

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*February 28, 2010*

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

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Feb. 28</b> | Genesis 15:5-12,17-18   | Psalm 27             | Phil. 3:17-4:1      | Luke 9:28-36      |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Mar. 1</b>  | Daniel 9:4-10           | Psalm 79:8-9,11,13   |                     | Luke 6:36-38      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Mar. 2</b>  | Isaiah 1:10,16-20       | Psalm 50             |                     | Matt. 23:1-12     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Mar. 3</b>  | Jeremiah 18:18-20       | Psalm 31:5-6,14-16   |                     | Matt. 20:17-28    |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Mar. 4</b>  | Jeremiah 17:5-10        | Psalm 1:1-4,6        |                     | Luke 16:19-31     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Mar. 5</b>  | Gen. 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 | Psalm 105:16-21      |                     | Matt. 21:33-46    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Mar. 6</b>  | Micah 7:14-15,18-20     | Psalm 103:1-4,9-12   |                     | Luke 15:1-3,11-32 |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Mar. 7</b>  | Exodus 3:1-8,13-15      | Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11 | 1 Cor. 10:1-6,10-12 | Luke 13:1-9       |

### *FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*

Dear Friends,

I have been asked by several people about the significance of the broken pottery by the altar. It is a Lenten visual aid to help us reflect on our brokenness and need for a Savior. During Lent the Elect are preparing for their Baptism, Confirmation, and first reception of the Eucharist through the scrutinies. Through religious instruction and prayer, Candidates are preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church through Confirmation and the Eucharist. By struggling with our Lenten penances, we are all experiencing our need for Jesus' saving grace and preparing to renew our baptismal promises.

In short, the broken pottery reminds us that we are broken by our sinfulness. Yet, we do not despair, because we rely on the healing grace of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

*Msgr. Dick*



#### THE ORGAN MEDITATION

The Organ Meditation at the Preparation of the Gifts is entitled, *Herr, wie du willst – Lord, As Thou Wilt, Deal Thou With Me –* by Sigfrid Karg-Elert. The theme of the choral text on which the music is based is penitential. The music, nourishment for the soul and food for thought.

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

##### In Marriage:

Elizabeth Matherly & Sean Gierveld

##### In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Fr. Edward Bayer

Michael Hahn

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**COOKIE SALES:** The parish Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after all Masses this weekend. Again this year, they are supporting the *Cookies for Our Troops* campaign. Please stop by and support the Girl Scouts.

**VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES** for **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, has been cancelled in order to accommodate the backlog of programs that were cancelled due to the snow. The next Virtuous Family Fairy Tales session will be **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. All families are welcome.

**“OPTION FOR THE POOR” Seminar, Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall, fourth in the series on the *Social Teachings of the Church – What We Believe and How We Live It*. Sr. Joan Marie Stief, OSB, will discuss Catholic social teachings on the “preference” or “option” for the poor that gives Catholics a way of looking at society with a bias in favor of the weak and powerless. Cost is \$5. For more details or to register, please call the Parish Office, 301-662-8288 x1007 or x1504.

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY:** It is not too late to join one of the Scripture groups. Please contact Amy Spessard if you would like to join. Groups meet Mondays, 9:00 AM, in the Notre Dame Room, and Thursdays, 7:30 PM, in the Bishop Frank Murphy Room, both at the Parish Center.

**HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU** to serve your parish this year? Catechist, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Welcome Committee, Sponsor Couples for the Engaged, Office Volunteer, Cantor, Bell Ringer, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Nursery, Youth Minister, and Money Counters: There's a call that matches your gifts. Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, will help you find a ministry to fit your talents.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY: Fridays during Lent through March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Baked or fried fish dinners with choice of two sides and a roll, as well as à la Carte menus. Parish Ministries that wish to reserve tables for a group dinner should contact Dave Satterfield, 301-305-2127.

**SCOUT MASS:** 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).

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS at St. John's:** The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Mass will be held **Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**. Anyone who donates time, talent, and energy is invited to attend. Mark your calendars now! More details will be announced later.

## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

**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.

### 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).

**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>, 7:00-8:00 PM**, for the Girl Scout Emblems, *I Live My Faith* and the Marian Medal. The Cub Scout Emblems program will meet 8:00-9:00 PM for the *Light of Christ* and *Parvuli Dei*. Please contact Amy Spessard if you have questions, [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org), or 301-662-8288 x1102.

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

**The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual March for Life** in Annapolis will be **Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. A bus leaving Frederick from JoAnn Fabrics on the Golden Mile will start boarding at 3:15 PM so that we will arrive in time for 5:15 PM Mass at St. Mary's Church. The March and Rally will follow. Cost is \$20 per person (\$50 maximum for a family). Call Joanne Tansey, 301-662-0471 or email, [rftansey@aol.com](mailto:rftansey@aol.com) for more details. Reservations are recommended.

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

### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 2010

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*"Every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance."* Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, 2009, para. 62.

**FREDERICK DETENTION CENTER Inmates in Need:** The Prison Outreach Ministry requests donations on behalf of our brothers and sisters in jail. The needs include: \$10 contribution for each Bible purchase (check

payable to St. John the Evangelist, Prison Outreach Ministry), large-sized men's and women's plain white crewneck T-shirts and white socks, new or used basketballs and volleyballs, and Frederick County bus passes. Only new Bibles are given to the inmates in order to reduce contraband. Inmates wear layers of shirts and socks to keep warm. The balls are in constant use and so become flat quickly. Bus passes are given to people as they are released from jail. Please drop off your donations at the Parish office. Contact the Peace & Social Justice Ministry, 301-662-8288 x1504, if you have questions.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

At their February business meeting, Bishop McNamara Council #1622 donated \$500 to CRS for Haitian earthquake relief and \$100 to Special Olympics for the Polar Bear Plunge.

We wish to thank all who purchased tickets for our successful Super Bowl TV Raffle. Congratulations to Pierre Lamar, the winner of the 42" Panasonic Plasma TV. The proceeds will be used to fund the Knights' many charitable contributions this year. Recent contributions also were made to the Frederick Food Bank. Charity is the First Principle of the K of C!

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** We have at the parish a network of prayer for the sick and anyone in special need. We now have an email address that anyone in the parish can use, [prayer.warriors@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:prayer.warriors@stjohn-frederick.org). Your email will be forwarded to a group of people who will pray for your need or that of family or friends. Your email address will be kept confidential; only your request will be forwarded. If you would like to become a part of this ministry, please send an email to the above address and your name will be added to the Prayer Ministry List. Names and email addresses are also kept confidential.

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**EUCHARIST FAMILY DAYS** will be on **March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. Families who are preparing their children to celebrate First Eucharist this spring should plan to attend one of these sessions. Please contact Julie St. Croix, ext. 1103, for more details.

**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to all the Confirmandi who are receiving the Sacrament this weekend!

**MSYM:** Moved to the top of the list, our Middle Schoolers will gather this Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, for our night on the *Good Samaritan*. Visit [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com) for our new approach with small groups and be prepared to vote on some fun activities for the spring semester.

**HSYM, Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**, in the Hall. Bring a friend with you. Hang out beforehand while the Praise & Worship Band practices, or sit in on the Youth Council – we start earlier at **5:00 PM**. Visit our website for new additions to our evenings and pictures from the Confirmation retreats.

**PEER MINISTRY APPLICATIONS** for 2010-2011 are available at [www.stjohnne.com](http://www.stjohnne.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>.**

**PASSION:** The cast is set! Practice has begun – get ready for an amazing spiritual experience this Lent! Make a point to attend one of our shows, **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, and March 27<sup>th</sup>, time TBA.** Help is always needed on the crew team. Contact Joe if you are interested. Visit [www.stjohnne.com](http://www.stjohnne.com) for practice schedule.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND:** We continue to rock in our practices! Next practice is this **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30 PM,** in the Hall.

**YOUTH COUNCIL:** Meeting will be held this **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM,** in the Community Center front office. We will meet right before HSYM. Any 9<sup>th</sup> grader interested is welcome to attend and participate.

**HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:** *The Chasity Rally* will be held **March 7<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family in Middletown, 2:00-4:00 PM.** Come hear Youth Minister from Louisiana, Paul George. *The Pilgrimage* will be held Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Spend the day with the Archbishop and 1,000 other teens from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. For more events, visit [www.stjohnne.com](http://www.stjohnne.com) (Middle Schoolers, we are working on events for you, too).

**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**

**SCHOOL IN ACTION NIGHT, Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM.** SJRCS students in grades 5-8 will present classroom projects and hands-on demonstrations in all subject areas. See Shakespeare come alive! Marvel at our science lab! Hear students speak 4 languages! See faith-based projects from our religion classes, and more! Applications for all grade levels, Pre-K through 8, will be accepted for the 2010-2011 year.

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**FR. WAYNE FUNK Education Endowment Fund:** Catholic Education has been important to St. John's Parish for over 170 years. It was especially important to our former pastor, Father Wayne Funk. In his last year, he set up an endowment for Catholic Education with matching funds from the Archdiocese. Our Finance Committee has recently named this fund the *Father Wayne Funk Education Endowment Fund* for scholarship assistance for children attending St. John Regional Catholic School or Faith Formation programs

at St. John's Parish. This fund is open to all contributions. Your gift is a concrete way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings and establishes a legacy of love by enabling the Church to continue to preserve and pass on our Catholic heritage. We would like to make it easy for you to contribute: call the Parish Office, 301-662-8288, or email [sue.swiss@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:sue.swiss@stjohn-frederick.org).

| <b>STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES</b>                   |                    |
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| <b>02-21-2010</b>                             |                    |
| Envelope Users (607).....                     | \$25,157.55        |
| Non-Envelope Users .....                      | \$ 5,333.04        |
| TOTAL Offertory.....                          | \$30,490.59        |
| <b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....</b>  | <b>\$28,251.00</b> |
| Ash Wednesday .....                           | \$ 4,633.04        |
| Second Collection: None.....                  | \$ 0.00            |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) ..... | \$ 1,464.00        |
| Thank you for your continued generosity!      |                    |

| <b>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</b> |  |  |
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| <b>"SP" = Mass in Spanish</b> |  |  |
| Monday<br>March 1             | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM   | Special Intention<br>Teresa Wallace (Anniv.)   |
| Tuesday<br>March 2            | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM   | Yi Choon Su<br>Joseph Bauer  |
| Wednesday<br>March 3          | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM<br>Northampton<br>6:30 PM (SP)                          | Noreen G. Grove<br>Ints. Lisa Chavez<br>Marie Rose Donnelly<br>Corinne Callahan                                      |
| Thursday<br>March 4           | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM   | James Grove<br>William Clinton McSherry<br>(Anniv.)  |
| Friday<br>March 5             | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM   | Ints. Paul D. Searle<br>Ints. Robert Boyer   |
| Saturday<br>March 6           | 8:00 AM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:00 PM (SP)<br><br>7:00 PM                          | Elizabeth Cawley<br>Marguerite Dutrow<br>Ints. John McGowen &<br>Family<br>Ints. William Briden                      |
| Sunday<br>March 7             | 7:30 AM<br>9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM Ch<br>11:00 AM H<br>1:00 PM<br>5:00 PM (SP) | People of the Parish<br>Rohini Ezekiel<br>Frances Heck<br>Rita Scaglione<br>Ints. Theresa Alterman<br>Hernando Rojas |

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Someone has repeatedly trashed the ladies restroom in the Atrium over the past 2 months. The toilets have been plugged with lots and lots of toilet paper so that they either do not work or they overflow. The bathrooms upstairs and downstairs have been flooded with sewage, which costs the parish money and manpower. PLEASE, if you see anyone loitering in the bathrooms or causing damage, notify the priest or the Parish Office immediately, 301-662-8288!! Children must be accompanied to the restroom by an adult. We would like this to be a clean and safe environment.