

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9 -Ez 47:1-2, 8-12;Ps 84;1 Cor 3:9c-17;Jn 2:13-22

7:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions

8:00 a.m. Jonah Dunn

2:00 p.m. Int. of Trish Harrison (Mass at Carroll Lutheran)

7:00 p.m. CYO Basketball Program

Tuesday, November 10-Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10

7:00 a.m. All Souls Intentions

8:00 a.m. Richard M. Baeder

Wednesday, November 11-Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19

7:00 a.m. Charles Keiner, III

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Arnold

Thursday, November 12-Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25

7:00 a.m. Madeline Dworkowski

8:00 a.m. Josephine Valenzano

Friday, November 13 -Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37

7:00 a.m. James E. Fisher

9:30 a.m. David J. McNamara

Saturday, November 14 -Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8

8:00 a.m. Richard Flanigan

4:30 p.m. Jimmy Crest

7:30 p.m. Mass for Deceased Children

Sunday, November 15-Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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

8:45 a.m. Rosemary Klunk

10:30 a.m. Antonio and Antonia Zito

12:15 p.m. Candice Brown

3:30 p.m. Dick Flanigan

6:00 p.m. Evelyn Arnold

FROM THE PASTOR

Stewardship weekend provides me with the opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for your faithful support of our parish, give an account of how your donations were used and invite you to renew your commitment. I am deeply grateful for the sacrifices you have and continue to make so that the ministry and mission of our parish can flourish. A summary of the parish and school financial statements has been mailed to all registered parishioners. If you have not received the mailing in the next week or so, please contact the parish office. I am particularly grateful for your continued support of the parish, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry through generous donations to the Poor Box, to the many families that responded to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (that enabled the parish to surpass its goal last year) and the continuing response to the monthly "Fifth Sunday" Mortgage collection.

I will speak at all the Masses this weekend to encourage us to be open to an ever growing appreciation of the blessing we have received from God. Enriched by these blessings and strengthened by His grace, we are invited to respond accordingly. Thanks be to God for the people of St. John parish, your continued sacrifices and spirit of cooperation are a wonderful testimony to our Catholic Faith.

May God Bless you,

Msgr. Art Valenzano

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.

WE PRAY ...

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS for all who are homebound or in nursing homes and for all the sick, especially Julia Ford, Mary Naill Ford, George Alban, Linda Knight, Joseph Kase, Marianne Sheehan, Rosina Pantaleo, Larry McDaniel, Karen Feroli, Jay Underkoffler, Julia Franklin, Michael Clark, Erin Dean, Denise Swartzbaugh, Joan Delker, Donna Barraclough, Bill Case, Mary Ann Gotschall, Doris Hoffman and James R. Brown.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Sydney Marie Eaton, daughter of Rachael Matthews and Raymond Eaton; Nicholas Andrew Kilgore, son of Aimee and Shawn Kilgore; and Owen Allen Smith, son of Julie and Dale Smith.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of October 31-Nov. 1, 2009

Envelopes: \$25,214.20 Attendance: 3,170

Loose: \$ 4,870.59 Poor Box: \$2,541.88

TOTAL: \$30,084.79

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

Our current weekly average is \$29,207.72.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

Amount collected in October from the 5th Sunday of the month
(now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program)
\$10,449.73.

OFFERTORY PROGRAM...This week, you will receive a brochure that is being mailed to you. This brochure not only contains information regarding the nature of the Parish Offertory Program, it also contains information on the current giving of our parishioners and the income and expense budget of our parish.

You are asked to carefully study the brochure and to note the financial giving recommendations that it contains. These recommendations are categorized by personal income so that they are fair to all.

Next weekend, during Mass, you will receive a commitment card and will be asked to indicate your weekly commitment. Regardless of whether you give monthly, quarterly, etc., please indicate the amount that your gifts represent on a weekly basis.

If you have not used envelopes or checks in the past, please begin to do so. It is very important for us to know how many members of our parish are actively involved in offering their financial support.

Please make a conscious effort to examine your spending priorities, see where our parish is currently placed within them and, then, adjust your priorities as you deem necessary based on our obligation to support the work of the Lord.

If you do change the amount that you give, you should begin giving that new amount by January 1, 2010.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOHN SCHOOL/PTF ROLLER SKATING..Wed., Nov. 11
The fun returns this week on Wed., Nov. 11th at Sportsman Hall for the St. John School PTF Roller Skating Family Fun Night. Bring your own skates and skate for free (no outdoor skates permitted), or you may rent them for \$2. Come out for a night of excitement and fun from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This event is open to everyone in the St. John Parish and School, and is sponsored by the PTF. For questions, contact Dave Issing at dave@airi.org.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

GIFT CARDS...Need a last minute gift for someone? Remember you can purchase gift cards for Kohl's, Boscov's, Giant/Martins, Super Fresh, Shoppers, Weis through St. John at face value and we receive a 5% return on each card! These cards do not expire and can be used in other states. Cards are available for purchase at St. John School, at the Knights breakfast on the 1st Sunday of each month and also at Hospitality Sundays. You can also participate in eScript by registering your Safeway card annually, returning a percentage to us. Also register your Target or Target Visa card for a 1% return profit to St. John School (ID#7784). Register on line or call 800-316-8142. For more information call the school office at 410-876-7228 or Darlene at 410-876-7031

