

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2-Wis 3:1-9; Ps 27;Rom 5:5-11;Jn 6:37-40

7:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions
8:00 a.m. Grace Terese Fischer
3:00 p.m. Julia Ford (Mass at Golden Living Center)
7:00 p.m. Eleanor Lovell

Tuesday, November 3-Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131; Lk 14:15-24

7:00 a.m. Mabel Meredith
8:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions

Wednesday, November 4-Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112; Lk 14:25-33

7:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions
8:00 a.m. Intention of Katie and Tony Maione

Thursday, November 5-Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27; Lk 15:1-10

7:00 a.m. Beth Simpson
8:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions

Friday, November 6 -Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98; Lk 16:1-8

7:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions
9:30 a.m. Florence L. Benesh

Saturday, November 7-Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145; Lk 16:9-15

8:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions
4:30 p.m. Loretta Devlin & Doreen Devlin Smith

Sunday, November 8-1 Kgs 17:10-16;Ps 146;Heb 9:24-28;Mk 12:38-44

7:15 a.m. Donald Marion
8:45 a.m. Edward Hanses
10:30 a.m. All Souls Intentions
12:15 p.m. Alice Hart
3:30 p.m. Candice Brown
6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John

FROM THE PASTOR

I want to share some of my thoughts and concerns as well as the consultation process that was used to make a decision regarding the change in time for the Spanish language Mass. During the past several years attendance at the Spanish language Mass has continued to grow. The current time (3:30 p.m.), the middle of the afternoon leaves little time for family activities. The time has fostered the growth of a "separate but equal" satellite community. There has been very little integration with the rest of the parish.

The current parish weekend schedule offers seven Masses. The addition of the 12:15 p.m. Mass last year only served to spread out the attendance, our overall average did not increase. It is also our least attended English language Mass. I am not sure we will have priests available in the near future to continue with the current schedule. The Spanish language Mass at 12:15 offers the possibility for full integration into the parish community, and when I am scheduled, the homily will be in English. Father Hector will give a summary of his homily in English. Missalettes will be available in both languages. Although change is always difficult, this one also provides our parish with the opportunity to grow in our Faith and become one body in Christ.

The consultation process for my decision has included: the pastoral staff, the liturgy committee, the Pastoral Council, our parish trustees and our Vicar Bishop. Please keep our parish family in your prayers.

May God Bless you,

Mrs. Ant Valeriano

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

We are currently in need of an adorer for **Wednesday** from **2:00-3:00 pm** If you can fill this hour, please call Agnes at the Parish Center, 410-848-4744 x 219.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Sunday, November 1

Is **not** a Holy Day since it falls on a Sunday. The regular Mass schedule applies at 7:15, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. 12:15, 3:30 and 6 p.m.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS... Monday, November 2

There will be an evening Mass for All Souls Day on **Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** At this Mass we will read the names of all the deceased members of the parish who were buried from St. John Parish during the past year. All are welcome to attend.

A PLENARY INDULGENCE can be obtained for the Poor Souls by visiting a cemetery and reciting some prayers from November 1st through November 8th.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Joe Urban, Betty Kern, Ranch Blanch Brenner, Mary Ellen Lurie, Julia Vincelli, Adrienne Breighner and Deacon George Jenkins 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, George Alban, Barbara Shifflett, Evelyn Stipely, Elaine Miller, Karen Feroli, Rosina Pantaleo, Bill Case, Tina Philburn, Julia Ford, Doris Hoffman, Frances Kehler, Kyree Gamble, Marianne Sheehan, John Rafferty, Joseph Kase, Kristen McGraw and Mary Nail Ford.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Karmen Nevaeh Hewitt, daughter of Kandace Sullivan and Jared Hewitt; and Charlotte Rose Librizzi, daughter of Amanda and John Librizzi.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are in loving memory of Sophia Curtis on her birthday and were donated by Dr. and Mrs. Sherrill Cheeks.

