

MASS INTENTIONS

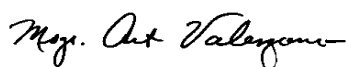
Monday, February 8-1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56
7:00 a.m. Ronald Perron
8:00 a.m. Mary Janicko
2:00 p.m. Jack Sheridan (Mass at Carroll Lutheran Village)
Tuesday, February 9-1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13
7:00 a.m. Clotilde Drechsler
8:00 a.m. Intention of Christina Slinkman
Wednesday, February 10-1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23
7:00 a.m. Julie Rice
8:00 a.m. Intention of Baby Nora Clancy
Thursday, February 11-1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30
7:00 a.m. Jack Sheridan
8:00 a.m. Charles Young
Friday, February 12-1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37
7:00 a.m. Lee Darin
9:30 a.m. K. J. Thomas
Saturday, February 13-1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10
8:00 a.m. Intention of Dr. John Baronas
4:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. John
Sunday, February 14-Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
7:15 a.m. William A. Torretti
8:45 a.m. Frank Hoffman
10:30 a.m. Intention of Kevin Wagman
12:15 p.m. Anna Greene
6:00 p.m. Katherine McKindles

FROM THE PASTOR

Among the privileges of being pastor of St. John's is the opportunity to work with our wonderful pastoral staff. They are dedicated, faithful and competent as well as professional in the best sense of the word. Our staff is service oriented and their love for Christ and His Church is at the heart of their ministry. That being said, the work of the hundreds of volunteers who serve the parish is essential to the life and mission of our parish. Many of them are highly visible serving in Liturgical Ministry, Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul and Health Care. Others serve on the Pastoral Council and its committees: Finance, Education, Outreach and Evangelization, Parish School, and the recently established Volunteer Committee. Many work quietly behind the scene, for example the group who clean and dust the church every Friday, making it presentable for the weekend Masses. Along with these opportunities to serve there are many organizations and groups involved in a variety of ministries. I call this to your attention both to express my gratitude to our parish volunteers and to invite and encourage you to consider participating.

I realize that volunteering is not possible for everyone for a variety of valid reasons. Prayer is not an option but a privilege and responsibility for all of us. I encourage each parish ministry as a group and each parishioner individually to consider offering a weekly holy hour in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. With Lent beginning on February 17th, committing to prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will surely bless our entire parish family.

May God Bless you,



LITURGY WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION UPDATE...

We are currently looking for an adorers for *Mondays* from 2:00-3:00 a.m. If you can fill this hour, please call Agnes at the Parish Center, 410-848-4744 x 219.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE ...Wed., Feb. 17

The Ash Wednesday Masses are as follows: 7:00 and 9:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Church. There will also be a Spanish Mass at 8:30 p.m. in the Church. *Please note the change of time and place for the Spanish Mass from what was published in the Lenten Brochure.*

LENTEN GUIDELINES: People ask for clarifications about individual obligations for Lenten Spiritual Practices, especially about fasting. Below are some traditional guidelines to help you enter more deeply into the spirit of Lent.

PENITENTIAL FAST and ABSTINENCE:

All persons who have reached their 14th birthday are bound by the law of abstinence. All adults are bound by the law of fast up to their 60th year. The current canonical discipline of penance for the United States, in addition to the general character of the Lenten season, may thus be summed up as follows:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast; that is limited to a single full meal.
- The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- The Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat by some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance; this may be physical mortification or temperance or acts of religion, charity or Christian witness.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Margaret Drenner and Laura Allen. 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, Mary Ford Naill, Janet Stewart, Anne Carney Brown, Karen Feroli, Jay Underkoffler, Anita Campbell, Robert Bouthner, Sr., Julia Ford, Walt Ratterman, Robert Scott, Kevin Wagman, Doris Euler, Baby Owen Smith, Brooks Davis, Doris Hoffman, Gil Seibel, Everett Garey, Michael Clark, Mary Ann Gottschall, Amy Held, Ann Grzasko and Mabel Scott.

