

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Jan. 31	Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19	Psalm 71	1 Cor. 12:31-13:13	Luke 4:21-30
Monday	Feb. 1	2 Samuel 15:13-14,30,16:5-13	Psalm 3:2-7		Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	Feb. 2	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 24:7-10	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Wednesday	Feb. 3	2 Samuel 24:2,9-17	Psalm 32:1-2,5-7		Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	Feb. 4	1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12	1 Chr. 29:10-12		Mark 6:7-13
Friday	Feb. 5	Sirach 47:2-11	Psalm 18		Mark 6:14-29
Saturday	Feb. 6	1 Kings 3:4-13	Psalm 119:9-14		Mark 6:30-34
Sunday	Feb. 7	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 138:1-8	1 Cor. 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Wednesday is the Feast of St. Blaise, the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, who is believed to have been martyred early in the Fourth Century in the persecution of Licinius. The legendary 'acts' of St. Blaise were written about 400 years later. They described St. Blaise as a good bishop who encouraged both the physical and spiritual health of his people. The 'acts' tell a story that happened when Bishop Blaise was being arrested and taken to his martyrdom. A mother brought to Blaise a child who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blaise's prayerful intercession enabled the young boy to cough up the bone. This story lies behind the blessing of throats on the Feast of St. Blaise.

While four centuries provide abundant opportunities for amplification of stories, St. Blaise is an example of the power given to those who have given themselves entirely to Jesus. "As Jesus told His apostles at the Last Supper, 'If you live in me and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will – it will be done for you' (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection" (Saint of the Day, vol. 1, p. 96).

We will have the traditional Blessing of Throats with blessed candles as the final blessing of Masses on Wednesday, February 3rd. The individual blessing by priest or Eucharistic minister will be the last blessing of the Mass, so that anyone who has to leave to go to work can receive the blessing and not be further detained.

Mary Dick

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

WELCOME MASS & RECEPTION: St. John's Welcoming Committee has planned a Welcome Mass and Reception for new parishioners to be held **this Sunday, January 31st at the 1:00 PM Mass**, with a reception immediately following in the Community Center Hall.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, January 30th – February 5th: In celebrating Catholic Schools Week, students from St. John Regional Catholic School will attend and participate during Mass **this Sunday, January 31st, at the 11:00 AM Mass**. After Mass, students will join the Knights of Columbus in the cafeteria at the Community Center in serving Coffee and Donuts. Students will have a display about their school's becoming a Blue Ribbon School. Please stop by for refreshments and in support of our Regional School.

IMMIGRATION SEMINAR, Thursday, February 18th, (rescheduled from January 21st), 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 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 the first few months' activities for 2010. Bring your ideas to the next meeting, **Friday, February 5th, 9:30 AM**, in Room 8 at the Community Center.

We will be collecting full-size personal care items after all Masses the **weekend of February 6th & 7th**. All donations will be given to the Religious Coalition in Frederick and will benefit our local families. Please support this effort by our parish.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: Next weekend **February 6th & 7th**, 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.

ADHD SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday, February 7th, 7:00 PM, in the Parish Office conference room. Guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Clare of Behavioral Health Partners. He will discuss family stress caused by ADHD and some techniques in handling it. For more details, please contact Bob Krajewski, 301-695-9070.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE, February 12th, 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 or 301-662-8288 x1102. Proceeds to benefit Girl Scout Troop 81397's trip to Savannah, Georgia.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY: The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry will be here soon, **Fridays, February 19th through March 26th**. Baked or fried fish dinners with choice of two sides and a roll, as well as à la Carte menus, will be available. Parish Ministries that wish to reserve tables for a group dinner should contact Dave Satterfield, 301-305-2127.

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.

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:

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).

The Catholic Religious Emblems Program for Scouting allows boys and girls to grow in their faith. There will be a parent meeting, **April 26th, 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.

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.

LOBBY NIGHT 2010: Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day, **February 15th**, for the 26th 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

JUST A REMINDER: If your ministry would like to have flyers placed on the mobile bulletin boards outside the Church, please give them to Amy Spessard or Sally Rice **by 12 Noon on Wednesdays** to have them hung for the weekend.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

PARENT EUCHARIST MEETINGS: If you were unable to attend either parent session this past week, please contact Julie St. Croix as soon as possible, 301-662-8288 x1103.

MSYM, Monday, February 1st. The goal of this season is to have the middle school youth look at the foundations of their identity and faith. Using the Gospel parable of the two foundations, this session will show the importance of basing our identity, hope, and faith on the firm foundation of Christ.

CONFIRMATION:

Retreat 2 – This weekend, January 30th & 31st. Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers.

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

THE APEX EXPERIENCE: On **Friday, February 5th**, Middle Schoolers will experience APEX (Gene & Brad) at St. Timothy's Church in Walkersville. Visit 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 14th, 4:00-6:00 PM**, and the play will be on March 25th & 26th at 7:00 PM. for more details, visit www.stjohne.com.

PEER MINISTRY APPLICATIONS for 2010-2011 are available at 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 5th. (Please note that we have changed from a 5-Day to a 3-Day retreat!).

SPANISH COMMUNITY

EXAMEN DE LA PRESION:

El sábado 6, de Febrero /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.

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 began **January 30th 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 4th, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.** See our Pre-K -8th grade students in their classrooms and tour our Blue Ribbon School!

BEYOND THE PARISH

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is an international program committed to preparing couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Engaged couples attend a weekend retreat that fosters openness and communication through a series of presentations, private reflection, and dialogue time. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Baltimore Archdiocese. For more details, including a weekend schedule, please call 410-439-4217, or visit our website at www.mdcee.org.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY MASS with Archbishop O'Brien. All married couples are invited to a special Mass and reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, N. Charles St., Baltimore, **Sunday, February 14th, 3:00 PM**. No tickets are required, but couples wishing to receive a Certificate of Congratulations for 25 or more years of marriage should register by calling 410-987-8407 by February 3rd. Special seating is reserved for anniversary couples at the Cathedral.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES
01-24-2010

Since this bulletin had to be printed early, the financial report for the weekend of January 24, 2010, will appear in the bulletin for February 7, 2010.
Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS "SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday February 1	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention J. Harry Grove
Tuesday February 2	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Walter Frey Edna Birt
Wednesday February 3	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Northampton 6:30 PM (SP)	Joseph Bauer Peter Bienhoff Charles Provenza Corinne Callahan
Thursday February 4	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Wilmer R. Stitely Ints. Margaret Brown
Friday February 5	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Cindy Morrissey Ints. Lisa Chavez
Saturday February 6	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	David O'Keefe Frances Heck Ints. John McGowen & Family Gregory Morrell
Sunday February 7	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 Rohini Ezekiel Charlotte Sheriss Charles Brooks Jean Barry Adela Rodriguez (Anniv.)