

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 15-Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54

7:00 a.m. Katie O'Brien

8:00 a.m. Alice Beaulieu

2:30 p.m. Mary Gallagher (Mass at Summerville)

Tuesday, March 16-Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

7:00 a.m. Mark Starkoski

8:00 a.m. Intention of Dr. John Baronas

Wednesday, March 17-Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Wagman Family

8:00 a.m. Gordon H. Schwessinger

Thursday, March 18-Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47

7:00 a.m. Margaret Drenner

8:00 a.m. Intention of Dennis Henley, Sr.

Friday, March 19-2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16;Ps 89;Rom 4:13,16-22,Lk 2:41-51a

7:00 a.m. Robert Kohler

9:30 a.m. Dennis Michael Henley, Jr.

Saturday, March 20-Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

8:00 a.m. Charles Kirkpatrick

4:30 p.m. Edward and Mary Katkish

Sunday, March 21-Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

7:15 a.m. Parishioners of St. John

8:45 a.m. John G. Benedictis, Jr.

10:30 a.m. Ana Victoria DeAriza

12:15 p.m. Bruce Thomas

6:00 p.m. Intention of Atemkeng L. Fondong

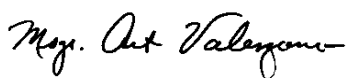
FROM THE PASTOR

As the St. John Boys Basketball Program concludes another successful season, I want to thank all the participants including the directors, coaches, officials and volunteers. Congratulations and thanks also to the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Boys and Girls Travel Teams for another outstanding season. It seems that we will need additional room for the trophy cases in the school lobby. More than 500 boys and girls participated this year.

Congratulations are also in order to all who organized, participated and volunteered in the 3rd Annual Mother Daughter Tea and Fashion Show. The event was another sell out, all seemed to have enjoyed the afternoon, however always being attentive to my pastoral responsibilities, I had to attend to another commitment immediately following the invocation.

The parish Lenten Mission will begin next weekend. Msgr. Jeremiah Kennedy will celebrate and preach the 4:30 pm. Mass on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. The Mission will continue through Wednesday evening with the Lenten Penance service. Monday and Tuesday evening will begin with Mass at 7 p.m.

May God Bless you,



NOTICE: FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES AND SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS are available at the doors of the church. Flower Memorial Envelopes should be returned no later than Tuesday, March 30th to be included in the Easter Bulletin.

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 **next Wednesday, 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 19

Living Stations will be held in the school gym at 2:00 p.m. and regular stations in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

WE PRAY ...

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of Carmela Ocasio, Mary Burchett, Emil Kraushofer, and William Jacobs 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 Nail, Jay Underkoffler, Mary Ann Gotschall, Rosario "Sonny" Raymond, Faustino Salazar, Helen Mary Van Malderghem, Mary Redmond, Barbara Link, Michael Clark, Kevin Wagman, Doris Hoffman, Barbara Shifflett, Rafael Castro, Betty Miller, Anne Carney Brown, Deacon Jack Coster, Bob Kehler, Pat Runser, Charles Barclay, Michael Barclay, Mildred Fangmeyer and Mabel Beaghan.

BAPTISMS...Congratulations and welcome to Ashlynn Renae Gorsuch, daughter of Crystal and Robert Gorsuch, Tessa Rae Barber, daughter of Keely and Edwin Barber; and Nichole Meraliz Arraiga-Cuadrado, daughter of Mariangeli Cuadrado and Luis Arriaga-Sanchez.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING AND COMPARISON:

| <u>Weekend of Mar.6-7, 2010</u> | <u>Weekend of Mar.7-8, 2009</u> |
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| Envelopes: \$33,580.01 | Envelopes: \$24,164.55 |
| Loose: <u>\$ 4,536.20</u> | Loose: <u>\$ 4,680.23</u> |
| TOTAL: \$38,116.21 | TOTAL: \$28,844.78 |
| Attendance: 3,340 | Attendance: 3,302 |
| Poor Box: \$2,361.58 | Poor Box: \$1,912.79 |

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 \$30,764.48. Last year weekly average was: \$29,785.38.

Amount collected in February from the 5th Sunday of the month (now known as "Burn the Mortgage Fund Envelope" Program) \$12,927.67.

SECOND COLLECTION...there will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL... Thank you St. John Parishioners, for your very generous response to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. To date we have received \$135,964 in donations toward our \$163,800 goal!! Such a generous response—especially in light of the challenging weather conditions! Thank you to all who donated, supported or volunteered to help us in the 2010 Appeal effort! We appreciate your generosity of gifts and spirit!

