

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 15-Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13

7:00 a.m. Almena Rebert

8:00 a.m. David Charles Blanchard

2:30 p.m. Jack Markland (Mass at Summerville)

Tuesday, February 16-Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21

7:00 a.m. Julia Vincelli

8:00 a.m. Charles "Tony" Blake

Wednesday, February 17-Jl 2:12-18;Ps 51;2 Cor 5:20-6:2;Mt 6:1-6,16-18

7:00 a.m. Intention of William Jewell

9:30 a.m. Intention of Baby Nora Clancy

12:00 p.m. Billy and Bootie McLean

5:00 p.m. Virginia Graham

7:00 p.m. Phillip George

8:30 p.m. Anna Piazza (Spanish Mass)

Thursday, February 18-Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

7:00 a.m. Emma Middleton

8:00 a.m. Anthony Colodonato

Friday, February 19-Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

7:00 a.m. Eleanor Whitecavage

9:30 a.m. Joseph Notich

Saturday, February 20-Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

8:00 a.m. Margaret Drenner

4:30 p.m. Frank Hoffman

Sunday, February 21-Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

7:15 a.m. Rosina Pantaleo

8:45 a.m. Intention of Karen Feroli

10:30 a.m. Georgia Crowley

12:00 p.m. Thomas Carr

6:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. John

FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome to Lent! I welcome the holy, prayerful and penitential season of Lent for the obvious reasons and also it means that Spring is coming! The recent winter weather pattern has made it difficult to get to weekend Masses. Those who have been able to attend were greeted with cleared parking lots and dry sidewalks. I am especially grateful to Al Wilder and Terry Jones for coordinating the snow removal work. The snow has also taxed our budget and especially the weekly cash flow. Please consider catching up with your financial commitment to our parish, your support is needed and deeply appreciated. Perhaps prayers for an early spring could be one of our Lenten promises.

Hopefully you have received the brochure detailing the many and varied opportunities that are available in our parish this Lent. I encourage you to participate in the Lenten Mission with Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney beginning the weekend of March 20th and 21st. Daily meditation booklets are available in the narthex.

May God Bless you,

Mrs. Ant Valeriano

LITURGY WORSHIP

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

The Ash Wednesday Masses are as follows: 7:00 and 9:30 a.m., 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 in the Lenten Brochure.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION...A Holy Hour, which will include Evening Prayer, time for quiet adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place in the church **on four Wednesdays in Lent: Feb. 24, March 3, March 10 & March 17**. The Holy Hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard ("The Light is On") during the same time frame. Consider deepening your prayer life this Lent and growing closer to Our Lord by coming to a Holy Hour.

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 Ana Victoria De Ariza, Catherine Hoy, Megan Estes, Fr. Jim Keogh and Timothy Quinn, 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, Karen Feroli, Julia Ford, Mary Ford Naill, Anita Campbell, Kevin Wagman, Baby Benedict Joseph Jackson, Robert Scott, Gil Seibel, Doris Hoffman, Mary Ann Gottschall, Everett Garey, Mark Dyson, Michael Clark, Mary Dudderar, Melvin Miller, Barbara Shifflett, Mary Redmond and Joyce Strickland.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING AND COMPARISON:

<u>Weekend of Feb-6-7,2010</u>	<u>Weekend of Feb.7-8,2009</u>
Envelopes: \$15,515.00	Envelopes: \$22,097.05
Loose: \$ 2,607.00	Loose: \$ 5,413.31
TOTAL: \$18,122.00	TOTAL: \$27,510.36
Attendance: 676	Attendance: 3,359
Poor Box: \$743.00	Poor Box: \$1,706.51

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 \$29,608.76. Last year weekly average was: \$29,945.45. Please remember St. John when formulating your will.

Amount collected in January from the 5th Sunday of the month (now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program \$13,607.77

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

Due to the snow storm, the Archbishop's Office postponed the "In-Pew" process at all the Sunday Masses. This week, we will conduct the in-pew process 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 prayers.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Feb. 15-16** — School Closed for President's Day/Prof. 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. Call the school office or visit our website for tuition information.

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, Feb. 18th from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Call Paul Gallagher at 410-848-8443 or pgallagher@sjwest.org.

RCIA...Next Sunday, Feb. 21, the First Sunday of Lent, those in RCIA will participate in two very important Rites. The first Rite, called the Rite of Sending, will take place at the 8:45 am Mass. Through this Rite, we as a parish are given the opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made, express our approval of the elections and recognition, and send them to Archbishop O'Brien. At the Cathedral, those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil participate in the Rite of Election, which signifies that they have been called by Christ, and have been chosen to enter into the final period of preparation for initiation. For those who have been baptized, they participate in the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion, by which they express their intention to be fully initiated into the Church. Please pray for all those in RCIA who are entering these last days of preparation.

