

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Mar. 14	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 34:2-7	2 Cor. 5:17-21	Luke 15:1-3,11-32
Monday	Mar. 15	Isaiah 65:17-21	Psalm 30		John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Mar. 16	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12	Psalm 46:2-9		John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Mar. 17	Isaiah 49:8-15	Psalm 145		John 5:17-30
Thursday	Mar. 18	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 106:19-23		John 5:31-47
Friday	Mar. 19	2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16	Psalm 89:2-5,27,29	Rom. 4:13,16-18,22	Matt. 1:16,18-21
Saturday	Mar. 20	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 7:2-3,9-12		John 7:40-53
Sunday	Mar. 21	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126:1-6	Phil. 3:8-14	John 8:1-11

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

In times like these we need a Savior.

As we journey through Lent and experience our brokenness and wounded-ness caused by sin, we become more aware of our need for our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus left us Catholics a powerful way to become aware of the healing mercy of God - through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Because this sacrament requires us to confront our brokenness and sinfulness, we can feel a certain hesitancy about receiving the sacrament. Yet, as we receive the sacrament, we understand the love, mercy, and faithfulness of our God in a powerful way. We encounter the merciful God who forgives and gives us second chances. We comprehend the liberating love of God that shows us that our future is not determined by the sins of our past. We are given the grace to accept God's acceptance of us and to know that we are reconciled and at peace with our God. In a communal celebration we see ourselves as God's chosen people, sinful but sorrowful. We see ourselves as a pilgrim church full of pilgrim people accepting each other and encouraging each other as we all try to follow Jesus more faithfully.

I invite and encourage all our parishioners to attend the Communal Penance Service here at St. John's or at one of the area churches.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

(all at 7:30 PM)

Monday, March 15th, St. Katharine Drexel, Frederick

Tuesday, March 16th, St. John the Evangelist.
A number of priests will be present to hear confessions in English and in Spanish.

Tuesday, March 23rd, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Ijamsville

Thursday, March 25th, Holy Family, Middletown

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and join us for our Celebration Mass and Reception for Monsignor Dick Murphy, on **Sunday, March 21st**! He will celebrate the 1:00 PM Mass, and a reception will follow in the Hall. All are welcome. Come and congratulate our pastor!



THE ORGAN MEDITATION

The organ music for the Preparation of the Gifts this Sunday is entitled, *Christ, You Are the Light and Day* by Georg Boehm, a contemporary of Bach.

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

In Baptism:

Daniel Connor Ackermann, Child of
Brad & Michelle Ackermann

John Andrew Mattingly, Child of
John & Kasey Mattingly

Kelly Ann Parsons, Child of
Paul & Molly Parsons

Alyssa Alexandra Tootill &

Aidan August Wennersten, Children of
Aaron & Joanna Tootill

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Maureen Weber

Diana Lynn Bracone, Sister of Judi Atwell

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES: Our next session will be **Sunday, April 18th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. We will focus on the virtue of *Fortitude*. All families welcome! For more details, contact Julie St. Croix at ext. 1103.

"OPTION FOR THE POOR" Seminar: Sr. Joan Marie Stief, OSB, Catholic Charities Director of Parish Social Ministry, will discuss Catholic social teachings on the "preferential option" for the poor, which gives Catholics a way of looking at society that favors the weak and powerless. Always a theme in Catholic social teachings, what does this mean to us today as individuals and

communities? What better time than this Lenten season to consider this and how we respond. Join us on **Thursday, March 18th, 7:00 PM**, Community Center Hall. Representatives from outreach ministries will also be present. The cost is \$5. See insert in today's bulletin for full details.

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 26th: Baked or fried fish dinners with choice of two sides and a roll, as well as à la Carte menus. Family dining is available at every fish fry, with face-painting by Amy Cutchin, Disney movies, coloring books, and Lego blocks for the kids. Parish Ministries that wish to reserve tables for a group dinner should contact Dave Satterfield, 301-305-2127.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Nursery Ministry will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, date and time to be announced later. Plastic Easter eggs of all colors and sizes are needed, as well as volunteers. Please contact Jamie McGowan, 301-682-3829 or email aururaj42@yahoo.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Calling all adults who wish to travel to Egypt at this year's Vacation Bible School. There will be an organizational meeting, **Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00-8:00 PM**, in the Music Room at the Parish Center. VBS will be held June 28-July 2. For more details, please contact Julie St. Croix, ext. 1103.

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 and click on STAND Training. Contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105 for more info.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Project Rachel: A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held **April 9-11 and June 25-27, 2010**. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel, 1-800-286-4224 or projectrachel@archbalt.org. Please visit their website www.project-rachel.net.

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).

Catholic Religious Emblems Program for Scouting allows boys and girls to grow in their faith. There will be a parent meeting, **April 26th, 7:00-8:00 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, or 301-662-8288 x1102.

