

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 7, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	June 7	Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40	Romans 8:14-17	Matthew 28:16-20
Monday	June 8	2 Corinthians 1:1-7		Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday	June 9	2 Corinthians 1:18-22		Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday	June 10	2 Corinthians 3:4-11		Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	June 11	Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3		Matthew 5:20-26
Friday	June 12	2 Corinthians 4:7-15		Matthew 5:27-32
Saturday	June 13	2 Corinthians 5:14-21		Matthew 5:33-37
Sunday	June 14	Exodus 24:3-8	Hebrews 9:11-15	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to Julie St. Croix on receiving her Masters Degree in Theology from the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Roland Park. Throughout her years of study at the Ecumenical Institute Julie maintained a 4.0 average.

Since I have been here at St. John the Evangelist Parish, the most frequent comment I have heard after Masses is that people cannot hear what is being said. Several months ago several staff members also mentioned that many people have told them that they cannot understand what is being said from the pulpit and altar. To be honest, I have found it very difficult to understand what the lector reads at the pulpit and what the cantor says from the cantor's stand when I am the celebrant at Mass.

Accordingly, I asked two sound companies to come and study our system. Both companies reported that while there was sufficient volume there was a problem of reverberation that made everything seem garbled. We received an estimate from both companies on what would be necessary to correct our situation and had a committee of staff and parishioners review the findings. It seemed that both proposals were "out of our reach financially."

Then Mr. Robert Gorelick called to say he wanted to see me regarding his mother, Mary Kraft Gorelick's last will and testament. Mrs. Gorelick bequeathed to our parish a sizeable amount of money that we could use to upgrade the sound system in our Church and Hall. Her generosity has allowed us to make the necessary upgrades to our sound system so that we will reduce the reverberation and increase the clarity of the sound.

Thanks to Mrs. Gorelick's generosity, work on our sound system is scheduled to begin this Thursday and Friday. The work and fine tuning of the system will extend over the next two weekends. I ask all to remember Mary Kraft Gorelick in your prayers in gratitude for her gift.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Daniel Paul Gilroy, Child of
Michael & Jennifer Gilroy

In His Passage to Eternal Life:

John Eric Grundman, son of
staff member Ronnie Gibson

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PRIEST APPRECIATION WEEKEND: This weekend, **June 6-7**, is Priest Appreciation Weekend, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Please keep our priests in your prayers, asking God's blessings upon them for continued strength, wisdom, and inspiration. Let us also show appreciation and gratitude to our Deacons for all the good they do for our parish. We thank the Lord for the gift He has given us in our clergy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, June 29th to July 3rd. **Registrations are now past due!** Please contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 if you are planning to attend. There will be a **training session** for all youth entering 6th grade or above who want to help with VBS on **Thursday, June 18th, 6:00-9:00 PM.**

AGAPE MEAL & LECTURE: All parishioners are invited to join us **Monday, June 29th, 6:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall for a covered dish dinner. Guest speaker for the evening is Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM, Conv. Fr. Jude will wrap up our Year of Paul. During the lecture there will be a program for elementary-aged children, and childcare will also be available for those under 5. RSVP to Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102 or amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES: The Knights of Columbus, Bishop McNamara Council #1622, are cooking breakfast on **Sunday, June 7th, from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM**, in the Cafeteria at the Community Center. All-you-can-eat pancakes, two sausage links, coffee, milk, OJ, and fixings. Cost is \$6 for ages 13 and older, \$4 for children age 6-12, and children age 5 and under are

FREE. Proceeds to benefit the High School Youth Ministry here at St. John's. See insert in today's bulletin.

