

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, - October 12 -Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98; Lk 11:29-32
7:00 a.m. Richard M. Baeder
8:00 a.m. Lillian V. Mallone
2:00 p.m. Virginia Clingan (Mass at Carroll Lutheran Village)
Tuesday, -October 13 -Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19; Lk 11:37-41
7:00 a.m. Fr. Robert V. Zylla
8:00 a.m. Myrtle E. Dyson
Wednesday, -October 14-Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62; Lk 11:42-46
7:00 a.m. Dale Middleton
8:00 a.m. Ethel and William McLean, Sr.
Thursday, -October 15-Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130; Lk 11:47-54
7:00 a.m. Nancy Blaney Watson
8:00 a.m. Leonard G. Fischer
Friday, - October 16-Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32; Lk 12:1-7
7:00 a.m. Philip Bono
9:30 a.m. Intention of Clair Lynch
Saturday, -October 17-Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105; Lk 12:8-12
8:00 a.m. Candice Brown
4:30 p.m. Mary and Raymond Garner
Sunday, -October 18-Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45
7:15 a.m. Edward and Mary Katkish
8:45 a.m. Francis L. Klunk
10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John
12:15 p.m. Intention of Pat Brink
3:30 p.m. Christopher Wade
6:00 p.m. Father Michael Jude Fay

FROM THE PASTOR

For several years the parish has provided a Spanish language Mass on Sunday afternoons. Currently the Mass is celebrated at 3:30 p.m. Although the children and second generation families are fluent in English, the Mass provides our Spanish speaking parishioners an opportunity to pray in their language. It is important that we are one parish with an appreciation of our diversity. I have asked our Pastoral Council and our Liturgy Committee to consider offering the Spanish language Mass at a more convenient time than the middle of Sunday afternoon. My concerns regarding parish unity include: appreciation for diversity, offering Masses on the weekend that are open and welcoming to all parishioners, and the fact that we have only two full-time priests assigned to the parish. My plan is to offer the Spanish language Mass at 12:15 on Sundays. The homily will be in English when I am the celebrant and in Spanish when Father Hector is the celebrant.

My hope is to begin the Spanish language Mass at 12:15 the first weekend in December. I realize there may be strong feelings and reasonable concerns about this decision. I intend to offer opportunities for parishioners to discuss and share thoughts about this opportunity for our parish to grow as the body of Christ. Your prayers are essential for this transition to go smoothly.

May God Bless you,

Mess. Ant. Valazquez

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 on weekends or weekdays at Masses.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Therese Berry, Evelyn Arnold, Robert Lee Silkworth and Victor Lopez 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, Jay Underkoffler, Joseph Kase, Karen Feroli, Patty Werner, Mark Baugher, Andrea Kehoe, Julia Ford, Doris Hoffman, Kristen McGraw, Robert Myers, Jr. and Marie Pepsin.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Julissa Andres, daughter of Isabel and Miguel Andres; Adam Daniel Arreola, son of Mireya Bastida-Ramiro and Daniel Arreola-Ortiz; Abigail Michelle Bartow, daughter of Emma and Jonathan Bartow; Marion Francesca Amodei Huddler, daughter of Eileen and Robert Huddler; Connor James Lee and Kaitlin Elizabeth Lee, son and daughter of Sharon and James Lee; Molly Grace Meteer, daughter of Jamie and Michael Meteer; Braden Michael Sullivan, son of Lucy and Michael Sullivan; Oliver Glenn Jozef Adam and Roland Przemek Adam, sons of Erika and Ryan Adam; Diana Vazquez Carino, daughter of Veronica Carino-Navano and Amaro Vazquez-Lopez.

FLOWERS on the ALTAR THIS WEEKEND are in loving memory of Myrtle E. Dyson, from her loving children Elizabeth and Andy Dyson.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of October 3-4, 2009

Envelopes:	\$23,322.00	Attendance:	2,956
Loose:	\$ 7,317.00	Poor Box:	\$1,053.91

TOTAL: \$30,639.00

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

Our current weekly average is \$29,304.27.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

Amount collected in August from the 5th Sunday of the month (now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program) \$8,311.62.

SCHOOL NEWS

The PTF will have a general meeting on *Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Portico*. "Visions for the 2009-10 School Year" will be presented along with fundraiser/volunteer information.

During the month of October, St. John students are focused on the importance of the rosary as a form of prayer and devotion to Mary. "Celebrate Life" generously donated bookmarks which have a rosary depicted on the front. The mysteries of the rosary, how to pray the rosary and all the prayers said in the rosary are listed on the back. Our students will be praying the rosary in their religion classes as well as with the entire student body.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER...

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the St. John School PTF. Enjoy an authentic delicious Italian dinner in a casual atmosphere with family and friends. We're got a lot planned for this year's dinner, including the return of the popular Frank Sinatra impersonator. The dinner will be on **Friday, November 6th from 4-8 p.m. in the Portico**. Prices are: \$9 adults; \$5 children 4-12; 3 and under are free; \$30 for immediate family. If you'd like to sponsor, help out, or for more information, call Lisa Tartaglia at 410-876-6637.

