

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, - November 23 -Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-26; Lk 21:1-4
7:00 a.m. Horace "Mac" McCullin
8:00 a.m. Clotilde Drechsler
2:00 p.m. Hans and Mary Listfeld (Mass at Carroll Lutheran)

Tuesday, -November 24 -Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
7:00 a.m. Rudolf Hernandez
8:00 a.m. Smith Eckenrode

Wednesday, -November 25 -Dn 5:1-6,13-17,23-28;Dn 3:62-67;Lk 21:12-19
7:00 a.m. Bessie P. Burton
8:00 a.m. Rita Walsh d'Epangier

Thursday, -November 26 -Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
9:00 a.m. Jane McKenny

Friday, - November 27 -Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
7:00 a.m. Stephan Tamburo, Jr.
9:30 a.m. Genevieve Brown

Saturday, -November 28 -Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
8:00 a.m. Teresa Dawedeit
4:30 p.m. Atemkeng L. Fondong

Sunday, -November 29-Jer 33:14-16;Ps 25;1 Thes 3:12-4:2;Lk 21:25-28,34-36
7:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Lurie
8:45 a.m. Marion Marino
10:30 a.m. Int. of Dave & Terry Street and Family
12:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. John
3:30 p.m. James W. Schultz, III
6:00 p.m. Candice Brown

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Thanksgiving! Part of the beauty of this wonderful holiday is the blending of the sacred and the secular. This is truly a national holiday, an American celebration bringing families together in prayerful recognition of blessing received and sacrifices offered. I join with our pastoral staff and our parish school to thank God and thank you. I also would like to invite you to the parish Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m. Parishioners are invited to bring a gift of nonperishable food that will be given to Carroll Food Sunday and the offering will be donated to Shepherd's Staff (a non-profit organization supported by the Westminster Ministerium).

I also want to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and participants in the annual PTF Spaghetti Dinner. Although I think it was the best one yet, be sure to mark the First Friday in November on your calendar for next year...I hear the pasta will be even better!

May God Bless you,

Mary Ann Valerone

NOTICE: The parish offices and school *will be closed* on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2009 for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be only one Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

We are currently in need of an adorer for *Sundays* from 11:00-12:00 midnight If you can fill this hour, please call Agnes at the Parish Center, 410-848-4744 x 219.

PARISH-WIDE ROSARY CAMPAIGN...Sunday, Nov. 22

Beginning Sunday, November 22nd, the Rosary will be recited in the Church each week between the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The Rosary will begin at 9:55 a.m. and will be offered for all intentions of the parishioners. We will meet in the Church near the Blessed Mother statue. Everyone is welcome to join us as we lift up to God the needs of our families, church, communities and the world.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR SPANISH MASS...Beginning Sunday, December 6th, there will *no longer be a Mass at 3:30.* The Spanish Mass *will be at 12:15 p.m.* on Sundays. Please make note of the time change as of that date.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Denise Swartzbaugh, Willa Shriver and Jack Markland 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, Jeffrey Shea, Doris Hoffman, Mary Ford Naill, Julia Ford, Martha Moses, John Burns, Sr., Nicholas Polanski, Karen Feroli, Michael Clark, Larry McDaniel, Marianne Sheehan, Trina Ridolfi, Todd, DeMario, Rosina Pantaleo, Mary Ann Gotschall, Marie Pepsin and William Scalley, Jr.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Luca Anthony Simonello, son of Andrea and Peter Simonello; and Alexander Doon Reinhardt, son of Lisa and Melvin Reinhart.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are in memory of James J. Fogarty, III.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of November 15-16, 2009

Envelopes: \$23,443.53 Attendance: 3,233

Loose: \$ 5,258.81 Poor Box: \$2,234.26

TOTAL: \$28,702.34

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

Our current weekly average is \$29,592.08.

Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

SECOND COLLECTION....The second collection *this weekend (Nov. 21-22)* is for the Campaign for Human Development.

SCHOOL NEWS

GIFT CARDS...will be sold after all Sunday masses through December 13 for Neighbors in Need and/or your personal use. Gift cards are also available in the school office from 8:30-3:45 pm Monday thru Friday, at the Knights of Columbus breakfast and Hospitality Sundays. Donations for Neighbors in Need are gratefully accepted. If anyone would like to place a large order for gift cards for the Christmas season, please call the school office by December 9th. Gift cards are available for Food Lion, Giant/Martins. Shoppers, Super Fresh, Weis, Boscov's and Kohl's. For more information call the school office at 410-876-7228.

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. Visit our website at www.sjwestschool.org to view the auction site and for donor forms.

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

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION for any student preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist *MUST* be turned into the Religious Education Office by *November 30th*. If you do not have this form, please call the Religious Ed Office.

REMINDER...There will be no Religious Ed classes on *Tuesday, November 24th, Thursday, November 26th* and *Sunday, November 29th*. The Religious Education Staff would like to wish all of our families and volunteers a very blessed Thanksgiving.

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. 22—Pumpkin Bowling...Please dress warm for this event, but we are going to have a blast bowling with pumpkins. Bring your friends and meet in front of the St. John gym lobby at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Mandy is excited to show you her bowling skills and so is her core team. Bring any middle school friends you know, drink and food will be provided, and a special fall treat for all who come.

Dec. 13 — The Edge is *making gingerbread houses* and they are not just your everyday gingerbread houses. We are going to make huge mansions to decorate. The best part is you will be able to eat candy while making the houses. Then, afterward you can take them home to share. This is one of our crazy fun nights, lots of candy, icing, chocolate and more. You don't want to miss it. Meet in the gym lobby at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 19 & 20 —Live Nativity...The Edge needs your help! Ms. Mandy is looking for middle school students to help with the live Nativity this year. The Edge is having it *after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 19th and after the 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 20th*. She needs about seven kids to volunteer. The cool part is that you are going to be seen by the entire parish, yay! Please contact Mandy Komar at mkomar@swjest.org if you want your child to be involved. Thank you for your help!