BAPTISMS... Congratulations and welcome to Victoria Belle Maxine Cook-Gronberg, daughter of Margaret Cook-Gronberg and Kenneth Gronberg.

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: Anna Szymanowski, Mary Agnes Walter (2) Timothy J. Quinn, Sally Neighly, Edward Anthony Podowski, Jr., Anna Piazza, Ronald Edward Green (2) and James Mahoney.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING AND COMPARISON:

<u>Weekend of Jan.30-31, 2010</u>	<u>Weekend of Jan.31-Feb.1,2009</u>
Envelopes: \$20,866.50	Envelopes: \$28,682.20
Loose: \$ 2,858.50	Loose: \$ 6,072.92
Elec.Debits \$ 7,573.17	Elec.Debits \$ 6,727.17
TOTAL: \$31,298.00	TOTAL: \$41,482.29
Attendance: 2,530	Attendance: 3,190
Poor Box: \$1,043.46	Poor Box: \$1,663.85

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 \$29,979.30.
 Last year weekly average was: \$30,034.00.

STATUS OF MORTGAGE:

Beginning Balance: 01/01/10	\$1,482,547
Paid: Interest \$7,722	
Principal \$17,911	-25,633
Interest Charged	7,722
Ending Balance 02/01/10	\$1,464,636

NOTICE: Use Mortgage Fund Envelopes for second collection on last Sunday of the month to reduce the mortgage.

THANK YOU to all who have donated to the victims of the Haiti earthquake. If you have not donated and wish to donate you may do so directly to: Catholic Relief Services, 228 West Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Please keep the victims and the relief workers in your prayers.

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
A Time for Reflection**

Last week, we conducted the Archbishop's Annual Appeal "In-Pew" process at all the Sunday Masses. This week, we will conduct the in-pew at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and the "Follow-Up" process at all our other Masses. Thank you to all who volunteered or donated to the Annual Appeal this year and thank you for your patience and prayers.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Feb. 12**—School Liturgy—9:30 a.m.—Church
- Feb. 12** —Middle School Dance—7-10 p.m.—gym
- Feb. 15** — School Closed for President's Day
- Feb. 16** — School Closed—Professional Day
- Feb. 16** — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- 4-7 p.m. Portico
- Feb. 17.**— Ash Wednesday, Mass at 9:30 a.m.—Church
- Feb. 19** — School Liturgy 9:30 a.m.—Church
Stations of the Cross—2 p.m. —Church
- Feb. 26** — School Liturgy —9:30 a.m. —Church
Stations of the Cross—2:00 p.m. —Church

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 12:30-3:00 p.m. **Registration has begun with the regular school registration.** Please call the school office or visit our website for tuition information.

MARKET DAY...Don't forget your holiday hams, side dishes and desserts. This month Market Day is offering specials on your holiday favorites. To order go to: www.marketday.com. We are **account #25762**. You can pre-pay or pay the day of pickup. For questions or to place an order over the phone, contact Terry Eckard, 410-848-1487 or Teresa Richardson, 410-857-9639.

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 (1st Sunday of each month) and 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. Call the school office at 410-876-7228 or Darlene at 410-876-7031 for more details.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES...Begin Thurs., Feb. 18
 Adult Confirmation classes are now forming and will begin on Thursday, February 18th from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Paul Gallagher at 410-848-8443 or pgallagher@sjwest.org.

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

NOTE TO CONFIRMATION PARIENTS...

Just a reminder, the following due dates are quickly approaching:
 Saint and Motto Declarations—February 7, 9 and 11
 Sponsor Session—February 21 in the Portico-1:15-2:45 pm
 Sponsor Verifications due by February 21.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...June 21-25

It's that time already to start planning for our VBS. We will need Catechists, classroom assistants, snack, craft, music and babysitting help. We will also need help with decorating and any artists who would be interested in making the scenery, please call Ruth in the Religious Education office at 410-848-8443 Ext. 214.

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!

