

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Jan. 10	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-38	Luke 3:15-16,21-22
Monday	Jan. 11	1 Samuel 1:1-8	Psalm 116:12-19		Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	Jan. 12	1 Samuel 1:9-20	1 Samuel 2:1,4-8		Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	Jan. 13	1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20	Psalm 40		Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	Jan. 14	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Psalm 44		Mark 1:40-45
Friday	Jan. 15	1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22	Psalm 89:16-19		Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	Jan. 16	1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19,10:1	Psalm 21:2-7		Mark 2:13-17
Sunday	Jan. 17	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 96:1-3,7-10		John 2:1-11

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for your enthusiastic response to the news that Pope Benedict XVI conferred on me the title of Monsignor. Your good wishes and words of congratulation have been most affirming. However, since priestly ministry is not performed alone, but in cooperation with staff members and parishioners, you and those I have served with in other parishes should also feel honored. I hope many of you can join me at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Sunday, March 7th at 5:30 PM for the investiture ceremony.

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On January 18th, the Catholic Daughters will be sponsoring a Blood Drive to give all members of the parish the opportunity to donate blood. Giving blood is a gift of health and life to those in need. It is such a unique and priceless gift that nothing really can take its place. So I urge all who are physically able to donate blood to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to give health and life to someone else.

Please, if you can donate blood, sign up ahead of time so that a schedule can be established and waiting times reduced.

Msgr. Dick Murphy

LET US JOIN IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EMBRACED BY GOD IN A SPECIAL WAY:

In Baptism:

- Kevin I Castro**, Child of
Juan A. Castro & Marta E. Gonzalez
- Vladimir A. Flores**, Child of
Javier D. Flores & Roxana E. Alvarado
- Gabrielle N. Sanders**, Child of
Scott Sanders & Leticia M. Garcia
- Luciano M. Tamanaha**, Child of
Silvana Tamanaha
- Yasmin Trejo**, Child of
Gabino Trejo Juarez & Juana Hernandez

In Their Passage to Eternal life:

- Susan C. Bray, sister of Msgr. Bob Armstrong
- Thomas Harry Erculiani, grandfather of
Thomas G. Erculiani
- Vincente B. Somoza, II, father of Pauline Manalo
- John Kelly
- Michelle Williams

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: This weekend **January 9th & 10th**, after the **5:00 PM** Mass and the **6:00 PM** Spanish Mass on Saturday, and after the **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM** Masses on Sunday, in the Parish Nursing Office on the first floor of the Community Center.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE? Our next session of the Virtuous Family Fairy Tales on temperance will be held **Sunday, January 17th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. All families are invited to join us as we look for this virtue in Fairy Tales and Catholicism. Contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103, for more details.

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** from our parish will be honored during a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, **February 14, 2010, 3:00 PM**, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Please report your candidate couple, married at least 50 years, to Sally at the Parish Office, 301-662-8288 x1001, by January 21st.

CELEBRATING 50 OR 25 YEARS? Please call 410-987-4210, by February 3, 2010 to register to receive special recognition at the Mass.

ADD/ADHD SUPPORT GROUP will NOT meet during January 2010. Our next meeting will be held **Monday, February 8th, 7:00 PM**, in the Bishop Murphy Conference Room, 1st floor at the Parish Office. This is not a counseling group, but a faith-based support group for parents and family members dealing with children or relatives who have ADD/ADHD. For more info, call Bob Krajewski, 301-695-9070.

50+ CLUB: All are invited to a Planning Meeting to plan for the first few months of activities for 2010. Bring your ideas to the next meeting, **Friday, February 5th, 9:30 AM**, in Room 8 at the Community Center.

