

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	May 2	Acts 14:21-27	Psalm 145:8-13	Rv. 21:1-5	John 13:31-35
Monday	May 3	1 Cor. 15:1-8	Psalm 19:2-5		John 14:6-14
Tuesday	May 4	Acts 14:19-28	Psalm 145:10-13,21		John 14:27-31
Wednesday	May 5	Acts 15:1-6	Psalm 122:1-5		John 15:1-8
Thursday	May 6	Acts 15:7-21	Psalm 96:1-3,10		John 15:9-11
Friday	May 7	Acts 15:22-31	Psalm 57:8-10,12		John 15:12-17
Saturday	May 8	Acts 16:1-10	Psalm 100:1-5		John 15:18-21
Sunday	May 9	Acts 15:1-2,22-29	Psalm 67:2-8	Rv. 21:10-14,22-23	John 14:23-29

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May is the traditional month of special devotion to Mary, who throughout Church history has shown herself to be a powerful intercessor for all those who have prayerfully come to her for help and protection. From the time St. Luke recorded the prophetic words of the Magnificat: "All generations shall call me blessed; because He who is mighty has done great things for me" (Luke 1:48), to the present day, Catholics have had special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Fathers of Vatican Council II exhorted:

Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginning of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of the saints. May she do so until all the peoples of the human family, whether they are honored with the name of Christian or whether they still do not know their Savior, are happily gathered together in peace and harmony into one People of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity (*Lumen Gentium* #68).

This is a good time to reflect on our personal prayer, to see if we should be integrating more prayer through Mary's intercessions. Do we pray the Rosary as part of our daily prayers as individuals or as families? I would invite parents with small children to begin by explaining the Rosary and perhaps praying together one decade a day through the month of May.



Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

1. The reading from Acts tell us of the importance of unity and how the early Christians worked together "with one accord" to resolve conflicts. We read how they worked to avoid splits and factions. Is there any disunity in the life of your family? What steps can you take to be a peacemaker and a resolver of conflicts?
2. The Response to the Psalm is "O God, let all the nations praise you!" Why do we as Americans need especially to praise God? What reasons do you personally have to praise the Lord?

3. The Book of Revelation speaks of our new heavenly city. All its imagery (precious stone, jasper, crystal) attempts to express the inexpressible wonder of living eternally with God. But we are so used to thinking only of the present world, we can find it difficult to think about or "desire" heaven. How important is it to focus on your future life with God? What can you do this week to allow the reality of your Heavenly destiny to have a greater impact on how you live?

4. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that if we love Him and keep His word, the Father and He will come and make their dwelling with us. How can you fan into flame the life and love of Christ that is within you?

5. One of the benefits of Christ within us, is the "peace" that Jesus places in our hearts. What is the difference between this peace and the peace that the world gives? Do you know this peace? What can you do to experience it more deeply and give it to others?

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

In First Communion:

Lucas Arce, Alexander Durnal, Glen Bond, and
Claudia Dixon

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Anthony Edward Butler, son of Sandra Butler
Henry "Harry" Singer

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will take place this **Saturday, May 1st**, after the **5:00 PM & 6:00 PM Masses**, and on **Sunday, May 2nd**, after the **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses**, in the Parish Nurse's Office, first floor on the left as you enter the Community Center.

SPRING FLOWER SALE: Boy Scout Troop 1274 will hold their annual Spring Flower Sale after all Masses **next weekend, May 8th & 9th**. The profits from this sale will be used to purchase tents for the Troop. Thank you in advance for your support.

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES: Our last session on *Love* will be held on **Sunday, May 16th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. All families are welcome!

"LIVING THE TRUTH IN LOVE: Catholic Social Thought in an Era of Political Division" is the final

presentation in the 2009-2010 series, *Social Teachings of the Church – What We Believe and How We Live It!* **Thursday, May 13th, 7:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. Don't miss this opportunity to understand the Church's teaching in light of the economic crisis gripping much of the world, reflected in Pope Benedict XVI's latest encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*. Guest speaker will be Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, S.T.D., who holds the Archbishop Harry Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics and is Director of Pre-Theology, Mount St. Mary's University. For more details, see the insert in today's bulletin.

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL: The Hospitality/Fellowship Team is hosting a Wine & Cheese Social, **Sunday, May 23rd, 6:00 PM**, at the home of Judi and Rod Atwell. Bring a bottle of your favorite drink and a sweet or savory dish to share. Join us for an evening of fun, music, and getting to know one another. Please call Judi, 301-473-4931, to RSVP and get directions. See insert in today's bulletin for full details.

MOM'S GROUP will meet **Wednesday, May 26th, 9:00 AM**, at the Third Street Park. In case of rain, we will meet at the Nursery. Please RSVP to Lynn at 240-285-2036 or crocscan@comcast.net. All ages welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the dates for a wonderful trip to Egypt, **June 28th – July 2nd**! Adult and teen volunteers are invited to contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103.