HALLOWEEN TRUNK-OR-TREAT...Friday, October 30

Due to the overwhelming success last year, St. John School is doing this event again this year. Join us for a great time with a fun twist on trick-or-treating! Vehicles will be lined up around the school parking lot with their trunks open filled with Halloween treats. Children will come dressed in costume, trunk-or-treating from car to car. Vehicles are encouraged to be decorated. We'll have Halloween-themed sounds and music and some added attractions this year. Event is open to all grades K-8 from the St. John Community. Times to be announced shortly. For any questions contact Dave Issing at dave@airi.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

JOB OPPORTUNITY...The Religious Ed Office now has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time benefitted position. The successful candidate will be required to work some evenings and Sundays during the school year. Fluency in Spanish is strongly encouraged. Those interested should apply on line at www.archbalt.org. For information, contact Molly Fern at 410-547-5338. **Application deadline is Friday, Oct. 15th.**

RCIA...Our sessions for those interested in becoming Catholic have already begun, but we are still waiting for YOU! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which persons who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Catholic Church. We meet each Sunday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. If you would like to join us, call Paul Gallagher at 410-848-8443.

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**, Msgr, Art will be speaking on how our relationship with God can grow and be strengthened through Sacred Scripture. We will meet in Portico North from 9-11 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

PARENTS OF STUDENTS preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist should have received the following:

- A letter reminding you of the meeting for Sacramental preparation on either **Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 6:45 pm** in the Portico (North) **OR Thursday, October 15th at 6:45 pm** in Portico (North). Along with this letter was a form requesting baptismal information.
- An invitation to the Mass of Recognition on **Saturday, October 24th at the 4:30 Mass OR Saturday, November 7th at the 4:30 Mass.**

Please call the Religious Education Office if you did not receive this information.

THE YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER is going on now until October 25th. Our hope is that each family will purchase an item from the catalog that each family should have received last week. We appreciate your participation and ask that **all orders be turned in by Sunday,, October 25th.**

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.

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.** 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.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

40 DAYS OF LIFE...The campaign is well underway and lives are being changed and saved! Please consider dedicating some time of prayer or fasting to this effort. St. John's parishioners are encouraged to give public witness in non-confrontational prayer at the Hillcrest Clinic on Rt. 40 in Catonsville. We are looking at **Friday, Oct. 16 and 23** to have a St. John presence at the site but prayers are very welcome on any day. For more information and directions, visit the Respect Life table in the Portico or narthex after all Masses or contact Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068. Directions are also available at the parish center.

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!

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

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.* Call Janet Tenney 410-833-1542 for details.

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.

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!

WHAT DOES THE POPE MEAN BY CHARITY IN TRUTH?

Tired of the yelling? Can we speak the truth with Charity? St. Paul teaches that we are to speak "the truth in love" (Eph.4:15). Part of the truth that we proclaim is the Church's Social Teaching. Often called "the Church's best kept secret," Catholic Social Teaching is suppose to inform the conscience of every Catholic who is called to work in the world. This past summer Pope Benedict XVI issued a very important Encyclical letter "Caritas in Veritate" reflecting on the Church's teaching about social justice, economics, the environment, development and politics especially in light of the economic crisis gripping much of the world. St. John's is sponsoring a reflection on this letter by Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, Archbishop Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics at Mount St. Mary's University, on **Wednesday, October 28th at 7 p.m. in the Portico.** Everyone is welcome to attend..

CANDLELIGHT MASS FOR DECEASED CHILDREN...

A special Mass will be celebrated in memory of deceased children on **Saturday,, November 14th at 7:30 p.m.** If you have suffered the loss of a child and wish to attend, please call Beverly at 443-286-6554, 410-840-0038 or e-mail bbackof@hotmail.com. Because this Mass is personalized with the names of these beloved children, please respond by Thursday, Nov. 11th. A light reception will follow in the Portico.

OPERATION COOKIE DOUGH/A TASTE OF HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS...Deadline Tuesday, Dec. 1

Once again, St. John students will be sending Market Day cookies to the armed forces overseas for the holidays. If you have a loved one, family member or friend whom you would like to receive holiday cookies, please drop off their APO address to the school or parish office by **Dec. 1st.** If you wish to make a monetary donation or place an order for cookies, call Teresa 410-857-9639 or Terry, 410-848-1487.

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. **Label them for Health Care Ministry.**

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.**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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.

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.

STUFFED ANIMALS AND DOLLS that are clean and in good condition are needed for the bazaar. Same drop-off as Market Place. Call Cathy Hoos at 410-876-2442 if you have any questions.

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.

OUTREACH

* THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Please continue to help minister to the poor in Carroll County by remembering that *next weekend (Oct. 17-18) the 3rd weekend of the month is Food Sunday*. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to the church and place in the baskets provided in the narthex of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Please call 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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FAMILY PICNIC...Sat., Oct. 17

The 1st Annual Archdiocese of Baltimore Worldwide Marriage Encounter Family Fall Picnic will be held on *Saturday, Oct. 17th from 12-5 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Patapsco Valley State Park, Orange Grove Shelter #106*. Share the day with other Marriage Encounter couples and families from the Baltimore area who value their marriage-their sacrament. Food, (hamburgers and hot dogs provided by ME) games for kids, hiking, biking, tubing, canoeing and fishing available. Bring a covered dish to share with 10-12 others. **No alcohol**. RSVP: terrybitsy@verizon.net or 410-987-8407 with number attending.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

Oct. 11—Hospitality Sunday— after 7:15, 8:45 & 10:30 Masses

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

Oct. 13—Health Care Meeting— 1 p.m.—Parish Center

Oct. 16—KofC Free Movie Night—7 pm -Portico

Oct. 17, 23-24—Pre-Cana Sessions

Oct. 18—Bereavement Support Group— 10 a.m. Parish Center

Nov. 6—Annual PTF Spaghetti Dinner— 4-8 pm—Portico

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 Portico at 10:00 a.m.**