

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2010

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 17</b>	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalms 96:1-3,7-10	1 Cor. 12:4-11	John 2:1-11
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 18</b>	1 Samuel 15:16-23	Psalms 50		Mark 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 19</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalms 89:20-28		Mark 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 20</b>	1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51	Psalms 144:1-2,9-10		Mark 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 21</b>	1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7	Psalms 56		Mark 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>	1 Samuel 24:3-21	Psalms 57		Mark 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 23</b>	2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27	Psalms 80		Mark 3:20-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10	Psalms 19:8-10,15	1 Cor. 12:12-30	Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This week is designated as one of special prayer for Christian Unity. As Catholics we have a responsibility to pray for Christian Unity. As Pope John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *UT UNUM SINT (That All May Be One)*: "The unity of all divided humanity is the will of God. For this reason He sent His Son, so that by dying and rising for us He might bestow on us the Spirit of love. On the eve of His sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus, Himself, prayed to the Father for His disciples and for all who believe in Him, that they *might be one*, a living communion" (#6). This is the basis of both the duty and responsibility of all Christians to work and pray for unity among all who have been baptized into Jesus. Division in the body of believers contradicts the will of Jesus and damages the effort to proclaim the Gospel to all people by providing a stumbling block for those wanting to believe.

Speaking of the lack of unity among Christians, the encyclical says that "the Decree on Ecumenism does not ignore the fact that 'people of both sides were to blame,' and acknowledges that responsibility cannot be attributed only to the 'other side'" (#11). Vatican II, in *Lumen Gentium* #8, acknowledged that many elements of sanctification and of truth can be found outside the Catholic Church's visible structure. These elements of sanctification and truth - especially the work of the Holy Spirit - are arousing in all the desire to be peacefully united in the manner desired by Christ.

Thus, we are called to prayer, dialogue, and common actions of service to foster the efforts to achieve Christian Unity.

Msgr. Dick

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

#### In Baptism:

**Kathryn Elizabeth Brennan**, Child of

Jason & Tara Brennan

**Etta Felice Shupe**, Child of

Justin & Kelsey Shupe

#### In Her Passage to Eternal life:

Leona Scire

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?** Our next session of the Virtuous Family Fairy Tales on temperance will be held **this Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**WELCOME MASS & RECEPTION:** St. John's Welcoming Committee has planned a Welcome Mass and Reception for new parishioners to be held **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the 1:00 PM Mass**, with a reception immediately following in the Community Center Hall. Please call Mary Beth O'Boyle, 301-668-1448, for more details.

**IMMIGRATION SEMINAR, Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. This is the third in the series of presentations on the *Social Teachings of the Church - What We Believe and How We Live It!*. This panel discussion has been rescheduled from January 21<sup>st</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speaker will be the Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, the Archdiocese's Vicar for Hispanic Ministries, who will discuss the Church position on welcoming newcomers, and the underlying social principles of the Church's teachings on immigration. This Faith Formation program is open to all.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>. **CELEBRATING 50 OR 25 YEARS?** Please call 410-987-4210, by February 3, 2010 to register to receive special recognition at the Mass.

**50+ CLUB:** All are invited to a Planning Meeting to plan for the first few months' activities for 2010. Bring your

ideas to the next meeting, **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM**, in Room 8 at the Community Center.

**FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. Cost is \$10 per family and corsages are available for purchase. For a registration form or more details, contact Amy Spessard, [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org) or 301-662-8288 x1102. Proceeds to benefit Troop 81397's trip to Savannah, Georgia.

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

## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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*"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: Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.** The bus will depart at **9:15 AM** right in front of the Church. Please arrive no later than 9:00 AM. We should start back about 4:30 PM and arrive in Frederick by 6:00 PM. Seating is limited, please make your reservation ASAP. Call Clarice, 240-490-7085, or Dolores, 301-695-3408. Please see insert in today's bulletin for full details.

**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).

**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](http://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**

**18<sup>th</sup>**, in the Community Center Hall. See insert for full details. Call Clarice, 240-490-7085, to register.

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the Americas Court St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #278** invite all women of the parish, 18 years and over, to their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**, in Room 8, second floor of the Community Center. Call Regent Bonnie at 301-865-3725 for more details.

**SPONSOR COUPLES NEEDED:** Do you and your spouse like working together in ministry? Would you like to be involved in a ministry that nurtures your marriage as you nurture others? Marriage Preparation is an excellent opportunity to share the gift of your sacrament with newly engaged couples. If you would like to learn about how you can become involved, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, or [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org).

