

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

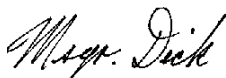
Sunday	May 16	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47:2-3,6-9	Eph. 1:17-23	Luke 24:46-53
Monday	May 17	Acts 19:1-8	Psalm 68:2-7		John 16:29-33
Tuesday	May 18	Acts 20:17-27	Psalm 68:10-11,20-21		John 17:1-11
Wednesday	May 19	Acts 20:28-38	Psalm 68:29-30,33-36		John 17:11-19
Thursday	May 20	Acts 22:30,23:6-11	Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11		John 17:20-26
Friday	May 21	Acts 25:13-21	Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20		John 21:15-19
Saturday	May 22	Acts 28:16-20,30-31	Psalm 11:4-5, 7		John 21:20-25
Sunday	May 23	Acts 2:1-11	Psalm 104:1,24-34	1 Cor. 12:3-7,12-13	John 20:19-23

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During this Easter Season, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we also celebrate our sharing His risen life through baptism. As St. Paul tells us, "You have been taught that when we were baptized in Christ Jesus we were baptized in his death; in other words, when we were baptized we went into the tomb with him and joined him in his death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life" (Romans 6:3-4). Therefore, St. Paul continues, we must consider ourselves "alive for God in Jesus Christ."

So we believe that through our baptism we share Jesus' life as priest, prophet, and king. By sharing Jesus' risen life, we are called to share his ministry, empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Yet, we must also be equipped for many forms of ministry to which Jesus calls us. The Church has always met this need through the spiritual and academic formation of priests, deacons, and professed religious. And we have come to see to that - as our Archdiocese asks of us - spiritual formation and academic training are also necessary for lay ministers, both paid and volunteer.

I therefore want to recognize the efforts of some of our parishioners to equip themselves better for religious education and youth ministry. **Rhonda Bond**, a volunteer catechist in our Elementary Religious Education program, has received preliminary certification in Catechetical instruction. **Amy Spessard**, our parish Director of Evangelization, has received professional certification in Catechesis. And three parishioners who also teach at our school have been awarded certificates in their areas of ministry: **Karen Roskowsinski** received advanced certification in Catechesis; **Lisa Giacco** received her Catechist certificate; and **Elizabeth O'Donoghue** received her professional certificate in Youth Ministry. Several more of our parishioners are also progressing toward various degrees of certification in Religious Education and Youth Ministry. All these Christians are forwarding their (and our) mission to be "alive for God in Christ Jesus."



Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

(see box above)

1. Many of us are disconnected from God's gift to us in the Holy Spirit, a Spirit filled with energy and joy that inspires love and confidence. How can you open yourself to this gift?
2. The First Reading recalls the events of Pentecost, in which we see the Holy Spirit as the unifier of all peoples. How can the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own and others' lives strengthen unity in your parish?
3. The Psalm speaks of God's renewing the face of the earth, a renewal begins with each one of us. What renewal does God want to make in your life?
4. The Second Reading reminds us that the Holy Spirit works in each of us differently in order to benefit the whole Church. What gifts do you have that can build up the Church? How can you use them to benefit your family?
5. John Paul II reminded us often that Christ's commission to the Church in the Gospel - "as the Father has sent me, so I send you" - was not meant just for the Apostles, but also for each of us believers. We all share the responsibility to tell the world of the great news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ! In the coming weeks, how can you share the Good News with others?

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

In First Communion:

Hannah Kotkin, David Norris, Declan Fitzgerald, Jose Garcia, Dorian Young, Chindera Ogwulu, Kasiemobi Ogwulu, Tristan Cipriani, Matthew Nally, Sebastian Badillo, Cameron Arrington, Alexander Knott, Joseph White, and Johanna Maher

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Mary Jane Fanning, mother of Leah Huber
Thomas Waters, husband of Karen Waters
Cpl. Kurt S. Shea, son of Steve & Linda Shea

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

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.

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: Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Julie St. Croix if you are able to help the week of **June 28th-July 2nd**, 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:

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 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).

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.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2010-2011: Faith Formation and Youth Ministry forms 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 1st through July 31st.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers who helped make our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs so successful this year! May God bless all of our families as they experience God in the quiet days of summer.

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 on line at the parish website or by seeing Erica May in the Youth Ministry Office.

HSYM will meet **Sunday, May 16th, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Youth Ministry Room #5. This will be an evening of fun and fellowship. 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 17th, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Youth Ministry Room #5. This will be an evening of fun and fellowship. 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.

