in Carroll County.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

40 DAYS OF LIFE ...Although this campaign has already begun, (Sept. 23-Nov. 1) it is never too late to join with us in our prayers. Thousands of people will be joining 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 a church, home or school. For more information go to www.40daysforlife.com/baltimore or contact Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST...Sunday, Oct. 4

The Knights will be cooking breakfast for the parish in the Portico after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Per Msgr. Art's request, this breakfast will benefit the Pregnancy Center. This is an excellent opportunity to support a worthy cause, meet new parishioners and to enjoy a great breakfast of French toast, pancakes, eggs, creamed chipped beef, sausage gravy, corned beef hash and more. We look forward to seeing you on October 4th.

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.

ST. JOHN ROSES FUND RAISER...Tuesday, Oct. 6

Shop, Shop Til you drop at Boscov's! Save 25% on sale and regular purchases. Win fabulous prizes. Shop at Boscov's all day Oct. 6th. Buy a \$5 pass from the St. John's Roses and you are set to go. Present the pass at the time of purchase and receive a 25% discount. *Passes will be on sale at the Knight's breakfast on Oct 4th and in front of the jewelry department at Boscov's on Oct. 6th.* Any questions, call Yvonne Hynson at 410-795-2093.

T.O.P.S. OPEN HOUSE...Wednesday, October 7

Lose weight and get healthy! TOPS is hosting an open house at 6:30 p.m. in *St. Luke Room on Wednesday, Oct. 7th.* For questions—call Suzy Zabel at 410-861-7585 or gponsozy@hughes.net. All are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE...Friday, Oct. 9-10

Don't miss out on the first Catholic Women's Conference! *Register at the door on Friday, October 9th from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 10th 6 a.m. -8 a.m.* Information is available at the doors of the church, Knights of Columbus breakfast, portico bookstore, parish center or call Jeanne at 443-324-8487 or go to our website: www.catholicilluminate.com. Come and join us as we celebrate our faith.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS ARE BACK...Sunday, October 11

Join us for pastries, bagels, juice and coffee after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses and meet some of your fellow parishioners for some relaxing time and conversation. See you there!

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY MEETING...Tuesday, Oct. 13

Our October meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center. All Health Care Ministers are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in learning more about the Health Care Ministry is most welcome!

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY SEEKING DONATIONS...We

are seeking Christmas gifts for shut-ins...Donations of the following items are needed: Kleenex (boutique and pocket size), scotch tape, post-it-notes, hand cream, wet wipes, shampoo, soap, small bottles of sanitizer, chap stick, pens, small pads of paper, band aids, small boxes of Q-tips, emery boards, toothpaste and toothbrushes, Christmas wrap and ribbon. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center or at church. *Please label them for Health Care Ministry.*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, October 18

This spiritually based ministry is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet in the Parish Center from 10-11:30 a.m. *No registration required.* For more information call Janet Tenney 410-833-1542.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WRAP GIFTS...Mon., Oct. 19

Beginning Monday, October 19th we will be wrapping and assembling gifts for the shut-ins from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Marian Room of the Parish Center. We will continue to do this every Monday until Christmas. Please come and join in the fun!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE NIGHT..Friday, Oct. 16

Join us for a FREE family movie night featuring Walt Disney's Pinocchio at 7 p.m. at the Portico. The running time of this animated epic film is 88 minutes and is rated "G". For information call Chuck Witte 410-875-2759

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...Friday, 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. This inaugural St. John School Gala will be a most special event for parishioners, alumni and members of the greater Westminster community to come together to honor Mr. Fisher's contributions to our church and community. 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.*

THE MARKETPLACE will accept donations of useable goods starting *Tuesday, Oct. 6th through Wed., Nov. 25th.* Items can be put in the school basement on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We accept household items: lamps, pictures, glassware, linens, baskets, toys, puzzles, games, giftware, decorations, kitchen- ware, baby items, etc. **NO CLOTHES OR SHOES.** Call Regina Sell if you have questions 410-876-6170

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHRISTMAS ROOM is looking for your gently used donations for the Christmas Bazaar. We accept trees, lights, ornaments, nativities, wreaths and everything Christmas. Please call Nora at 410-812-4374.

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.

RANGER ROSERIES...Note from Fr. Tyson Wood

“We received the last batch of Rosaries. I love them and please know the troops do too. The last batch were distributed to the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division. I’ve been covering them lately. The pictures were great and I loved seeing familiar faces. Hope all is well at St. John’s-miss you all!” Fr. Tyson

OUTREACH

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

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold and to those who feel left out and abandoned. If you would like to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Patti Terrano at 410-857-1473 for information or contact us 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)

Oct. 4—RCIA classes begin—Parish Center

Oct. 4—Kof C Breakfast—after morning Masses—Portico

Oct. 4—Respect Life Sunday— Film after all Masses Portico

Oct. 9-10—Illuminate Catholic Women’s Conference

Oct. 11—Theology on Tap—7 p.m. @ O’Lordan’s

Oct. 17, 23-24—Pre-Cana Sessions

Dec. 4—St. John Gala Dinner—6:30 p.m. Portico

Dec. 5—Christmas Bazaar - 8 a.m.—4 p.m.—school

Dec. 5—Christmas Cantata—Church

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 (Oct.25)** of each month **in the**