MASS INTENTIONS are of such high volume that it occasionally becomes necessary to send them to missions who can respond to them in a timely fashion. The following intentions have recently been sent: Int. of Julia Ford, Pauline Steuer, Joseph Reynold, Jane McKenny(3), Rudolf Hernandez, Celesti Kenny, Richard Scardino, Marie Howell, Marjorie Magdalene Schlitz Smith, Joseph C. DePaola, Sr., John DeFalco, Mike Hart(2), Joe Beaver, Patricia Ann Rismiller, Madeline Doworkowski, Dale Middleton, Ruby Hudson, Robert B. Miller, David L.Schulte, Marion Hickey, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Gilbert Farley, Dorothy Galirn, Josephine Carpenello (2) Dennis Meloche, Helen Althoff, Geneive Brown, Stanley William Kazmerski, Jackie Moseman and Richard Flanigan.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of October 24-25, 2009

Envelopes:	\$20,964.50	Attendance:	3,266
Loose:	<u>\$ 5,836.37</u>	Poor Box:	\$1,663.83

TOTAL: **\$26,800.87**

This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00
Our current weekly average is \$29,156.13.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

ALL SAINTS DAY

STATUS OF MORTGAGE:

Beginning Balance: 10/01/09	\$1,535,727
Paid: Interest \$7,999	
Principal \$17,634	-25,633
Interest Charged	7,999
Ending Balance 11/01/09	\$1,518,093

NOTICE: Use Mortgage Fund Envelopes for second collection on

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the recent collection for the Propagation of the Faith. The amount collected was \$6,183.24.

OFFERTORY PROGRAM BEGINS...Next weekend, we will begin a program that asks everyone to reflect on the amount that they give to Offertory. This review will ask several questions. They are:

1. Do I have a need to give or do I give only when there is a need?
2. Do I understand that there is an obligation to provide regular financial support to the parish?
3. Where does the parish fit relative to the other ways that I spend my money?
4. How much do I give to the parish on a weekly basis? (If you give monthly or quarterly, calculate your weekly commitment to put it in perspective)
5. Is it too much, too little or just right?
6. If I am not at the parish for one or more Sundays, do I make up the amount that I have not given?
7. How much will I give each week during the coming year?

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John School will open a Pre-K program in the 2010-11 academic year. If you have an interest in this program, now or in the future, please take a moment to complete the survey which was in last week's bulletin and return it to the school by Nov. 1st.

St. John School Open House will take place on *Sunday, Nov. 1st* from **10 am-2 pm** for perspective students and their parents. Teachers and staff will be available for tours and to answer any questions regarding our faith centered academic program.

St. John Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on *Friday, Nov. 6th* from **4-8 pm in the Portico**. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12 and under 3 are free. If you would like to volunteer for this event or for further information call Lisa Tartaglia at 410-876-6637.

St. John Live/Silent Auction and Dinner will be held *Saturday, Jan. 16th*. Donated items would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ginger Bruha at 410-635-3532 or sgbruha@gmail.com. Also visit the school website at www.sjwestschool.org to view the auction site and for donor forms.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER...a big "Thank You" goes out to everyone who participated in our annual Yankee Candle Fundraiser. We really appreciate the efforts of the many families who returned large orders. Pick up information will be given to students in mid-November.

HOME STUDY will meet on *Wednesday, Nov. 4th* at 6:45 p.m.

PARENTS OF STUDENTS preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist are reminded the next Mass of Recognition is *Saturday, November 7th at 4:30 p.m.* If you were not able to attend on Saturday, October 24th at the 4:30 Mass you are invited to attend on November 7th.

Parents should have received a notice about the Celebration of Reconciliation that was sent home through your child's folder. If you did not receive this information, you can go to our website at www.sjwest.org.