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Archdiocesan Scout Mass will be held **Sunday, March 7th, 2:30 PM**, here at St. John's. All parishioners, current and former Scouts, and leaders are invited to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting with Bishop Rozanski. For more details, contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, or amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

CHOCOLATE RETREAT: Please keep the women attending the Chocolate Retreat in your prayers as they prepare for and participate in the weekend experience.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

January 2010

"Peace is not merely the absence of war. Nor can it be reduced solely to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies. Nor is it brought about by dictatorship. Instead, it is rightly and appropriately called 'an enterprise of justice' (Is. 32:7). Peace results from that harmony built into human society by its divine founder, and actualized by men as they thirst after ever greater justice." Gaudium et Spes Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Second Vatican Council, 1965.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

March For Life: Grab your warm coats and mittens and join us on the *March for Life* bus leaving St. John's for Washington on **Friday, January 22nd**. The bus will depart at **9:30 AM** right in front of the Church. The bus seats about 55 people, has restroom facilities, and best of all, will park within walking distance of the Mall in D.C. Round trip cost is \$20, which must be paid in advance. We should return back in Frederick about 4:30 PM. Seating is limited, please make your reservation ASAP. Call Clarice, 240-490-7085, or Dolores, 301-695-3408. This is a wonderful way to start the New Year – to stand with Our Lord on the sanctity of human life and become a foot soldier in His cause.

Are You Pregnant and in need of help? Call the Gabriel Network, 1-800-ANGEL-OK or Birthright, 301-663-0111.

SCOUTING:

Are You Interested in having your child in a Catholic Scouting Unit? St. John's has Catholic Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts (Elementary boys), and Boy Scouts (Middle & High School). For more info, contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 (Girl Scouts), Bill Desmond, 301-662-4151 (Cub Scouts), or Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217 (Boy Scouts).

Boy Scout Troop Open House, Wednesday, January 13th, 7:00-8:30 PM. All Webelo Scouts are invited to come and see what Troop 1274 has to offer. Boys will have the opportunity to make camp stoves, meet Troop members, and have a Scoutmaster conference for their Arrow of Light requirements. Please contact Nelson Spessard, Scoutmaster, if you plan to attend, 301-846-4217, or email nspessard@yahoo.com.

STAND CERTIFICATION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS: The Archdiocese of Baltimore and St. John's Parish are committed to providing a safe environment for children at our parish. **All volunteer ministers** who work with or around families and children must be STAND certified. STAND training is available on line. Please visit www.stjohn-frederick.org and click on STAND Training. Contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105 for more info.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 will be holding their annual Blood Drive, **Monday, January 18th**, in the Community Center Hall. **Sign-ups** will be held **this Sunday, January 3rd, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in the Community Center cafeteria, the Atrium, and outside the Church** (weather permitting). For more details, call Clarice, 240-490-7085.

SPONSOR COUPLES NEEDED: St. John's is looking for Sponsor Couples to help prepare engaged couples for marriage. If you feel called as a couple to share the gift of your Sacrament of Marriage, please contact Amy Spessard for details, 301-662-8288 x1102.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those who helped make this year's Church Candlelight Tour another outstanding success! Thanks to the greeters and counters, the Hospitality site helpers, Boy Scout Troop 1274, and the musicians, both vocal and instrumental. Thanks also for the generous donations of cookies and brownies. I am sure our 1490 visitors were glad they stopped in. Kathy Tokar

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY Classes resume this week, January 10th & January 11th.

All Monday Night Faith Formation parents are invited to a cider and dessert social on **Monday, January 11th**, in Room 17 to meet other parents with children in the Monday night program.

PARENT EUCHARIST MEETINGS will be held **Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00-9:00 PM, and Saturday, January 30th, 9:30-11:30 AM**, in the Community Center Hall. Parents who are preparing their children for First Communion this spring should plan to attend one of these meetings. For more details, contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103.

CONFIRMATION:

Parishioners: Please pray for all the students, peer ministers, and adults on the Confirmation Retreat this weekend.

Parents: Please schedule a Confirmation interview with Erica May for January. Call 301-662-8288 x1105.