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 Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 for more info.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE **May 2010**
"The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them. Every Christian is called to practice this charity . . . This is the institutional path – we might also call it the political path – of charity, no less excellent and effective than the kind of charity which encounters the neighbor directly." *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), Encyclical Letter of Pope Benedict XVI, 2009.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
Mother's Day: The Respect Life Committee wishes to thank St. John's parishioners for your generous response to the collection for the full-page Mother's Day ad which will appear in the Frederick News/Post on Mother's Day, May 9th. If you have not had an opportunity to contribute and wish to do so, please contact Joanne Tansey, 301-662-0471. Thank you again to those who chose to stop by our table on a cold, windy day and make our project Do-able! God bless you for your stand for the precious gift of life.
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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Bishop McNamara Council would like to thank parish members for your strong support of this year's Lenten Fish Fry. We had great success, and the proceeds will let us achieve many charitable goals. Council members voted in April to donate funds to three worthy activities: \$650 to our Youth Ministry to send a young person to the Archdiocesan High School Leadership Retreat; \$800 to Scout Troop 1274 to assist Scouts who wish to attend summer camp; and \$250 to Able & Willing, a international education foundation based in Frederick. None on this would be possible without your support.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry will be mailed to homes this week. Forms may also be picked up at the Parish Office or downloaded from our website. Registration is open from May 1st through July 31st.

PEER MINISTRY RETREAT will be on **June 19th, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM**, here at St. John's. Mass is at 5:00 PM and a potluck dinner follows in the Community Center. New permission slips have been emailed to students who have applied and new applicants may get an application/permission slip online at the parish website or by seeing Erica May in the Youth Ministry Office.

HSYM will meet **Sunday, May 2nd, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Hall for Life Night, *Superhero University*. We will explore what qualities it takes to be a superhero and come to understand how our gifts and talents might make us "super powers" who can change the world. For an overview of Life Night or if you have questions, please contact Joe in the Youth Ministry Office.

MSYM will meet **Monday, May 3rd, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Hall for the Life Night, *The Prodigal Son*. We will explore the three roles in the story of the runaway son, the stay at-home son, and the forgiving father. Ultimately, we will conclude that in our life we are called to become more like the forgiving father in our relationships. For an overview, please contact Joe in the Youth Ministry Office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN NIGHT @ the Mount: Friday, May 7th, 7:00-9:00 PM, will be the annual Middle School Fun Night at Mount St. Mary's University Knott Arena. More details and permission slips will be emailed to Middle School families soon. Please contact the Office of Youth Ministry.

SUMMER EVENTS: High School students interested in Steubenville or ND Vision, please contact the Youth Ministry Office. We are working to coordinate a

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CHURCH

SOCIAL TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH - WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE LIVE IT!

PRESENTED BY THE PEACE AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY &
ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Thursday, May 13, 2010

LIVING THE TRUTH IN LOVE:

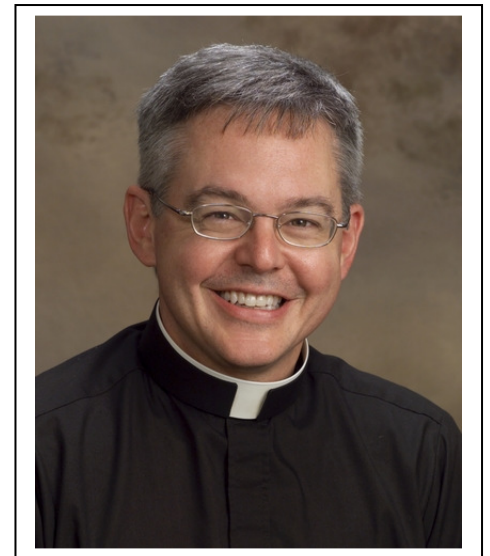
Catholic Social Thought in an Era of Political Division

Presented by: **Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, S.T.D.**

Archbishop Harry Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics, and Director of
Pre-Theology, Mount St. Mary's University

Tired of the yelling? Can we speak the truth with Charity? St. Paul teaches that we are to speak "the truth in love" (Eph.4:15). Part of the truth that we proclaim is the Church's Social Teaching. Often called "the Church's best kept secret," Catholic Social Teaching is supposed to inform the conscience of every catholic who is called to work in the world. Pope Benedict XVI's latest encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" reflects on the Church's teaching about social justice, economics, the environment, development and politics especially in light of the economic crisis gripping much of the world.

All are welcome! Catechist clock hours available.



Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where: St. John's Community Center Hall, 114 E. 2nd St., Frederick, MD

Registration: \$5.00

For questions or to register, please call the parish office at 301-662-8288 ext. 0, or Peace & Social Justice ext. 1504, or Fr. Dan Goulet ext. 1007.



St. John the Evangelist
Hospitality and Fellowship
Team Presents
Summer Sensations 2010

Wine and Cheese Social May 23rd 6pm. Enjoy the beverage of your choice, fun, food, and fellowship in an intimate setting.

Starry Starry Nite June 25th 7pm. Join us as the back parking lot of the church is transformed into an outside garden of food, music, and enjoyment.

Dinner and a Movie in Italy July 30th 7pm. Travel to Italy and enjoy a pot luck dinner featuring your favorite Italian dishes and one of the best all time Italian flicks. In the Parish Hall. Baby sitting service available.

Family Movie Nite August 20th 7:30pm. Once again, the back lot becomes a dramatic movie showcase featuring cartoons and a film for the whole family on a giant screen.

Save the Dates

All are Welcome

Visit our Website for More Info

www.stjohn-frederick.org