

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 1-Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

7:00 a.m. Marjorie B. Case

8:00 a.m. Gilbert T. Perron

3:00 p.m. Michael Clifford (Mass at Golden Living Ctr)

Tuesday, March 2-Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

7:00 a.m. Herbert Kanner

8:00 a.m. Patricia Williamson

Wednesday, March 3-Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

7:00 a.m. Intention of Atemkeng L. Fondong

8:00 a.m. Joseph Mackowiak

Thursday, March 4-Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

7:00 a.m. Emily Valenzano

8:00 a.m. Ana Victoria De Ariza

Friday, March 5-Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43-46

7:00 a.m. John G. Benedictis, Jr.

9:30 a.m. Intention of Mike and Sue Manley

Saturday, March 6-Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00 a.m. Rosina Pantaleo

4:30 p.m. Frank Hoffman

Sunday, March 7-Ex 3:1-8a,13-15;Ps 103;1;Cor 10:1-6,10-12;Lk 13:1-9

7:15 a.m. Intention of Dorothy A. Torretti

8:45 a.m. Parishioners of St. John

10:30 a.m. Intention of Barbara Andersen

12:15 p.m. Charles Kirkpatrick

6:00 p.m. Louis Palaia

FROM THE PASTOR

I thought it might be helpful to offer some suggestions that could be added to your "to do" list this Lent:

Although the parish has Perpetual Adoration in the beautiful chapel located in the Parish Center, only a small percentage of parishioners participate...make a visit to the Adoration Chapel at least once during Lent.

Have you ever visited the parish book and gift store located in the Portico? You may find something for your home, a book to learn more about our faith, or a gift for a friend.

Get to meet parishioners by going to the Portico after Sunday morning Mass for Hospitality Sunday or for the Knights of Columbus breakfast.

Come to the Friday Fish Fry (baked fish is also available) and then join us for the Stations of the Cross at 7p.m.

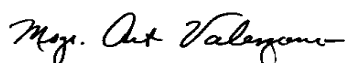
Join us for the Light is On (Wednesdays during Lent) that includes a holy hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available beginning at 7 p.m.

Remember the Poor and make a Lenten donation to the Poor Box.

Support the work and mission of the Archdiocese by making a pledge or gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Invite a family member and/or a neighbor to join us for the Lenten Mission that will be preached by Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney, March 22nd through the 24th at 7 p.m.

May God Bless you,



NOTICE...Daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 14th. Be sure to set your clocks ahead.

LITURGY WORSHIP

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 Wednesdays in Lent: March 3, March 10 & March 17**. The Holy Hour begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS...Friday, March 5

Stations will be held in the Church at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY...Sunday, March 7

The 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 7th will be a Children's Liturgy.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of John G. Benedictis, Jr., Dean Ledford, Howard Brenner, Fr. Edward Bayer, Walter Serrano, George Ridel, Richard Duszynski and Charles Kirkpatrick 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, William Schuler, Robert E. Carney, Jay Underkoffler, Laura Stranovsky, Anne Carney Brown, Barbara Link, Fred Ayers, Kevin Wagman, Deacon Jack Coster, Mark Dyson, Barbara Andersen, Mary Redmond, Joyce Strickland, Bob Kehler, Barbara Shifflett, Jimmy Schrader, Martha Murphy and Ernestine Valenzano.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Elizabeth Joy Thomas, daughter of Jacqueline and William Thomas, III.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING AND COMPARISON:

<u>Weekend of Feb.20-21,2010</u>	<u>Weekend of Feb.21-22,2009</u>
Envelopes: \$34,169.25	Envelopes: \$22,657.60
Loose: \$ 6,327.91	Loose: \$ 3,853.17
Elec. Debits <u>\$ 8,354.67</u>	Elec. Debits <u>\$ 6,727.17</u>
TOTAL: \$48,851.83	TOTAL: \$33,237.94
Attendance: 3,440	Attendance: 3,327
Poor Box: \$2,115.09	Poor Box: \$1,831.89

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 \$30,429.93.
Last year weekly average was: \$29,763.81.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL A Time for Reflection

This week, we are conducting our 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "**FOLLOW-UP PROCESS**" at all our weekend Masses. Thank you all for your generosity, prayers and patience!

SCHOOL NEWS

Mar. 2—Class Group Photos
Mar. 3—Market Day Orders due
Mar. 5—School Liturgy—9:30 a.m.
 Stations of the Cross—2:00 p.m. —Church
Mar. 8—Vision & Hearing Screening
 —PTF Board Meeting—7 p.m. Portico
Mar. 8-12 —Gr. 6 — Camp Hashawha
Mar. 9—Market Day Pick-Up
 —School Penance Service—10 a.m. —Church
Mar. 10—Progress Reports Distributed
Mar. 12—School Liturgy— 9:30 a.m.—Church
 —Stations of the Cross—2 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

RCIA...Beginning Sunday, March 7, those preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil will participate in several Scrutiny Rites. These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. Please remember to pray for all those in RCIA.

Religious Ed./Youth Activities

Religious Education Office: (410) 848-8443

HOME STUDY...Wednesday, March 3

Home Study classes will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Wed., March 3rd.

PARENTS OF STUDENTS preparing for First Holy Communion should have received an invitation to our *Morning of Preparation either Saturday, March 20th or Saturday, March 27th.* This letter will come home through your child's folder. Please check and let us know if you did not receive a copy of this notice.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OUTFITS: If any parent is in need of a First Communion dress or suit, please call the Religious Education Office. We have several dresses, veils, suits for you to choose from. We do not have all sizes, but you can come into our office and see if these items will help you.

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. 28—Look out its Science Experiment Night. We are going to have a blast. Your Edge Youth Minister is going to attempt to have you create science experiments that will blow your top off. Show up at 7:30 in the cafeteria, see you and your friends there!

