

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2010

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10	Psalm 19:8-10,15	1 Cor. 12:12-30	Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 25</b>	Acts 22:3-16	Psalm 117:1-2		Mark 16:15-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 26</b>	2 Timothy 1:1-8	Psalm 96		Mark 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 27</b>	2 Samuel 7:4-17	Psalm 89		Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 28</b>	2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29	Psalm 132		Mark 4:21-25
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	2 Samuel 11:1-5,10,13-17	Psalm 51:3-7,10-11		Mark 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 30</b>	2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17	Psalm 51:12-17		Mark 4:35-41
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19	Psalm 71	1 Cor. 12:31-13:13	Luke 4:21-30

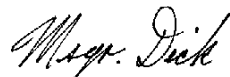
### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

We have all seen many images of the suffering that the people of Haiti have been enduring these last several weeks. We have also heard of the lack of infrastructure that has made rescue operations extremely difficult. The ensuing aid and recovery operations will be long and difficult. I know many, if not all of you, want to be part of the world-wide humanitarian effort to help the earthquake survivors. Next weekend at all Masses, we will have a second collection to help our suffering neighbors. We will send all the money that is collected to Catholic Relief Services, which has a long history of providing aid to the people of Haiti. I know I don't need to ask you to be generous, because we have all seen the human suffering, felt the frustration of not being able "to do something sooner," and truly want to reach out with hope and financial help to the Haitian people.

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I have been asked if there will be a ceremony recognizing the new monsignori that the Holy Father named on December 30, 2009. On Sunday, March 7, 2010, at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, there will be a prayer service asking God's blessing on the ten men honored by the Holy Father. We have about 90 tickets available for those who would like to attend. You may reserve a ticket by calling the Parish Office, 301-662-8288. There will also be some open seating at the Cathedral. A reception here at St. John the Evangelist will be held in the Community Center Hall on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 PM.



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

#### In Baptism:

**Colin Rhys Best**, Child of  
Ronald & Errika Best, Jr.

**Claire Margaret Brohawn**, Child of  
Philip & Emily Brohawn

**Sadie Autumn Countryman**, Child of  
Robert & Kimberly Countryman

**Keisha Rosete LaMarche**, Child of  
David & Joy LaMarche

**Madelyn Rose Ryan**, Child of  
Matthew & Megan Ryan

#### In Their Passage to Eternal life:

Kathryn Dee, mother of Art Dee  
Laura Wade

Mary Ann Holly

Paul Rhoads, Jr., father of Meg McHenry

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**WELCOME MASS & RECEPTION:** St. John's Welcoming Committee has planned a Welcome Mass and Reception for new parishioners to be held **next 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>, (rescheduled from January 21<sup>st</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!*. The panel presenters will include Fr. Richard Gray, Associate Pastor at St. John's, and an immigrant lawyer. The keynote speaker will be Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, the Archdiocese's Vicar for Hispanic Ministries, who will discuss the Church's position on welcoming newcomers and the underlying social principles of the Church's teachings on immigration. Cost is \$5. For more details or to register, call 301-662-8288 x1007 or x1504.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION Classes are forming.** If you are an adult who has already received the Sacrament of Baptism and Eucharist, been active in your faith, and would like to be Confirmed, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY:** St. John's is offering a seven-week Scripture Study focused on the Passion of Christ. We will be using *The Seven Last Words of Christ: A Bible Study on Jesus' Passion* by Rich Cleveland. If you would be interested in helping facilitate a group for this study, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

**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 Girl Scout 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.

### 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).

**The Catholic Religious Emblems Program** for Scouting allows boys and girls to grow in their faith. There will be a parent meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM, for the Cub Emblems, Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei, and Girl Scout Emblems, I Live My Faith and the Marian Medal. Contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102. The Pope Pius XII Boy Scout Religious Emblem is for Catholic Boy Scouts who are 15 years or older. Please contact Amy Spessard. Three Scouts are needed to get the program started.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

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

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S** next regular meeting will be held **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**, in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. All members are urged to attend.

**LOBBY NIGHT 2010:** Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day, February 15<sup>th</sup>, for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis, where this year's theme of *Testimony of Charity* is drawn from Pope Benedict's recent encyclical. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration is required. Call the MD Catholic Conference, 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979 for more details or to register.

**CALLING ALL CANTORS:** Cantors are needed particularly for the 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM Masses on Saturdays and as substitutes for the 7:30 AM and 1:00 PM Masses on Sundays. Requirements: A pleasant singing voice and a strong, clear speaking voice. The ability to read music, while helpful, is not essential. Please call Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, 301-662-8288 x1015

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** Amidst the national fiscal and job related woes that seem to impact our communities, the faith, hope, and love of our people has continued to be bolstered by the generous gifts and prayers of the people of St. John's. It is with great joy that I thank you for seeing our St. Joseph community families as "home". Your generous gifts to the families were met with tears of disbelief and thankfulness that there are others who are keeping Christ in Christmas. We are blessed to be the eyes, ears, and hands of Emmanuel made possible by your love and generosity. Deacon Fred Passauer, Pastoral Associate, St. Joseph Midland, MD.

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**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.

**MSYM:** We resume classes this 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.

**CONFIRMATION:**

**Retreat 2:** Check your email for details on the Retreat scheduled for January 29-31.

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

**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.

**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.

**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**

**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!

<b>STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES</b>	
<b>01/17/2010</b>	
Envelope Users (511).....	\$19,692.00
Non-Envelope Users .....	\$ 4,008.95
<b>TOTAL Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$23,700.95</b>
<b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed .....</b>	<b>\$28,251.00</b>
Second Collection: Spec Care Priests.....	\$ 6,028.51
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund).....	\$ 1,929.45
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

<b>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
<b>"SP" = Mass in Spanish</b>		
Monday January 25	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Dr. Michael J. Stanton
Tuesday January 26	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Country Meadows	Richard Sohm Thelma Miller Margaret Forey
Wednesday January 27	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Edenton 6:30 PM (SP)	Ashley M. Ramsburg (Anniv.) Mrs. Blumenaur Richard O'Connor Special Intention
Thursday January 28	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	James Grove Emidio J. D'Orazio (Birthday)
Friday January 29	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Claire Thornton Michael O'Boyle
Saturday January 30	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Ints. The Alley Family Ints. Connor O'Brien Special Intention Joseph Miller
Sunday January 31	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 John W. Walton John R. Young Mary McGlynn James Dale Sherry Special Intention

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Pancake Breakfast Proceeds** went directly to Birthright, a pro-life organization. The \$500 raised bought 72 items of quality name-brand children's clothing and accessories (a \$1,373 value) from Kohl's Department Store, for infants up to 3 months. This was made possible because Birthright believes in shopping the sales to get the most value for the money entrusted to them. Thank you all for your support of Birthright.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who assisted in setting up the Church and Hall for Christmas. The parish chapter of the Knights of Columbus worked in setting up the huge trees and the wreaths in the windows. Veronica Nimpson and her crew did beautiful work with the arrangements. Linda Dinsmore and Alyssa Young and her son worked on Mary and Joseph's Altar. Reenie Sheehan and the Knights helped create the settings for the crèche and altar areas. Dave Evans and the Knights decorated the Hall. This is great deal of work and all these people coming together made it all happen.