

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	May 9	Acts 15:1-2,22-29	Psalm 67:2-8	Rv. 21:10-14,22-23	John 14:23-29
Monday	May 10	Acts 16:11-15	Psalm 149:1-6,9		John 15:26-16:4
Tuesday	May 11	Acts 16:22-34	Psalm 138:1-3,7-8		John 16:5-11
Wednesday	May 12	Acts 17:15,22-18:1	Psalm 148:1-2,11-14		John 16:12-15
Thursday	May 13	Acts 18:1-8	Psalm 98:1-4		John 16:16-20
Friday	May 14	Acts 1:15-17,20-26	Psalm 113:1-8		John 15:9-17
Saturday	May 15	Acts 18:23-28	Psalm 47:2-3,8-10		John 16:23-28
Sunday	May 16	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47:2-3,6-9	Eph. 1:17-23	Luke 24:46-53

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Please see the Special Insert:

Litany to Mary, Mother of Life

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#### Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings *(see box above)*

1. In the First Reading, after Jesus ascends to the Father, the attending angels promise that "This Jesus who has been taken up into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." How important to you is Jesus' Second Coming? How important should it be? Why?
2. The Psalm foreshadows the joy and celebration that may have occurred in heaven upon Jesus' return. Spend a minute or so in quiet reflection and try to imagine what your first day in heaven would be like. Is there someone close to you with whom you can share your reflection?
3. St. Paul prays a powerful prayer for the believers in Ephesus, and for us as well. The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus are central to this prayer. Pray it slowly, and meditate on the words as you do. What does it mean to you? Continue praying it, and share the fruits of your praying with a friend in the parish.
4. After Jesus' Ascension, the disciples "then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God." The Ascension of Jesus should be a day of great rejoicing and hope for us as well, as we look forward to joining Jesus in heaven. Why is this so?

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

##### In Baptism:

- Ellen Hadley Elyard**, Child of Justin & Hanne Elyard
- Victoria Elizabeth Portillo-Saenz**, Child of Luis Portillo & Johanna Saenz-Portillo
- Christopher Angel Rivas Gonzalez**, Child of Wilson Ricardo Rivas Quinteros & Reyna Isabel Gonzalez Ayala
- Anderson Ramirez Lopez**, Child of Bernardo Jacobo Ramirez Perez & Catalina Lopez Chavez

##### Luis F. Velasquez Ramos &

**Miguel Angel Ramos Velasquez**, Children of Leonel Rames Lucas & Edilia Velasquez Ramos  
**Juan Humberto Ramirez Negrete**, Child of Jose Juan Pablo Ramirez & Cristina Negree Navarro

**Hayden Mia Carrado**, Child of Matthew & Rebecca Carrado

**Anderson Robert Chase**, Child of James & Katherine Chase

**Jared Michael Dorrier**, Child of Justin Dorrier & Sara Gebase

**Isis Orella Gebase**, Child of Sara Gebase

**Alexandra Carmody Grudecki**, Child of Mark & Kathy Grudecki

##### In First Communion:

Emma Adams, Isabella Nartker, Emmanuel Douge, David Failacci, Sophia LaMothe, and Olivia Sica

##### In Marriage:

Reyna Gonzalez & Wilson Rivas, Validation

##### In Her Passage to Eternal Life:

Mary Cassidy

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**SPRING FLOWER SALE THIS WEEKEND!** The parish Boy Scouts will be selling flowers after all Masses this weekend. The profits from the sale will be used to purchase tents for the Troop. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Scouting.

**VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES:** Our last session on *Love* will be held next **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 [crosclan@comcast.net](mailto:crosclan@comcast.net). All ages welcome!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Save the dates for a wonderful trip to Egypt, **June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>**! 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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org) and click on STAND Training. Contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 for more info.

### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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*"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:

**A Message From Project Rachel:** *"Once you choose hope, anything's possible."* Choose hope! Forgiveness and healing are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion, **June 25-27**, Marriottsville, MD. Call 410-625-8491. Visit [www.project-rachel.net](http://www.project-rachel.net) for more details.

**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).

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY from the Knights of Columbus!** The *Mary Gold Program* involves the distribution of marigold flowers on Mother' Day, to recognize the contribution of every mother in our parish. On each flower pot is the message, *"Thank you for choosing life, Happy Mother's Day."* The program is named after Mary, the Mother of Jesus and her child more precious than gold. The goal of every Knights of Columbus council is to enrich the parish community with the core values of our faith. It is our hope that every mother will leave Mass with a marigold and our sincerest wishes for a Happy Mother's Day!

**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.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who contributed to the collection of personal care items this past week. The Catholic Committee on Scouting was able to donate over 300 care packages!

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2010-2011** Faith Formation and Youth Ministry were mailed to homes last week. Forms may also be picked up at the Parish Office or downloaded from our website. Registration is open from May 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**PEER MINISTRY RETREAT** will be on **June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Hall for our End of Year Celebration. This will be the last meeting for high school students until the fall. We hope everyone can attend. Have a great summer! For more details, please contact Joe in the Youth Ministry Office.

**MSYM** will meet **Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Hall for our End of year Celebration. This will be the last meeting for middle school students until the fall. We hope everyone can attend. Have a great summer! For more details, please contact Joe in the Youth Ministry Office.

**SUMMER EVENTS:** High School students interested in Steubenville or ND Vision, please contact the Youth Ministry Office. We are working to coordinate a volunteer-chaperoned delegation to either event, or referrals to other parishes in the Archdiocese.



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



BISHOP MCNAMARA COUNCIL  
WISHES TO EXPRESS OUR  
APPRECIATION FOR ALL  
MOTHERS BY RECOGNIZING  
THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
CHRISTIAN FAMILIES.

THANK YOU, FOR CHOOSING LIFE FOR US.



**What's love got to  
do with it?**

**Join us for our last  
family gathering this  
year!**



Let us know what kinds of  
family/parent programs you  
would like to see next year!

Sunday, May 16th

Community Hall

2-4 PM

All Families welcome!

More Information? Julie St. Croix 301-662-8288 Ext. 1103