March 6—The Edge is going to the McDaniel indoor pool 3-5 pm. The cost is \$6.00 and you can bring anyone who is in the 6-8th grade. Meet in the front of Harlow Pool at 2:30 pm for rules and instructions. If you have not filled out a liability form please pick one up in the Edge bin at the back of the church or at the Parish Center.

March 26-27—The Edge is having our *Spring Retreat at Hashawha* and you will not want to miss it. The theme is "The Olympics" and what perfect timing to learn how to persevere as a Catholic young middle school student out in the real world. Training begins! The cost is \$50.00 and this includes logging, food, campfires, games, prizes, flashlight tag and more. The retreat will go from 5 p.m. Friday until 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

To reserve a spot send a check to Mandy Komar in the Religious Ed office. Please make sure to have a liability form completed, which you can find in the Parish Center, or in the back of the church in the Edge bin.

July 6-July 9—Summer Camp—Guess what, everything is almost set for the Edge camp! The week will include us heading to The Grotto and then to Shadow Land for laser tag. We are also going to go to downtown Baltimore to the Science Center to catch all the cool new exhibits and the famous IMAX theater. The camp will also include cooking, music lessons and survivor skills. We are planning also to have an all out water battle and a huge slip n'slide. Mark this date on your calendar. For more information or questions please contact Ms. Mandy Komar. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming fundraisers.

— 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. 28—How Far is too Far?... Ah, the age old question: When you're out on a date, how far is too far? We'll be answering that elusive question plus giving you some great ideas about how to make your dating life more Christ centered! And, there'll be capture the flag too! This is one night you don't want to miss!

March 7—Cut to the Heart... Depression is a major issue facing many teenagers today. Chances are, you know someone who has struggled with depression. What can you do to help your friends who deal with this issue? And how does God fit into this picture? Join us for a very special night, facilitated by a Catholic Counselor!

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

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.

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 410-833-1542.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU—Wednesday, March 3

Again this year during Lent, our parish is participating in an Archdiocesan-wide reconciliation program initiated by Archbishop O'Brien called "*The Light is On for You.*" On five consecutive Wednesdays in Lent (March 10, 17, 24 (also Parish Penance Service)) the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered *here at St. John* from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** Every Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will have confessions available on these Wednesdays and we invite you to join us here for this sacrament. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament or have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to regularly scheduled times for confession, this is a great opportunity to receive penance. I encourage you to join us—*The Light is On for You!*

PARISH FISH FRY...Friday, March 5

Join us for our Fish Fry this Friday 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.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD...Sat., March 6 & Sunday, March 7

Cub Scout Pack 420, sponsored by St. John, will be collecting non-perishable food items as part of the Boy Scouts annual food drive. A box for donations will be located at the doors of the Church on March 6-7. The Cub Scouts thank you for your generosity.

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!

PARISH BREAKFAST...Sunday, March 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. This month's proceeds will go to St. Vincent De Paul Society to help meet the needs of their clients with fuel costs. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new parishioners, support a good cause 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.

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!

MARCH HEALTH CARE MEETING...Tuesday, March 9

Our next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend and any interested parishioner is welcome.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY MORNING OF REFLECTION WITH FR. ISAAC KAROOR...Saturday, March 13

Our Morning of Reflection will begin with the 8 a.m. Mass and continue in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center after Mass. Any interested parishioner is invited to join us. Please call the Health Care Ministry office for further information (Ext. 220 at the Parish Center).

WHEELCHAIRS NEEDED FOR HEALTH CARE MINISTRY...

Currently we have loaned out all of our wheelchairs. If you have one that you would like to donate or loan out to someone who needs a wheelchair, please call the Health Care Ministry Office at ext. 220 in the Parish Center.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY...Sunday, March 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.

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

During Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through your gifts, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was able to assist families this month by providing help with utility bills, rent, food, etc. Thank you for your generosity.

The next meeting of Saint Vincent de Paul Society is *March 3rd* at 7 p.m. in the Portico.

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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

MARRIED COUPLES RETREATS...Need a break? Weekend retreats for married couples will be taking place at the PriestField Pastoral Center in West Virginia. The center is quiet, private, and only about 90 minutes from Westminster. Retreats are led by experienced priests and offer married couples the opportunity to relax and grow closer to the Lord. *Scheduled weekends are : March 5-7, March 12-14, March 19-21, March 26-28 and Apr.30-May 2.* For info call Elaine at 410-252-5355.

COME AND SEE RETREAT...March 5-7

The Daughters of Charity are offering a "Come and See" Vocation retreat weekend. Single women ages 18-35 interested in a vocation as a Sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held in Emmitsburg, MD. Contact Sr. Nancy Murphy, D.C. at 410-646-2074 or dcvoc@doc.org.

REMINDERS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS: HOLD THESE DATES:
(For information on any of these events, call the Parish Center)

Feb. 28—Hospitality Sunday after Morning Masses—Portico
Mar. 1—St. John Blood Drive—2-8 p.m.—Portico
Mar. 3—Holy Hour & Confession 7-8:30 p.m.—Church
Mar. 2-23—Bereavement Series—7:30 p.m. - Parish Center
Mar 5—Parish Fish Fry 4-7 p.m.—Portico
Mar.6-7—Scouting for Food Collection—Church
Mar. 7—KofC Parish Breakfast—after morning Masses-Portico
Mar. 7—Mother/Daughter Tea— 3-5 p.m. —Portico
Mar. 9—Health Care Meeting—Parish Center—1 p.m.
Mar. 13—Health Care Morning of Reflection—8 a.m. Mass
Apr. 23—Annual Basket Bingo— Portico doors open at 5:30 p.m
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.