

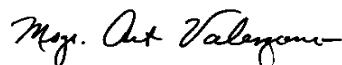
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, -January 11-1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20
 7:00 a.m. Dennis Yingling
 8:00 a.m. Anna Greene
 2:00 p.m. Hildegard Ann Stater (Mass at Carroll Lutheran)
Tuesday, -January 12-1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
 7:00 a.m. Intention of Pete Urick
 8:00 a.m. Joan Lehnert
Wednesday, -January 13-1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39
 7:00 a.m. Bernadette Morgan
 8:00 a.m. Joseph Reynolds
Thursday, -January 14-1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45
 7:00 a.m. Isidore Codispodi
 8:00 a.m. Angelo DiVincenzo
Friday, -January 15-1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12
 7:00 a.m. Martha Moses
 9:30 a.m. Nora Lee Perron
Saturday, -January 16-1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17
 8:00 a.m. Kathyne Hinkleman
 4:30 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, -January 17-1 Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
 7:15 a.m. Richard Flanagan
 8:45 a.m. Anna Greene
 10:30 a.m. Kathleen Doyle
 12:15 p.m. Parishioners of St. John
 6:00 p.m. Katherine McKindles

FROM THE PASTOR

Today's feast, the Baptism of the Lord, concludes the Christmas season. After enjoying all the festivities of this holy season, life begins to settle down and the temptation is to allow our lives to get back to normal. Let us not forget the enduring message of Christmas, especially now. Our world longs for and seeks the gift of peace that only God can give. Having welcomed the Prince of Peace into our hearts, let us be instruments of peace in our families. The dark and cold nights of winter enable us to long for and appreciate the warmth and light of spring. Having welcomed the Light of Christ into our hearts, let us carry that light to those who live in darkness and fear. Although the Christmas decorations have come down, the substance of Christmas remains to nurture and sustain us. The days and nights of winter provide us opportunity not to go back to what was normal, but to go forward to what good things God has in store for us today.

May God Bless you,



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.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Joseph Notich and Mary Lou Gallahan 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, Bob Kehler, Janet Stewart, Frances Kehler, Julia Ford, Karen Feroli, Michael Clark, Mary Ford Naill, David Doan, Mark Dyson, Doris Hoffman, Jay Underkoffler, Violet Hayes, Margaret Blye, Mary Redmond, Barbara Shifflett, Mary Ann Gotschall and Boyd Kulick.

BAPTISMS... Congratulations and welcome to Margaret Theresa Hershberger, daughter of Anne Dorwart and Richard Hershberger; Jennifer Martinez and Joselyn Thalia Martinez-Araujo, daughters of Leticia Araujo Rodrigues and Luis A. Martinez -Aguirre; Darcy Sharon Watson and Sheena Virginia Watson, daughters of Pamela and Todd Watson; and Lydia Rose Hofmeister, daughter of Donna and Thomas Hofmeister.

| STEWARDSHIP | |
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| WEEKLY OFFERING: Weekend of December 26-27, 2009 | |
| Envelopes: \$28,221.50 | Attendance: 2,834 |
| Loose: \$ 4,154.07 | Poor Box: \$1,710.00 |
| TOTAL: \$32,375.57 | |
| This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00 Our current weekly average is \$29,402.69. Please remember St. John when formulating your will. Christmas collection was \$99,297.90. Attendance: 6,321. | |

| STEWARDSHIP | |
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| WEEKLY OFFERING AND COMPARISON: | |
| <u>Weekend of January 2-3, 2010</u> | <u>Weekend of Jan.3-4, 2009</u> |
| Envelopes: \$27,841.03 | Envelopes: \$27,600.27 |
| Loose: \$ 4,346.74 | Loose: \$ 5,365.00 |
| TOTAL: \$32,187.77 | TOTAL: \$32,965.27 |
| Attendance: 3,206 | Attendance: 3,339 |
| Poor Box: \$2,695.15 | Poor Box: \$2,841.10 |
| This year's budget is based on a weekly offering of \$30,500.00. Last year's budget was based on a weekly offering of \$32,700.00. Our current weekly average is \$29,505.84. Last year weekly average was: \$30,154.37. | |

| STATUS OF MORTGAGE: | |
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| Beginning Balance: 12/01/09 | \$1,500,367 |
| Paid: Interest \$7,814 | |
| Principal \$17,819 | -25,633 |
| Interest Charged | 7,814 |
| Ending Balance 01/01/10 | \$1,480,548 |

Amount collected in December from the 5th Sunday of the month (now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program) \$12,202.36.