A STARRY, STARRY NIGHT, a parish party of fun, food, and fellowship, will be held, rain or shine, on **Friday, June 19th, 7:00-10:00 PM**. This is a night for adults to gather under the stars outside the Cafeteria and Hospitality Room to enjoy a summer evening together. BYOB and your favorite dish to share. For more info, call Judi, 301-473-4931. See insert in today's bulletin.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

NURSERY: If you are interested in helping out or using the Nursery, please contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 or email julie.stcroix@stjohn-frederick.org. Please make sure to include your name, telephone number, and email address.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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"Christians are called to bear one another's burdens. This is to fulfill the law of Christ, to be a just people."
(John R. Donahue, "Biblical Perspective on Justice")

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 offered on the second Wednesday of the month from 7 – 9 PM in the Notre Dame Room. Contact Erica to register at 301-662-8288 x1100. Next STAND training, **June 10th**. STAND training is also available on line. Please visit www.stjohn-frederick.org.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Pregnant, Need help? Call the Gabriel network, 1-800-ANGEL-OK or **Birthright**, 301-663-0111
Suffering Past-Abortion Syndrome? Call Project Rachel, 1-800-286-4224

SCOUTING:

Troop 1274: If you are interested in visiting the Troop or learning more about the Boy Scouts, please contact Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217.

EXODUS PROJECT: St. Vincent de Paul Society is responsible for volunteer coverage for the Exodus Project at the Shelter during the month of July. If you are willing to volunteer and did not attend the training session on May 23rd, there will be another session on **June 17th, 7:00 PM**, at the Shelter. Please register by calling 301-631-2670 x112. For more info, contact Martha Matlick, 301-662-7131.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATIONS for Elementary Faith Formation and Youth Ministry (Middle and High School) are being accepted for the 2009-2010 year. You can also register your children if they are to be prepared for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist or Confirmation (High

School). Forms are available from the website at www.stjohn-frederick.org, or at the Parish Office. Please note there are separate forms this year for Elementary Faith Formation and Middle/High School Youth Ministry. For questions, contact Julie St. Croix (ext. 1103) for the Elementary program, or Joe Mele (ext. 1104), for the Youth Ministry program.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: This Sunday, June 7th, the Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast in the Community Center cafeteria. This breakfast is an act of charity on the part of the Knights who are sponsoring Tyler DeWitt, a Junior at Thomas Johnson HS, to attend the High School Leadership Institute (Hi-Li) directed by the Archdiocese of Baltimore this summer at the O'Dwyer Retreat House. Going with Tyler to Hi-Li is Kara Frank (Junior, Urbana HS, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters) and Jen Holcomb (Senior, St. John Catholic Prep, sponsored by the Youth Ministry). A Special Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for working to bring our community at St. John's together for a meal to support one of our young people to grow in discipleship and leadership.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Peer Ministers who are on retreat this weekend at St. John the Evangelist. Please pray for these 40-plus high school students who have decided to serve their parish community this coming school year as leaders and ministers. All high school students are welcome to be a part of Youth Ministry. Talk to a peer, core team member (adult volunteer), or to Joe – Director of Youth Ministry for info on how you can join this adventure.

SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCES:

Above All, June 19-21, 2009, at Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH. Join 1,000+ high school students for a weekend of amazing talks, great music, and awesomeness. Visit www.franciscanyouth.com. Space is limited! For permission forms, visit www.stjohne.com.

ND Vision, July 6-10, 2009, at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN, **July 6-10**. Meet teens from our own Archdiocese and the country. Spend 5 days on the campus of the Fighting Irish, living in the dorms with other high school students from your grade! Throughout the week you will hear amazing talks and share in your small group how your gifts and talents will change the world! Check out their website at www.vision.nd.edu. Get your permission form from www.stjohne.com.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

APPLICATIONS are currently being accepted for Pre-K through 8th grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Please visit our website, www.sjracs.org, to download registration forms. The next testing date for new students entering grades 1-8 will be **June 18th, 9:00 AM**. Contact Jean Wright, Admissions Director, at 301-695-9358 or email at jwright@sjracs.org.

USED UNIFORM SALE: Thursday, June 11th, 9:00 AM-12 Noon, SJRCS McElroy Hall.