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**NO FAITH FORMATION or YOUTH MINISTRY CLASSES** this weekend, **January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.** Sessions will resume **January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**MSYM:** We resume classes next week, **January 25<sup>th</sup>**, with our Sts. Francis de Sales & John Bosco Feast Day PARTY! Please - 6<sup>th</sup> graders bring paper plates & napkins; 7<sup>th</sup> graders bring soda/drinks; and 8<sup>th</sup> graders bring snacks.

**HSYM:** We will kick off our new semester on Morality **February 7<sup>th</sup>** with *Thy Will Be Done*. Visit [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com) for info about the Chastity Rally on **March 7<sup>th</sup>** with National Youth Ministry speaker Paul George from Atlanta, GA.

**PARENT EUCHARIST MEETINGS** will be on **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM, and Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM**, in the Community Center Hall. Parents preparing their children for First Communion should plan to attend one of these meetings. Contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103.

**MARCH FOR LIFE, January 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Permission slips and details are available at [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com). We will depart from St. John's, 2:00 PM Thursday by charter bus and return at 5:00 PM Friday (limited bus space). Only \$30 per student! Be a part of this amazing experience.

### CONFIRMATION:

**Retreat 1** - a great weekend! See [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com) for pictures. Thank you, Confirmation students, peer ministers, and youth ministers (chaperones) for being part of such a meaningful retreat!!

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

**PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND, first practice this Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30 PM**, in the Hall! Interested? Come join us!

**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 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org).

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

**PASSION:** High Schoolers who are into theater, acting, or being the center of attention: Auditions for *Passion*, a play on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, will be held on **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 PM**, and the play will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. for more details, visit [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com).

**PEER MINISTRY APPLICATIONS** for 2010-2011 are available at [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com), along with details of our new and improved Peer Ministry Retreat on **June 18-20** at Mountainside Retreat Center in Urbana. Applications are due by March 5<sup>th</sup> (Please note that we have changed from a 5-Day to a 3-Day retreat!).

## SPANISH COMMUNITY

**Legion de Maria** Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz. Junta semanal todos los Jueves a las 7:00 PM. Necesitamos mas miembros que se quieran unir al grupo. Trabajemos juntos en union a nuestra Madre Maria. Para mas informacion contactar a: Nitza Rivas - 240-409-1998, Myriam Rullan 240-422-1718.

## ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

**APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.sjracs.org](http://www.sjracs.org). Tours are conducted daily from 9:00-11:00 AM. The next **Open House** will be held **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** "Dividends for Life" will be the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2010. The celebration begins **January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM** at FSK Mall. Come and see our school display in the Center Court. **The SJRCS Catholic School's Week Open House will be held Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.** See our Pre-K -8<sup>th</sup> grade students in their classrooms and tour our Blue Ribbon School!

**STORY-TIME TOTS** will be held Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 AM, at the school, 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.

## BEYOND THE PARISH

**BASKETBALL FREE THROW Championship Competition, this Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM**, at St. John Regional Catholic School, 8414 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick. All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate. The Competition is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St. Katharine Drexel Council, Bishop McNamara Council.

### STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES 01/10/2010

Envelope Users (529).....	\$18,155.26
Non-Envelope Users .....	\$ 4,123.84
EFT Giving 01-05-2010 .....	\$ 9,250.32
TOTAL Offertory .....	\$31,529.42
<b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed .....</b>	<b>\$28,251.00</b>
Second Collection: Debt Reduction.....	\$ 6,399.07
Total Debt Payment Due Jan. 2010 .....	\$ 8,662.33
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) .....	\$ 1,465.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

**THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend, January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**, is the annual Special Care Collection for Archdiocesan Priests. The theme of this collection is *Give to them as they gave to us*. It is hoped that this campaign will serve as a reminder that our brother priests, no longer in active and visible parish settings, are still in need of prayers and financial support. The funds raised will be used to support those Archdiocesan priests in need of special medical care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as those priests, regardless of age, who are convalescing after surgery or serious injury or illness. Currently, there are 10 Archdiocesan priests in nursing care facilities.

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS "SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday January 18	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Walter Dugan
Tuesday January 19	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Judy Macindoe Virginia Grove
Wednesday January 20	6:30 AM 8:00 AM College View 6:30 PM (SP)	Noreen Grove Edna Birt Edward Prevosto Int. John McGowen & Family
Thursday January 21	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Frank Weierich Joseph B. Cavallaro
Friday January 22	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Walter Frey Michael Harrison, Sr.
Saturday January 23	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Nicholas B. Jarvis Ints. Dave Satterfield Rosario Gomez De La Forre Donna Morrell
Sunday January 17	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Michael Hughes (Anniv.) James McSherry (Birthday) People of the Parish Robert Gasior Charles Brooks Corinne Callahan