REMINDER...First Reconciliation will be held on *Thurs., Nov. 12th at 4:30* and *Tues., Nov. 17th at 4:30 and 6:45 p.m.* Please come directly to the Church. Students will sit with their families.

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!

Nov. 8—Lights out Dodge Ball...If you love dodge ball you are going to love this game. We turn all the lights out, have glow sticks and have a lot of fun playing in the gym. It's one of my favorite nights, hopefully it will be yours too! Bring your friends! We will be learning about heaven that night too. Meet in St. John gym on the 8th!

Nov. 22—Pumpkin Bowling...Yes, we are going to have the lanes, the bowling pins, but instead of bowling balls we are using pumpkins for the Thanksgiving Holiday! You do not want to miss this night! Meet in St. John gym! This night the theme will be "Don't Give Up!"

— 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!

Babysitting...The Confirmation Program is looking for a baby sitter Thursday afternoons from 4:30-5:45 p.m. starting Nov. 19th and lasting until March. Anyone interested should contact Kenn at kdemoll@sjwest.org.

Nov. 8— ADORATION...Come spend some quiet time with Christ in the real presence!

Nov. 15— So, You think you Can Dance?...Based on the hit TV show, Life Teen is asking you the question: Do you think you can dance? If you can't don't worry! You'll be broken up into a team of your peers, given a random prop and a song and given the chance to construct a dance! Hope to see you there!

Dec. 11-13-LIFE TEEN Advent Retreat:"Glorious Rock"...Our Advent Retreat is set for Dec. 11-13th. Since music is such a large part of teenager's lives, we will be doing a musically themed retreat! The focus of the retreat is on the psalms and King David, helping the teens to better learn how to pray with the psalms in the Mass and through Liturgy of the Hours. Teenagers will also have the chance to participate in a "Guitar Hero" tournament and play at a coffee house on the retreat. The cost is \$55 and the deadline to register is Nov. 15th! To sign up contact Kenn at kdemoll@sjwest.org.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

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. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center or at church. *Label them for Health Care Ministry.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WRAP GIFTS...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 PARISH BREAKFAST...Sunday, November 1
The Knights of Columbus are cooking breakfast for the parish in the Portico after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Msgr. Art has asked that *this month's proceeds be used for the benefit of the Religious Education Ministries of the parish.* This is an excellent opportunity to support a great 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. *Join us the 1st Sunday of each month through May.*

RANGER ROSARY...Sunday, Nov. 1
Fr. Tyson wood has requested "Back to School" kits for the soldiers to give to the Iraqi children. *We will accept donations on Sunday, November 1st at the Knight's breakfast* so we can purchase items needed. This list is very specific so monetary donations are appropriate. For more details call Carolyn Peters, 410-876-8268.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE...Sunday, Nov. 1
Everyone is invited to our Open House in our main school building from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. on Nov. 1st. Stop over before or after Mass and see the good news of our parish school in action! Tour the school, meet the principal, teachers and staff and enjoy some refreshment too! Our motto is "Christ-centered learning; Christ-modeled love" and we put our faith in action every day! For more information, call Sue at 410-876-7228.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE...Thursday, Nov. 5
Our next monthly meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome. Any questions or items for the agenda, call Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER...Friday, Nov. 6
Enjoy an authentic delicious Italian dinner in a casual atmosphere with family and friends from 4-8 pm in the Portico. See bulletin insert for details. If you like to be a sponsor, help out or for more information, contact Lisa Tartaglia at 410-876-6637.