SPRING FLOWER SALE: Boy Scout Troop 1274 will be holding its annual Spring Flower Sale after all Masses on the **weekend of May 8th & 9th**. **New this year:** the Troop will take orders before the sale for flats of flowers for all your gardening projects. More information will appear in next week's bulletin. Please contact Amy Spessard, 301-846-4217.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

March 2010

"As individuals and as a nation, therefore, we are called to make a fundamental 'option for the poor.' The obligation to evaluate social and economic activity from the viewpoint of the poor and the powerless arises from the radical command to love one's neighbor as one's self. Those who are marginalized and whose rights are denied have privileged claims if society is to provide justice for all. This obligation is deeply rooted in Christian belief." Economic Justice for All, Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U. S. Economy issued on December 30, 1987.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The Eucharistic Ministers who serve at Frederick Memorial Hospital need two more volunteers to serve communion on Thursdays and Saturdays. In most cases, communion visits are made either in the late mornings or early afternoons, ordinarily taking from one to one-and-a-half hours. If you are interested in serving, please call Patrick Aylward, 301-663-1050.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the Americas Court St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 extend an invitation to all women of the parish, 18 years and over, to their monthly meeting, **Tuesday, March 16th, 7:00 PM**, in Room 8, second floor, at the Community Center.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Annual Card/Board Game Night, Thursday, April 22nd, 6:30-9:00 PM. Admission is \$2 per ticket. Bring your own cards or board games. Sandwiches, Bake Table, Beverages, White Elephant Table, Raffles, and many Door Prizes. Mark your calendars today!

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

EUCHARIST FAMILY DAY will be on **Sunday, March 20th, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM**, in the Community Center Hall, for families who missed the March 6th session and have

a child preparing for First Eucharist this spring. Please contact Julie St. Croix, ext. 1103, for more details.

HSYM: "So you think you can dance?", **this Sunday, March 14th**. We depart from our semester on *Morality* to experience the goal of virtuous-life heaven! Teens will form small groups and will have the greatest (yet appropriate) dance-off ever! Meet in the Hall from **6:30-8:00PM**. Bring a friend!!

MSYM: We will be continuing our three-part series on the Family Life program, **Monday, March 15th**, but we will have some fun ice breakers! To attend these sessions, a parent or guardian must consent via a permission slip. Contact Erica May in the Office of Youth Ministry, ext. 1105, to acquire a form. We will meet in the Hall, **6:30-8:00 PM**.

PEER MINISTER 2010: A meeting for all current peer ministers and those who have applied or are interested in Peer Ministry for the 2010-2011 year: in the Youth Room, **this Sunday, March 14th, 4:30 PM**. Attendance is required for participation next year. Contact Joe, ext. 1104, if you cannot make the meeting. Applications for Peer Ministry may still be submitted; returning peers must reapply for the 2010-2011 year.

PASSION: Are you ready for a great family-based spiritual experience before Holy Week? *Passion* tells the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There will be two showings: **Friday, March 26th, 7:00 PM, and Saturday, March 27th, 2:00 PM, both in the Hall**. Cost is \$5 per person, \$10 per family. All proceeds go to offset the cost of the production; donations are welcomed joyfully!

PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND is probably the coolest and newest teen-driven group yet to hit St. John the Evangelist. We will practice **Sunday, March 14th, 5:00 PM**, in the Hall. It's a great place to chill and meet new people! Open to all high schoolers.

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 – 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms may be downloaded from the school website, www.sjracs.org. To schedule a tour of the school, call 301-695-9358.

STORY-TIME TOTS will be held Monday, March 15th, 8:45 AM, at the school. The program is for 3 & 4 year

olds and their parents. This month's theme: *Eric Carle stories*, and will include a take-home craft. Contact Jean Wright, 301-695-9358.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES	
03-07-2010	
Envelope Users (582).....	\$23,258.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,862.31
TOTAL Offertory	\$28,120.81
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: School	\$ 3,684.81
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 2,243.34
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday March 15	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention John Spurrier
Tuesday March 16	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Bridget Flannery Ferry Miguel A. Canario
Wednesday March 17	6:30 AM 8:00 AM College View 6:30 PM (SP)	Nicholas B. Jarvis John Baer Susan Miller Julia Hernandez
Thursday March 18	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	M. J. Grove John Harwood
Friday March 19	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	William E. Baer & Family Helen B. Coveleskie
Saturday March 20	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Charles Marshall Louise Joy Ints. John McGowen & Family Marie Rose Donnelly
Sunday March 21	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Ints. Christina Summers People of the Parish Evelyn Heck Ints. Theresa Alterman Richard L. Welsh Amanda Chavez

BEYOND THE PARISH

DEFEND LIFE LECTURE by E. Michael Jones, speaking on "How the Late, Great Notre Dame Went South!" The author of *Is Notre Dame Still Catholic?* will appear on **Friday, March 19th, 10:00 AM**, in the Birch Library at St. Peter the Apostle, Libertytown. Contact: 301-829-2888; bbolgers@msn.com.

REQUEST FROM GOODWILL INDUSTRIES: Goodwill Industries is running low on clothes at their two Frederick locations. If you have recently cleaned out your closet during the past snow storms, bring your gently-used clothes, shoes, etc., to either location – East Church Street or Rt. 85. PLEASE DO NOT BRING them to the parish!! Thank you.