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

COLLEGE RETREAT...December 18-19

We will be offering our annual Advent retreat for college-age young adults December 18-19th at Blue Ridge Summit. The cost will be \$55. The theme this year is "Behold!" and we will be joined by two other parishes, so sign up early! More information is available on the parish website under youth tab. *Parents, please pass this information on!*

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

THANK YOU...a special thanks goes out to everyone who participated in the Knights of Columbus Breakfast last Sunday. The proceeds will be used for the Edge Middle School Youth Ministry. Thanks to the Knights for helping us out.

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. Forms requesting Baptismal information for any student preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist should be turned into the Religious Ed office by November 30th.

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!

Nov. 22—Church teaching on birth control...We will be doing a teaching night open to both parents and teenagers about the Church's teaching on birth control. The night will consist of an opening skit, separate presentations for parents and teens, separate large group discussions and then a joint prayer time for parents and teenagers. Snacks will be provided! Please consider attending this special informative event!

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! 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. Come and join in the fun!

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 is Col. Sean Lee, Chaplain Maryland National Guard. Come enjoy a wonderful Italian meal catered by Giulianovas. Contact John Bryan at scout381@comcast.net or by calling 410-848-7126. Dress is black tie or business attire.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY. Sunday, Nov. 8

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.

RANGER ROSARY DONATIONS...Sunday, Nov. 8

Fr. Tyson Wood has requested "Back to School Kits" for the soldiers to give to the Iraqi children. We will accept donations at Hospitality Sunday so we can purchase items needed. The list is very specific so monetary donations are appropriate. For more information call Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING...Monday, Nov. 9

The Liturgy Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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 410-876-2248, ext. 218 today.

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.

ST. JOHN BLOOD DRIVE... Monday, Dec. 7

Our next blood drive is Monday Dec. 7th from 2-8 p.m. in the Portico. In memory of all those who shed their blood 68 years ago, please donate. We still need phone callers. To help or to make an appointment call Ted Cook at 410-876-2107.

WISDOM CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON...Thurs., Dec. 10

Our Christmas luncheon will take place at Martin's Westminster. Arrival time is 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost for members is \$30 and for non-members \$32. *Reservations and money are due to Bonnie no later than November 19th.* For further information, call Bonnie at 410-795-0786.

MEN IN BLACK BASKETBALL...Friday, April 30

Save the date! St. John parishioners vs. Archdiocesan priests and seminarians at Westminster High in an exciting basketball game. Watch the bulletin for more details.

THANK YOU...Illuminate Catholic Women's Conference thanks all of the women of our parish who attended our conference on Oct. 9-10 and to all who prayed for its success. It was so well received and quite a blessing to all who attended. Thanks too, for the support of the St. John staff who so ably assisted us in this first endeavor, especially, our beloved Pastor, Msgr. Art. God's blessings to all.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 50/50 GRAND RAFFLE...Please support the raffle to help defray the bazaar expenses. Return the sold or unsold tickets to the parish office or school. Additional tickets are available at the Parish Office, School or Church entrances. *MINIMUM PRIZE IS \$3,000.*

BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS MEETING...Nov. 10 or 12

There will be a meeting for all chairpersons on Tuesday, Nov. 10th OR Thursday, Nov. 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. It is only necessary to attend one of these meetings. Please call Jim Diggs if you are unable to attend, 410-346-6576.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR...Due to limited bulletin space this week please refer to blue insert in last week's bulletin for a complete list of all items needed for the Christmas bazaar. *Copies of the insert are available at the parish center, the doors of the church, Hospitality Sundays, the bookstore or call the parish center.*

OUTREACH

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Please continue to minister to the poor in Carroll County by remembering that next weekend is **FOOD SUNDAY**, (the 3rd Sunday of the month). Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to the narthex of the church and place in the baskets provided at the doors of the church.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

WITH ONE VOICE...Saturday, November 21

Join us for an evening of fine music to benefit Carroll County Domestic Violence Safe House at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Church. Groups participating: Ted Dix, organist, Children's Chorus of Carroll County, McDaniel College Madrigal Singers, Carroll Singers, Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus, Masterworks Chorale, Westminster and Ellicott Trombone Choirs, Genesis One, Coram Deo, Carroll's Idol 2009—Floyd Jones. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 16 and are available at: Carroll Arts Council, Coffey Music, Optics Ltd., Stu's Music, Hess Music, Family and Children's Services Office, Human Services Programs Office or at the door. For more information call 410-876-1233 ext. 0 or 410-857-2999 ext. 3060.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:

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

- 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. 15**—Bereavement Support Group—10 a.m.—Parish Center
- Dec. 19**—Wisdom Club Meeting—12 p.m.—Church
- 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
- Dec. 6**—Parish Breakfast with Santa—Portico

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.**