LADIES SODALITY...Sunday, November 8
The Sodality will attend Mass as a group at the 8:45 Mass. We will recite the rosary after Mass in front of statue of the Blessed Mary, followed by our monthly meeting in the parish center. All parishioners are invited to join us in the recitation of the rosary. Anyone wishing the rosary to be recited at a funeral home may call the parish center to make arrangements. All ladies 18 and older are invited to join the Sodality. Please call Carolyn Keiner at 410-848-4563 for further information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PATRIOTS DINNER...Sun.,Nov.8
The James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly is holding our annual Patriots Dinner on *Nov. 8 in the Portico, beginning at 4 p.m.* followed by dinner at 5 p.m. This year's special honorees are our military chaplains. Join us as we honor these brave men of the cloth. This year we have had two Catholic Chaplains killed in the line of duty. Guest speaker this year is Col. Sean Lee, Chaplain Maryland National Guard. Come enjoy a wonderful Italian meal catered by Giulianovas. Tickets are \$20 and can be ordered by contacting John Bryan at scout381@comcast.net or by calling 410-848-7126. Dress is black tie or business attire.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY MEETING...Tues., Nov. 10
Our next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th in the Parish Center. All Health Care ministers are encouraged to attend and all interested parishioners are welcome. We will focus on the what to do and what not to do when visiting the sick.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER...Friday, Nov. 13
Be sure to join us for our *last* chicken dinner of the season from 4-7 pm in the Portico Adults \$8, kids 5-10—\$4 and under 5 eat free. Desserts are available, but are extra.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, Nov. 15
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 info call Janet Tenney, 410-833-1542.

ST. JOHN WISDOM CLUB...Thursday, Nov. 19
The Wisdom Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 19th at noon for Mass celebrated by Fr. Gerard followed by luncheon in the Portico. Bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks and refreshment provided. We will be having a "*Silent Auction.*" Bring your items with you on that day. For details, please call Bonnie at 410-795-0786.

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, drop off their APO address to the school or parish office by *Dec. 1st.* To make a monetary donation or place an order for cookies, call Teresa 410-857-9639 or Terry, 410-848-1487.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL GALA...Friday, December 4
All parishioners are cordially invited to attend our St. John School Gala at 6:30 p.m. in the Portico. Bishop Rozanski will join Msgr. Art, fellow parishioners, local businesses, alumni and others to honor Mr. Charles O. Fisher, Sr., for his lifetime of community service. Tickets for this special evening, including dinner, music and libations-are \$125 each or \$1,500 a table.(Black Tie optional) Proceeds will support our St. John scholarship endowment fund! Your attendance honors two community stalwarts: Mr. Fisher and St. John School! To purchase tickets/table or to place an ad in the program, call Colleen at 410-876-22482248,ext. 218 today.

ALL SAINTS DAY

CHRISTMAS CANTATA...Saturday, December 5

The music ministry of St. John's will present a Christmas Cantata from 7-8 p.m. in the Church. Please join us for this evening of sacred music, presented by all the music groups of our parish, to commemorate the birth of our King! A free will offering will be taken (suggested \$5.00 per person attending) and fellowship will follow in the school cafeteria. For more information, please contact Regina McCurdy at 410-876-3850 or rmccurdy816@yahoo.com. or Sarah Howes at 443-605-3538, or dshowes@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your neighbors who are hungry and needy. Please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

The next meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society is **Wednesday, November 4th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Portico.

The Shepherd's Staff Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held here at St. John's School Cafeteria on **Thursday, Nov. 26th from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.** Please help us provide the canned vegetables (101 oz cans) for the dinner. Vegetables needed are: green beans, whole kernel corn, sauerkraut, apple sauce, cranberry sauce and instant potatoes. Please bring these items to the school cafeteria any weekday starting Nov. 1st through Nov. 20th. Any questions call Joe Wade, 410-876-2785. To request meal delivery for the homebound or for emergency transportation call 410-857-5944.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

Nov. 1 — KofC Parish Breakfast-after morning masses—Portico

Nov. 1—School Open House—10-2 p.m.

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

Nov. 8—Hospitality Sunday after morning masses—Portico

Nov. 13—Chicken Dinner—4-7 pm. Portico

Nov. 14—Mass for Deceased Children—7:30 p.m.

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 7-8 pm —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 (Nov. 29)** of each month **in the Portico at 10:00 a.m.**