SPANISH COMMUNITY

Legion de Maria Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz. Junta semanal todos los Miércoles 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 still being accepted for Pre-K – 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. **Next testing date is May 18 for grades 1-8.** Download forms from the school website, www.sjrsc.org. Tours are provided daily from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please call 301-695-9358 to make an appointment.

ATTENTION ALL RUNNERS! The SJRCS 5K Walk & Fun Run will take place Saturday, May 29th, 8:00 AM, at Ballenger Creek Park. This is a scenic but challenging cross-country run. A free race shirt and goodie bag will be given to the first 200 registered runners. Prize giveaways and refreshments after the race! To register: www.active.com/running/frederick-md/saint-john-5k-2010#Summary.



St. John the Evangelist
Hospitality and Fellowship Team

Presents

Wine and Cheese Social

May 23, 2010

6:00 PM

Enjoy the beverage of your choice, fun, food, and fellowship in an intimate setting at the home of Judi and Rod Atwell.

Bring a bottle of your favorite drink and a sweet or savory dish to share with your fellow St. John's parishioners and join us for an evening of fun, music, and getting to know one another.

Email Judi Atwell at jjatwell@comcast.net to RSVP and receive directions.

Or call Judi at 301-473-4931.

We look forward to meeting new friends and seeing old friends once again.

All parishioners are welcome!

Visit our website for more info.

www.stjohn-frederick.org (Click on "Our Parish," then "Ministries," then "Fellowship," and then on the link to the Hospitality Team page.)





May 2010 Newsletter

St. John Regional Catholic School is your parish school!
Our students are from the parishes of St. John the Evangelist, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Peter, Holy Family, St. Timothy, St. Joseph, St. Ignatius, St. Francis/St. Mary, and the Catholic community of Fort Detrick.
We want you to know more about St. John and our students' accomplishments.
This newsletter appears monthly in your church bulletin.

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Of Excellence**
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301-662-6722/ 301-695-9358 Admissions

Upcoming Events

Fine Arts Evening
May 19, 7 p.m.

5K Run
Sat., May 29 8 a.m. Ballenger Crk. Park

20th Annual Spring Fair
June 5-6
Sat., 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sun., 12-6 p.m.

20th Annual Spring Fair Returns!

Celebrating 20 years of family fun, SJRCS will be the site of the 20th Annual Spring Fair, the weekend of June 5-6. Located behind the school on Opossumtown Pike, the fair is an event for all ages and includes games, rides, raffles, live entertainment, food, silent and live auctions, the \$10,000 raffle, the ever popular cake walk, arts and crafts and more. There will be a spectacular fireworks display at dusk on Saturday night. For more information, visit the school website www.sjrccs.org, click Fair.

Electronics Recycling Event a Success

Thanks to everyone who dropped off old electronics at our recent e-cycling event with e-End, more than 6.4 tons of electronics was saved from the landfills. SJRCS received \$600 in contributions to benefit new technology.

Greentree Homes Provides Donation

Greentree Homes at Tuscarora Creek, a local home developer, donated one full student tuition to St. John's, which was auctioned at the school's annual gala auction, the Diamonds to Denim Ball on May 8th at St. Peter's in Libertytown. Mr. Shawn Kelly, Vice President, Sales and Marketing for Greentree Homes, presented the check to the highest bidders, Ms. Darby Bolt-Fedorczyk parent of kindergartener Christian Bolt, and Dr. Mark Fedorczyk. This is the fourth consecutive year that Greentree Homes has provided a full tuition donation to the auction fundraiser.

St. John Regional Catholic School Mission Statement

St. John Regional Catholic School provides and supports quality education in the tradition of the Catholic Church for all who seek it. The faith community is dedicated to the development of the whole person – spiritually, academically, creatively, physically, emotionally, and socially – all through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Students Receive St. Francis Awards

The St. Francis Award was presented to St. John students who show example by living the Gospel through the **Values Code**. For the month of **March**, the following students were selected by their teachers for exemplifying the value of **self-control**:

Dominic Lagana, Shelby Platner, Valeria Lopez, Michael Scire, Greg Eash, Madison Cummings, Megan Cunningham, Zach Kavanaugh, Danielle Lagana, Shannon Sinnicki, Sofia Rensberger, Shane Mummey, Brooke Hill, Ava Stolburg, Chris Staten, Andrea Hopkins, Kaitlyn Miller, Marina Sepe, Angel Haller, Mark Moehrle, Gavin Rickert, Madeline French, Kelsey Bealmear, Ryan Bennett, Samantha Sutterman, Jade Chu, Billy Coughlin, Joey Mehelich.