SCHOOL NEWS

Mar. 15—Vision & Hearing Screening
12:15 p.m. Early Dismissal
Mar. 16—Living Stations—gym @ 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (school)
Mar. 17—St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19—School Liturgy—9:30 a.m.—Church
Living Stations for parishioners—2 p.m. gym
Middle School Dance—7-10 p.m.—gym
Mar. 22-26—Stanford 10 testing—Grades 3-8
Mar. 26—School Liturgy—9:30 a.m.—Church
PTF Family Fun Easter Parade & Bunny Visit 4-6 pm
Mar. 27—Academic Olympics for 7th Gr. Boys—Calvert Hall

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... Over the next couple of weeks 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

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.

REMINDER...Morning of Preparation—Saturday, March 20

Morning of Preparation will be held from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon for Home Study/Sunday Religious Ed/Thursday Religious Ed/Older Eucharist. Our next Morning of Preparation will be on Saturday, March 27th from 9-noon (for Tuesday Religious Ed/St. John School/Homeschooled). We will gather in the Portico North (entrance across from the Church). If you plan on completing your child's banner don't forget to bring your banner kit and other materials you will need to complete it. We only have a limited selection of felt, etc. Remember to bring an empty Pringle Potato Chip can for an activity. Any questions, call Ruth in the Religious Ed Office.

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!

March 14—Sports Crazy/Easter Egg Hunt... You don't want to miss this night! We are going to start the night with any sport the group decides to vote on. There will be a unique spin to each game. The night will include basketball, soccer, and dodge ball. Then at the end of the night we will finish with a massive, gigantic Easter egg hunt. The hunt will include a night time Easter egg hunt with special eggs that have some special prizes. Bring any friends 6th through 8th grade. Meet outside the St. John gym by 7:30!

March 26-27—The Edge is having our *Spring Retreat at Hashawha* and you will not want to miss it. The theme is "Lent Olympics" and it is 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 lodging, 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, along with your liability form by Friday, March 19th. Liability forms are available 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. 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!

Mar. 14—Revitalized... Are you feeling down in the dumps? Then you need to be "Revitalized!" Check out this awesome night that's sure to get you pumped up!!

Mar. 21—Spirit Led—LIFE TEEN'S spring retreat is right around the corner! Be sure to join us for a day long retreat here at St. John on the 21st! Our theme for the retreat is "Spirit Led" and we're going to be focusing on how the Spirit led Christ into the desert for 40 days and how Lent can better prepare us for a deep relationship with God! You're also going to have the chance to compete in LIFE TEEN survivor to see how well you could survive in the desert! We're going to play great survival games (like the one you played in outdoors school!) Look for a sign up form in the back of the church!

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH

PARISH-WIDE ROSARY CAMPAIGN...Every Sunday

Countless times over the centuries, the Blessed Virgin Mary has asked that we pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. In November a parish rosary was started which is prayed each week between the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. *The Rosary begins at 9:55 a.m.* and is offered for our country, its leaders, all intentions of the parishioners and for the healing of Msgr. Art. Please try to attend at least once a month or as often as you are able.

BAKER/YINGLING SCHOLARSHIP 2010...Students who have been a part of a St. John's Athletic Program for at least three (3) years, and have been accepted into a college, university, or private high school for the upcoming school year are encouraged to apply. An application is available at the Parish Center, or find one on line at www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org. Please fill it out completely and include all attachments. **Please drop it off at the Parish Center by May 31st.** For further information call Bo Yingling at 410-876-1162.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...Sunday, March 14

This spiritually based ministry is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet in the Parish Center from 10-11:30 a.m. **No registration is required.** For more information call Janet Tenney at 410-833-1542.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU—Wednesday, March 17

Our parish is participating in an Archdiocesan-wide reconciliation program initiated by Archbishop O'Brien called "*The Light is On for You.*" on Wednesdays in Lent (and March 24 (also Parish Penance Service) the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered here at St. John from 7:00-8:30 p.m. All Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will have confessions available on these Wednesdays and we invite you to join us here for this sacrament. I encourage you to join us—*The Light is On for You!*

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING...Thurs., March 18

Believe it or not the Carnival will be here before you know it! Please join us in the Parish Center from 7-9 pm to help plan this major fundraising event. We still need volunteers. Contact Jim Kramer by email at jjmandremark@aol.com or by phone at 301-447-6992. Please consider joining us and lending a helping hand!