Feb. 14 —This is Valentine's Day! We are going to learn how to make some no-bake, easy-bake items to take home to the family. This night will also include a Valentine craft to take home to the ladies in the family. See you there!

Feb. 26—The Edge is helping with the Fish Fry! If you want to know how to help all you have to do is bring a dessert to the Portico before 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 26th and also attend the Fish Fry with your family. If you help, the money raised will go to help you with your Edge Camp this summer.

March 6— Mark your calendars for swimming at the McDaniel Pool! THE EDGE is taking the kids swimming, indoor of course, and we are excited! The cost is \$6.00 a kid and we are swimming from 3-5 p.m. at the Harlow Pool located at McDaniel College! Look for details in the bulletin and at the back of the church.

March 26-27—THE EDGE is having our Spring Retreat at Hashawha and you will not want to miss it. The theme revolves around Easter. The cost is \$50.00 and includes lodging, food, games, prizes and more. The Retreat will go from 5 p.m. Friday until 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. To reserve a spot send a check to Mandy Komar in the Religious Ed Office.

July 6-9—Mark your calendar! **THE EDGE CAMP IS BACK!** We are still setting up the price because we want it to be low, but keep the dates open on your calendar. It's going to be a blast! Last year we traveled to Baltimore to the Basilica and ESPN zone and the camp included, slip n'slides, flour fights and rock wall climbing. It's an Edge all week, all day summer camp! We will be doing fundraisers like the Fish Fry to help with the price. A meeting for the camp will be held within the next two months, so please keep your eyes open for the meeting date.

— **LIFE TEEN (Grades 9 -12)** —

Life teen is a High School Youth Ministry that meets every Sunday at 7:15 in the cafeteria. Newcomers are welcome!

Feb. 7—**NO LIFE TEEN due to Super Bowl.**

Feb. 14—**NO LIFE TEEN due to Mount 2000 Retreat.**

Feb. 16—**Shrove Tuesday:** Mark your calendars! LIFE TEEN will once again be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on February 16th! There will be pancakes, fruit toppings, sausage and bacon! The dinner is a free will offering! Teens looking for service hours? We could use your help! Contact Kenn at kdemoll@sjwest.org.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM...Began Sun., Jan. 31

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this Spiritual Adoption Program. This is a 9 month pro-life initiative for the purpose of praying for the unborn, providing education about prenatal development and helping mothers in need. Parishioners are asked to pray daily for one unborn child. At the end of the nine months, a baby shower will be given to honor all the babies. Parishioners will be invited to bring gifts to be donated to the Alpha Pregnancy Center. For more information about this program go to: www.archbalt.org/respect-life/spiritual-adoption/.

PARISH BREAKFAST...Sunday, February 7

Join the Knights of Columbus for their parish breakfast in the Portico after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The proceeds from this month's breakfast will be for the benefit of the Haitian people who are trying to recover from the devastation of the earthquake that struck their country. This is an excellent opportunity to support an important 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. Join us in the Portico on the first Sunday of each month through May. Adults \$6.00 and children \$3.00. Please join us.

HEALTH CARE MEETING...Tuesday, February 9

Our next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center. Topics for discussion will include distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th, Valentine roses for our shut-ins, and our spring Morning of Reflection with Fr. Isaac Karoor. All members are encouraged to attend and any interested parishioner is welcome.

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS...to all the wonderful ladies who worked on the Mondays of October, November and December wrapping and putting together the Christmas gifts for the people whom we visit weekly to pray with and bring Holy Communion. We delivered 305 gifts to 18 different facilities and 45 private homes. **Many Thanks** to all those who made such generous donations of items for the gifts or made a donation for us to purchase what we needed...**Many Thanks** to the ladies who prepared 300 Valentine roses to be distributed during the week of Valentine's Day. **Many thanks** to Melinda McCaffrey for coordinating the work efforts of all the ladies who volunteer to work on these projects. **GREAT JOB!!!** *The thank-you notes continue to come in from the many recipients.*