— 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!

Nov. 22—Contrary to Popular Belief...Life Teen will offer 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 great event in the Portico at 7:15 p.m.

Nov. 29—R-U-IN...Have you ever wondered why the Catholic Church says we are the one true faith? Well, it's because we have the best club house, that you have to slide down to get into. What? But, seriously this is going to be a great night that makes you please you are Catholic!

Dec. 11-13.. GLORIOUS ROCK...The annual LIFE TEEN Advent Retreat is going to be from Dec. 11-13. Our theme this year is music! We are going to teach you about prayer using the Psalms, such as Liturgy of the Hours. Oh, and did we mention the Guitar Hero Tournament, the Musician Coffee House for anyone to play in and the live rock band we are going to have on retreat with us? So far, over 50 teens have signed up for the retreat! Are you one of them? If not, contact Kenn at kdemoll@sjwest.org for how you can register for this great event!

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. **Additional items needed:** Hand towels, kitchen towels, sponges, pot holders, dish detergent and pens. 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!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY... Sunday, Nov. 22

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.

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

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. Please remember our troops for the Christmas holidays and help out!

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 icons: Mr. Fisher and St. John School! To purchase tickets/table, 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.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA...Sunday, December 6

The Knights of Columbus will be cooking breakfast for the parish in the Portico after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses and *Santa will be joining us*. This month's Parish Breakfast will benefit the Christmas Bazaar, so please come and have breakfast with Santa. This is an excellent opportunity to support a great cause, meet new parishioners and to enjoy a delicious breakfast of French toast, pancakes, eggs, creamed chipped beef, sausage gravy, corned beef hash and more.

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 LUNCH...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. For reservations or information call Bonnie at 410-795-0786.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION...Dec. 11-12

Join us on December 11th in the Church for a "Serenade to the Virgin Mary" with Mariachis from 11p.m. to 1:00 a.m. On December 12th we will begin the celebration at 5:15 p.m. with a procession starting at the Fire Station to Main Street, to Pennsylvania Ave., to Monroe Street and to the Church for Mass at 7:00 p.m. A reception will be held at West Middle School Cafeteria with traditional music, dance and food from Mexico after Mass.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE...Friday, January 22

Save the date!!! The March for Life will take place in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 22. Our parish will sponsor two buses. Details to follow in future bulletins. Please plan on attending this national event that memorializes the anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous decision that decriminalized abortion, Roe v. Wade.

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.

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.**

THE BAKE TABLE...If you bake it, we will sell it!!! To make the Christmas Bazaar successful, we need hundreds of cookies, cakes, pies, breads, cupcakes and loaf cakes. If you would like to meet people and to help the parish, please consider volunteering to work the day of the bazaar on Dec. 5th. If you can help us by baking or volunteering the day of the bazaar, call Mary Mussari at 410-848-3354 or Mary Jo Judge at 410-857-5655.

NORTH POLE CANDY TABLE...We are gratefully accepting Christmas type candy, canes, Santa pops, wrapped chocolate figures and assorted homemade things that children would like to buy, popcorn balls, krispie treats, etc. Creative items are great. Contact me if you can make something or can help out in any way. Donations can be dropped at the school, parish center or in the narthex of the church. Contact Lila Yingling, 410-876-1162.

CANDY & FUDGE TABLE needs donations of sugar, chocolate chips, peanut butter, nuts and Kraft marshmallow cr me. We will also accept grocery store gift cards! If you have a favorite candy recipe consider making some to donate to the bazaar. **WE DESPERATELY NEED DONATIONS!** Donations should be left in the blue containers labeled Candy & Fudge in the back of the church, parish center or school office. For questions or to volunteer call Diane Miller, 410-861-6154.

ANGELS MINI MALL...needs large candy bars, scented candles, any bath & body products, kitchen utensils & towels, pot holders, jewelry & boxes, trinkets, pet treats or toys, sports paraphernalia (companies with giveaways, please help!) Your generosity provides our "Little Angels" the opportunity to shop for themselves and experience the joy of the gift giving season. Label donations **ANGELS/Christine Myers**. Volunteers needed. Service hours awarded. For information call Christine 410-876-5627.

THE MARKETPLACE will accept donations of useable goods 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, kitchenware, baby items, etc. **NO CLOTHES OR SHOES.** Call Regina Sell if you have questions 410-876-6170.

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.

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 can help or can donate other materials. All season crafts are welcome.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ITEMS NEEDED...Check drawers, closets, attics, for statues, pictures, plaques, angels, jewelry, medals, rosaries, etc. (new or used). Call Dawn at 410-876-0250 if you have any questions.

OUTREACH THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide families with food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you.

CARING AND SHARING TREE...Beginning this weekend (*Nov. 21-22*) the Caring and Sharing Trees will be in the narthex and at the side doors of the church. We are counting on your generosity to provide those in need with a blessed and joyful Christmas.

The Shepherd's Staff Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held here at St. John School Cafeteria on **Thursday, Nov. 26th from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.** 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. 26—Thanksgiving Dinner—12-2:30—Cafeteria

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

Dec. 7—St. John Blood Drive –2-8 p.m. Portico

THE PORTICO OF ST. JOHN BOOKS + GIFTS...

Stop by for a discount coupon! Volunteers needed for weekends—must be 18 years of age and STAND trained. See or call Jean 410-848-9140 for more information.

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.**