VOLUNTAS DEI SPIRITUAL TEAMS...Sunday, March 21

Teams will meet with Fr. Gerard on Sun., March 21st from 1:30-3:00 in the Emmaus Room at the Parish Center.

PARISH FISH FRY...Friday, March 19

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.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION...March 22-24

All are invited to join us for the Lenten Mission. The theme is "Falling in Love with Jesus" and will be preached by gifted priest and noted author, Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney, starting on Monday, March 22 through Wednesday evening March 24th at 7 p.m. each night. Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday evenings with a relevant mission homily. Wednesday will begin with a Lenten Reflection and conclude with a Parish Penance Service. Please join us for this Parish Mission..

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

The Wisdom Club will meet at noon for Mass celebrated by Msgr. Art followed by our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Those members whose last names begin with M-Z are responsible for bringing a dish for the lunch. Drinks will be provided. For further information, call Bonnie at 410-795-0786.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL...Saturday, March 27

This spring, Baltimore will be one of more than 250 cities joining together for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history—the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Archbishop O'Brien has set a goal of 12 hours of prayerful vigil at the Hillcrest Clinic on Rt. 40 for each of the 40 days and we need your help! Our parish will be covering the hours from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the March 27th. Volunteers are needed for this time frame. This is a non-violent, non-confrontational prayer vigil. No graphic signs or slogan are used. If you can cover an hour or more or if you have any questions, please call Jenny Woo at 410-751-6068.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...Saturday, March 27

If anyone can help with the installation of the ceiling in the new facilities building, *we are planning to do the work from 9-3:00 p.m.* If you have a few hours you could help us, we would appreciate your help. If you have any questions, call Jim Diggs at 410-302-3312 or email diggsit@aol.com

NEW ALTAR SERVERS –MC MEETING...Saturday, March 27

There will be a meeting for all MC's (Master of Ceremonies) in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. Please call or email Mr. Diggs at 410-302-3312 or diggsit@aol.com.

GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK...Friday, April 2

Join us for this annual event which begins at 11 a.m. here at St. John Church and ends at noon with a Taize Style Meditative Service at St. Paul's United Church of Christ (Bond & Green Streets). You are welcome to join at the beginning of the walk, along the way, or at the noon service. For more information call 410-48-6330.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS/PARENTS MEETING...Tues., Apr. 6

If any boy or girl who will be in the 5th grade this coming September or older, would like to serve on the altar, there will be an informational meeting in the Parish Center on *Tues., April 6th.* There will be *one meeting at 3:45 p.m.* and *another meeting at 7 p.m.* It is requested that at least one parent accompany the applicant. It is only necessary to attend one of these meetings. For questions, call Mr. Diggs at 410-302-3312 or email diggsit@aol.com.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MEN IN BLACK BASKETBALL...Friday, April 30

Join us for the 8th Annual Event at 7 p.m. at Westminster High School. **Players needed for the St. John Parish team.** If you have the skills and are high school-age or a young adult, please contact Betty Belk at 410-848-9391.

RANGER ROSARY MINISTRY... Thank you to all who have been so generous in donating to our ministry. To date we *have made and shipped 11,450 Rosaries* to military overseas and those preparing to deploy. This ministry promotes the Rosary and spreads the Catholic faith to those in need of the comfort when away from home. We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays in the Parish Center from 1-3 p.m. During Lent we have no evening meetings. See us at the Parish Fish Fry. For information call Carolyn Peters at 410-876-8268.

OUTREACH

THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

During Lent we cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

Please continue to help minister to the poor in Carroll County by remembering that next weekend (March 20-21) is **Food Sunday**. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to church and place in baskets provided in the narthex of the church.

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)

Mar. 14—Hospitality Sunday—after morning Masses—Portico
Mar. 14—Bereavement Support Group—10-11:30 a.m.—Parish Ctr.
Mar. 18—Carnival Committee Meeting—7-9 p.m.—Parish Center
Mar. 19—Parish Fish Fry—4-7 p.m.—Portico
Mar. 21—Voluntas Dei Spiritual Teams—1:30-3:30—Parish Ctr.
Mar. 22-24—Parish Lenten Mission—7 p.m.—Church
Mar. 25—Wisdom Club—Noon Mass & luncheon following
Mar. 27—New Altar Servers Meeting—6 p.m.—Parish Center
Apr. 2—Good Friday Cross Walk—11 a.m.—Church
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.