MSYM will resume **this Monday, January 11th**, in the Hall. We will start our semester on Scripture with *Stop It – Jesus as the Story Teller*. We will explore how

Jesus used stories (parables) to teach and talk about life.

HSYM: We will be kicking off our new semester on Morality, **February 7th** with *Thy Will Be Done*. Visit www.stjohne.com for info about the Chastity Rally on March 7th with National Youth Ministry speaker Paul George from Atlanta, GA.

OUR PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND'S first practice will be **Sunday, January 17th, 5:00-6:30 PM**, in the Hall. Any student in high school who is interested in joining is welcome to our practice. We will meet weekly, but an official schedule will be determined on the 17th.

MARCH FOR LIFE, January 21st \$ 22nd. Permission slips and details are available at www.stjohne.com. We will depart from St. John's, 2:00 PM, via charter bus on Thursday and return at 5:00 PM Friday. Only \$30 per student. This is an amazing experience. Space is limited on the bus.

SUPER BOWL OF CARING: On Super Bowl Weekend, the teens of St. John's will join teens across the country to collect money for local soup kitchens. Be prepared for a lot of teens outside after Masses on **February 6th & 7th**, and please give as your means will provide for the poor in Frederick. All donations will go to the Frederick Community Action Agency. Contact Joe Mele at joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org.

THE APEX EXPERIENCE: On **Friday, February 5th**, Middle Schoolers will experience APEX (Gene & Brad) at St. Timothy's Church in Walkersville. They juggle, tell stories, eat fire, and have a bull whip. Visit www.stjohne.com for new YouTube videos and permission slips for the event.

PEER MINISTRY APPLICATIONS for 2010-2011 are available at www.stjohne.com as well as details of our new and improved Peer Ministry Retreat on June 16-20 at Mountainside Retreat Center in Urbana. Applications are due by March 5th!

SPANISH COMMUNITY

EXAMEN DE LA PRESION:

El sábado 9, de Enero /2010 después de la Misa de las 6.00 PM en el Centro Comunitario Edificio 114, se estará tomando examen de la presión. Todos son bienvenidos.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for Pre-K – 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. For more details or to schedule a tour of the school, call Admissions, 301-695-9358 or visit www.sjrscs.org. Tours are conducted daily from 9:00-11:00 AM. The next **Open House** will be held **Thursday, February 4th, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**.

STORY-TIME TOTS will be held Monday, January 25th, 8:45 AM, at the school located at 8414 Opossumtown Pike. This month's theme, *Winter*; a take-home craft will be included. Please call Jean Wright, 301-695-9358 to reserve your spot.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES

12/20/2009 (Blizzard)

Envelope Users (133).....	\$ 4,548.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 1,622.10
TOTAL Offertory	\$ 6,170.60
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: Debt Reduction.....	\$ 1,561.50
Total Debt Payment Due Dec. 2009.....	\$ 8,662.33
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 620.00

12/27/2009

Envelope Users (469).....	\$ 18,345.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,958.77
EFT Giving 12-20-2009	\$ 7,731.53
TOTAL Offertory	\$ 31,035.80
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$ 28,251.00
Second Collection: El Salvador Flood	\$ 325.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 1,355.00

01/03/2010

Envelope Users (506).....	\$29,825.25
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,409.97
TOTAL Offertory	\$34,235.22
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: School	\$ 3,600.31
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 3,086.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday January 11	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Erika Hillegas
Tuesday January 12	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Anna F. Grove Louie F. Avery (1 st Anniv.)
Wednesday January 13	6:30 AM 8:00 AM GoldenLiving 6:30 PM (SP)	John Baer Veronica Mosley Putman Dutrow Corinne Callahan
Thursday January 14	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention M. J. Grove
Friday January 15	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	William E. Baer & Family Jane S. James
Saturday January 16	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Kenneth Purcell Ints. Margaret Brown Special Intention George Geatz
Sunday January 17	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	People of the Parish Joseph Anthony Golden Frances Heck Evelyn Heck Jean Barry Special Intention