MARRIED COUPLES VALENTINE'S NIGHT OUT..Fri. Feb. 12

Enjoy a romantic evening with your spouse and other St. John couples at The Paradiso Restaurant in Westminster. (*Please note this is a change in location from previous notice*). Msgr. Art will be speaking on marriage, and we will have a delicious sit-down Italian dinner at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, contact Terence & Maria McCarthy at 410-552-0682 or tmsllj@comcast.net. Space is limited, so call soon!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY...Sunday, February 14

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. Happy Valentine's Day!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day can be a difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. Join us at the Parish Center from 10-11:30 a.m. for our meeting or meet us for lunch at Bullock's on Rt. 32 at 12 noon (in the large back room). Everyone is invited to join us. For more information call Janet Tenney at 410-833-1542.

ST. JOHN LADIES SODALITY...Sunday, February 14

The Sodality will meet for the 8:45 a.m. Mass and will recite the Rosary following Mass. All are invited to join us in the recitation of the Rosary. A meeting follows in the Parish Center. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. For further information contact Carolyn Keiner at 410-848-4563.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER...Tues., Feb. 16

Yes, it is that time of year again! Join us from 4-7:00 p.m. in the Portico for our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Come and enjoy some great breakfast favorites as a way to celebrate "Fat Tuesday!" Homemade pancakes and fruit toppings, sausage, bacon and fresh fruit!! A free will offering to benefit our Youth Ministry in the parish is requested. See you there!!

PARISH FISH FRY...Friday, February 19

Join us for our First Fish Fry of this Lenten Season from 4-7 p.m. in the Portico. Fish platters adults: \$8.00 includes two vegetables, beverage, roll and butter; shrimp platters \$9.00 for adults, shrimp basket \$4.00. Children's platters \$4.00 (5-10 yrs.) and children under 5 eat free. Students needing service hours can help at the Fish Fry. Volunteers Needed. Call Theresa, 410-857-9639.

2ND ANNUAL BOYS BASKETBALL BULL ROAST..Sat.Mar. 6

The St. John Boys K-9 Basketball League is sponsoring a bull roast from 7:00 pm to midnight at Martin's Westminster. Come and enjoy a night of music, 50/50 drawing, silent auction, money wheel, door prizes and a menu of pit beef, turkey, BBQ pork ribs, beer, soda and more. Cost is \$40 per person. For table reservations (10 per table), tickets or more information, call Debbie Neal at 443-789-4159 or email stjohnboysbasketball@yahoo.com. Have a fun evening out and help support the league!

ANNUAL MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA...Sunday, March 7

Tickets are now available for the Mother/Daughter Tea. Join us for the 3rd annual tea/fashion show from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Portico. A panel of speakers will help you plan your future according to God's will for you. All mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and girls ages 11-18 are invited for a fun-filled afternoon. There will be over 50 door prizes, delicious homemade desserts, tea and punch. Tickets are only \$5 and are available at the Portico Bookstore or by calling Betty Belk at 410-848-9391. Get a table of 10 friends and join the fun!

OUTREACH

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

We are called by Jesus to follow him. He tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me." Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

If you are interested in joining and helping with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Patty Terrano for more information at 410857-1473, 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)

- Feb. 7**—Parish Breakfast—after morning Masses-Portico
Feb. 12—Valentine's Day Couples Night Out—Paradiso's Rest.
Feb. 14—Hospitality Sunday after morning Masses-Portico
Bereavement Support Group—10-11:30 Parish Center
Ladies Sodality —8:45 a.m. Mass
Feb. 16—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 4-7 pm—Portico
Feb. 19—Parish Fish Fry - 4-7 pm—Portico
Mar. 1—St. John Blood Drive—2-8 p.m.—Portico
Mar. 7—Mother/Daughter Tea— 3-5 p.m. —Portico
Apr. 23- Annual Basket Bingo— 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...

Stop in and see our new First Communion and Confirmation gifts. New merchandise coming in every day!

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.