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

REMINDERS...No Religious Ed classes for Sunday, Feb. 14 and Tuesday, Feb. 16th.
Sponsor Session for Confirmation candidates is Sunday, February 21 from 1:15-2:45 p.m. in the Portico.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...June 21-25
We are planning for our VBS and we need Catechists, classroom assistants, snack, craft, music and babysitting help. Decorating and artists needed to make 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 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. 14—**NO LIFE TEEN due to Mount 2000 Retreat.**

Feb. 16—**Shrove Tuesday:** LIFE TEEN will once again be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on February 16th in the Portico! There will be fresh-made pancakes, fruit toppings, sausage and bacon and ice cream for dessert! The cost of dinner is a free will offering! Teens looking for service hours? We could use your help!

Feb. 21—Lights Out Dodgeball...A LIFE TEEN classic! You've all played dodgeball, but have you ever played it with all the lights out? Join us as we throw around our soft (glow in the dark) dodgeballs! We will break up into teams and have a tournament!

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

CONGRATULATIONS...to Mr. and Mrs. William M. Eckard, Jr., whose name was submitted for the Longest Married Couple from St. John.. They were married on November 13, 1935. **Congratulations!**

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

The Parish Spiritual Adoption program started January 31st but it's not too late to participate. If you would like to pray for an unborn baby and you didn't fill out a prayer card yet, you can find them on the table in the Narthex. Information about the program is there or you go to: www.archbalt.org/respect-life/spiritual-adoption.

PARISH BREAKFAST...Sunday, February 14

Join the Knights of Columbus for their parish breakfast in the Portico after the 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. (*This is a reschedule of an event due to the inclement weather.*) 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.

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.

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.

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 ice cream! 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.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY...Sunday, February 21

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.

2010 CARNIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE...Thurs.. Feb. 18

The next Carnival Planning Committee meeting will be held *Thursday, Feb. 18th in the Marian Room of the Parish Center at 7:00 pm*. Volunteers are still needed to enable this wonderful Memorial Day week event to happen. Participation involves attending planning meetings 1 to 2 times per month and membership on a sub-committee to help organize events, food, or entertainment. If you are interested, please plan to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, but wish to volunteer, contact Jim Kramer by email at jimandremark@aol.com or by phone at 301-447-6992. Without devoted volunteers, this traditional worthwhile event may not happen. Please consider helping with this major St. John fundraising activity.

ST. JOHN WISDOM CLUB...Thursday, February 25

The Wisdom Club will meet beginning with Mass at noon, celebrated by Msgr. Art, followed by lunch and program in the Portico. Bring your bag lunches, drinks and desserts will be provided. The program for February is "Fit in February." For further information, call Bonnie at 410-795-0786.

ST. JOHN BLOOD DRIVE...Monday, March 1

Our next blood drive will be Monday, March 1st from 2-8 p.m. in the Portico. I could use some callers. If you can help with this task or need an appointment call Ted Cook, 410-876-2107.

BEREAVEMENT LENTEN SERIES...Tues., March 2– March 23

We will begin our Lenten series on *March 2nd* and continue on *Tuesday nights* throughout Lent at 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Our focus will be on uniting our suffering with Our Lord's Passion. **Registration is required.** Call Janet Tenney at 833-1542.

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!

ANNUAL BASKET/BAG BINGO...Friday, April 23

Save the date for this event! Tickets will be available in March and are \$12.00 each. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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.

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.

COMBAT RANGER ROSARY...Join the Rosary Makers on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 1-3 pm and from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. As more troops are deployed there is still a great need for more rosaries. For more information or to make a donation please contact Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268.

OUTREACH

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box, you are putting your faith into action by helping to feed the poor. Please continue to help minister to the poor in Carroll County by remembering that next weekend (Feb. 20-21) is **FOOD SUNDAY**. Please bring your donation of non-perishable food to church and place it in the baskets provided by the doors of the Narthex. Thanks you for your generosity.

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. 14**—Parish Breakfast Sunday after morning Masses-Portico Bereavement Support Group—10-11:30 Parish Center Ladies Sodality –8:45 a.m. Mass/Meeting to follow
- Feb. 16**—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 4-7 pm—Portico
- Feb. 18**—Carnival Committee Meeting—7 p.m. Parish Center
- Feb. 19**—Parish Fish Fry - 4-7 pm—Portico
- Feb. 25**—Wisdom Club Meeting—Noon Mass/Meeting
- 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.