SECOND COLLECTION...January 16-17
 There will be a second collection next weekend for the special care of diocesan priests.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The following Christmas Flower Memorials were received after the printing of the bulletin insert: Judy Ferencz, J. Melvin Comes, Edeltraut Yastrzemsky, Dorothy Kraus, Marie Kline, Bev Greenholtz, Henry Telljohann, M/Sgt. Wm. Bandorick, Barbara H. Bandorick, Wm. Bandorick, II, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Galipo, Mr. Ronnie Jana, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Baccala, Mr. Gary Gordon, Mr. & Mrs. Roy. P. Garnand, Mr. & Mrs. Carson McCrea, Mrs. Rita Romani, Miss Anne Ruzzi, John H. Fisher, Jr., Charles H. O'Donnell, Jr., Lillie Offutt O'Donnell, Courtney Naughton, Jack Lingenfelter, Grandmother & Grandfather Smithson, Grandmother & Grandfather Wagner, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Smith, Mr. Kenneth G. Smith, Mr. Edmund W. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley J. Novinsky, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ellwood, The Mitchell Family, Marie T. Booth, Joseph Latchford, Mr. & Mrs. John Yanson, Hester & Ron Phillips, Pauline Bond, Joyce King, Jean Kaumeyer, Ernest & Florence Aleandro, William Salacuse, Norma Michael, Rose Strausser, Polinsky Family, Pukas Family, Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy H. Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Irvin M. Bohr, Sr., Carl E. Raith, Mildred & Frank McDuffee, Gail Dyer, and Frances & Robert Raider.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME... (PSALM 138:3)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of you have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. This year our parish has designated that our own St. John School will receive 50% of our parish share to assist our tuition assistance program. In addition, Our Lady of Pompeii and St. Michael, Frostburg will each receive 25% of our parish share toward their tuition assistance programs.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "When I called, you answered me." Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese serve as a sign of our gratitude not only for God's answers to our prayers but also as a sign of our recognition that all that we are and all that we have are gifts given to us by God.

Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world.

Our parish receives **25% of** each dollar contributed **up to** our goal of \$163,800. Then, we receive **50% of the additional funds received**. As stated, this year, we will commit our parish rebates to St. John School Tuition Assistance Program as well as the tuition assistance programs for St. Michael, Frostburg and Our Lady of Pompeii, Highlandtown.

Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support!

SCHOOL NEWS

PTF FAMILY FUN NIGHT—BINGO...Friday, Jan. 15

In response to many of you, we are having a Bingo night in the school cafeteria starting at 7 p.m. The event is FREE and open to all of the St. John Community. Family Fun Nights are designed to bring students, families, friends and staff together for some great fun. Contact Dave Issing at dave@airi.org for more details.

ST. JOHN PRE-K PROGRAM 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR...

Next year St. John will be offering 2 Pre-K classes for 4 year olds. Any child who is 4 by September 1, 2010 is eligible to enroll. We will offer one class in the morning, 5 days M-F, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Our afternoon class will be 3 days MWF from 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Registration will begin in January with the regular school registration.** We are in the process of calculating tuition for both programs. Watch the bulletin for more details on Pre-K classes.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDY...The Study of St. Mark's Gospel and the Study of the Passion/Resurrection Narratives will begin the 1st week of February. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center, the narthex of the church and on-line. ***The deadline to register is January 24th.*** The cost will remain \$20 per participant, which includes all materials and the teaching DVD used in the groups.

THEOLOGY ON TAP/COFFEE HOUSE...Sun, January 10

Fr. Brian Nolan will be speaking on ways we can keep our New Year resolutions. Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m. at **The Portico North.** ***(Please note change of location.)*** Open to all young adults 18-35. Lite refreshments will be available. Fr. Brian, who was an Associate Pastor here at St. John, will also be celebrating the 6:00 p.m. Mass on this Sunday.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

PARENTS OF STUDENTS preparing for First Holy Communion should have turned in the form requesting Baptismal Information. If we do not have your form, you should have received a letter within the past two weeks requesting this information. Please call the Religious Education Office if you need another form.

LOST AND FOUND...Our Religious Education Office has several coats and jackets. Please check our office if your child has lost his/her coat. These coats will be given to charity if not claimed after the next two weeks.

LESSON ON THE MASS...Saturday, January 30

An invitation to the Lesson on the Mass was given out this past week through your child's folder (this would be for any student who is preparing for First Holy Communion). Please check his/her folder to make sure you have received this. The Lesson on the Mass will take place on ***Saturday, January 30th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.*** The children will sit with their families. Any questions, please call the Religious Education 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!

Jan. 10— We are going to have ***Flash-light tag, a scavenger hunt and a movie.*** This night you are allowed to bring your family along for the fun. Ms. Mandy is allowing all family members to stay with their child and either watch or get involved in some fun games we are going to have. It is important to work together as a family for Christ and this night you won't want to miss. Some of the food will include cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate. Just bring your parents!

Jan. 24 — Lights out Dodge Ball! Imagine no lights, glow sticks, and dodge balls! Yes, it is back again, we are having the ultimate Lights out Dodge Ball game! For those of you who have never played this game—it is so much fun! Ms. Mandy will be ready to take no prisoners. Invite friends you have from different schools that are in 6th through 8th grade. They are going to love this game. The teaching is going to be “From Charity to Solidarity.”

— 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!

MOUNT 2000...LIFE TEEN will be attending the “*Mount 2000*” Youth Conference being held at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary this year from *February 12-14*. This conference features national speakers, live music, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and the chance to go to reconciliation. It is the same exact feel of Steubenville Youth Conference, but for less than half the cost! This weekend retreat only costs \$70, which includes lodging, food and transportation! A deposit of \$35 is due to Kenn no later than January 10th! After that, the cost increases to \$85! Registration forms are available in the back of the Church and on the LIFE TEEN parish website.

STUEBENVILLE OR MISSION TRIP? It is time to plan for our annual summer trip This year we are exploring replacing the Steubenville trip with a week long service camp run by Catholic Work Heart Camp, based in Lancaster, PA. During the day, you spend your time on various service projects to serve the poor and needy of the area. After the day’s work is over, we’ll return to our site camp for an evening of praise and worship, talks, skits, adoration, confession and more! We want to offer you the choice of going to Steubenville the weekend of June 25-27 OR traveling to Catholic Work Camp for the week of June 20-26. These dates will be confirmed in mid-January after we register. The cost of Steubenville is \$280. The cost for Catholic Work Heart Camp is \$340. Registration forms are in the back of the Church or e-mail Kenn at kdemoll@sjwest.org. as to your choice of where you would to go. Whichever trip is most popular will be where LIFE TEEN will go this summer. A deposit of \$60 in due to Kenn by January 10th for either event.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS CANTATA RESCHEDULED...Sun., Jan. 10

The music ministry of St. John’s will present a Christmas Cantata from 3-4 p.m. in the Church. Please join us for this afternoon 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). For information contact Regina McCurdy at 410-876-3850 or rmccurdy816@yahoo.com. or Sarah Howes at 443-605-3538, or dshowes@gmail.com.

RESPECT LIFE 4TH ANNUAL ESSAY/POSTER CONTEST..

This year’s theme is *Choose Life. God Has a Plan! “For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11* The contest is open to all 7th and 8th graders of St. John Parish. First place winner will receive a Sony 16GB MP3/Video Player. Please turn entries into the Religious Ed office by January 15th. For more details, email Janet at KL4JAN@aol.com.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL DINNER/AUCTION...Saturday, Jan.16 Silent & Live Auction/Dinner tickets are now on sale in the school office or through Michele Kirk at mkirk@sjwest.org. Tickets are \$40 each or two for \$70. If you would like to reserve a table for 10 or 12 contact Michele Kirk.

SEEKING OUR LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE...Our parish is participating in Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. *One nominee for each parish* will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O’Brien on *February 14th*. Please *submit the names, address, wedding date and phone number of your candidate couple, married at least 50 years, to the Parish Office Receptionist no later than January 22.* The parish will inform the couple from our parish if they have been chosen.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE...Friday, January 22

The 36th March for Life will take place in Washington, DC, on Friday, Jan. 22. Two buses will depart from St. John at 9 a.m., returning approximately at 6 p.m. This annual national event commemorates the infamous Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which decriminalized abortion for all nine months of pregnancy. Please call Suretha Uebel, 410-346-7280 to reserve your bus seat. You may also enter your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. A voluntary offering will be taken up to help with bus expenses.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS’ RETREAT...Saturday, Jan. 23

The Liturgical Ministers’ Retreat will be held in the Portico starting with Mass in the Church at 8:00 a.m. Invitations have been mailed. *Please RSVP—whether attending or not—by January 15th.*

CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY...Sunday, January 24

Join us at the Portico from 2:00 PM until ????? Watch the big game on the huge 12-foot theater screen, in a sports bar atmosphere. Plenty of entertainment and games. All you can eat menu includes the famous sausage and subs from Guilianova’s, chili, shrimp, beer and soda at \$20 per person. Contact Bill Norton at 410-848-5494, or Louis Stachowiak at 410-635-2583 for tickets and reservations. *All over 21 are welcome!* Bring your friends and family to this annual event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

ST. JOHN WISDOM CLUB...Thursday, January 28

We will meet at 12:00 noon for Mass celebrated by Msgr. Art followed by lunch and meeting in the Portico. Members are to bring their brown bag lunch-desserts and drinks will be provided. This month’s program will be “Trip Around the World.” If any members have been on trips either in the States or across the ocean and have pictures, slides, or other information to share, please call Teresa at 410-857-9639. For more information call Bonnie at 410-848-0786.

COMBAT RANGER ROSARY... “May God bless each and every one of you for your kindness. As the priest who has the privilege to serve our young recruits, our ‘Future Heroes,’ I thank you for these spiritual gifts you send to them. Know they are appreciated.” (Navy Chaplain CA) God bless your New Year for your most generous support that allows these rosaries to place Our Lady’s blessings into the hands of our brave troops. Join the Rosary Makers on the *2nd and 4th Fridays from 1-3 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.* For more information or to make a donation contact Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268.

ST. JOHN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT...Friday, June 18

Mark your calendars for the 18th Annual St. John Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by the Westminster Council Knights of Columbus at the Westminster National Golf Course to benefit St. John School. The field will be limited to just 140 golfers. This tournament is always a sell out, so make plans early by contacting Pat Hogan at 443-293-7869 or Dennis Ford at 410-840-0266. Think Spring!!

OUTREACH

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As you give to the poor, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

THANK YOU...St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all who participated in the Adopt-A-Family Caring and Sharing Program. This year we helped 155 families and a total of 558 individuals. We sincerely appreciate your generosity in this time of great need.

If you are interested in joining and helping with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Patty Terrano for more information at 410-857-1473, or visit our website 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)

Jan. 10—Hospitality Sunday—after morning Masses

Jan. 10—Ladies Sodality—8:45 a.m. Mass

Jan. 10—Christmas Cantata—3:00 p.m.—Church

Jan. 15—PTF Family Fun Night BINGO—7 p.m. Cafeteria

Jan. 16—St. John School Dinner/Auction—6 p.m.—Portico

Jan. 20—PTF General Meeting—7 p.m.—Portico (**new date**)

Jan. 22—Annual March for Life—9 a.m. Lv. for Wash. D.C.

Jan. 23—Liturgical Ministers' Retreat—8:00 a.m. Church/Portico

Jan. 23-24—Eye glass/hearing aid collection—Church Narthex

Jan. 24—Championship Sunday—2 pm.—Portico

Mar. 1—St. John Blood Drive—2-8 p.m.—Portico

Apr. 30—Men in Black Basketball—7 p.m. Westminster High

June 18—St. John Golf Tournament—Westminster Nat. Golf

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

The Portico Books + Gifts wishes everyone a very Happy New Year! Stop by for our New Year's sale now going on until Sunday, January 31st!

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, or Baptism Preparation Class.