

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

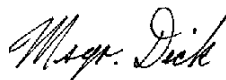
Sunday	June 13	2 Samuel 12:7-10,13	Psalm 32:1-2,5-11	Galatians 2:16,19-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
Monday	June 14	1 Kings 21:1-16	Psalm 5:2-7		Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday	June 15	1 Kings 21:17-29	Psalm 51:3-6,11,16		Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday	June 16	2 Kings 2:1,6-14	Psalm 31:20-21,24		Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday	June 17	Sirach 48:1-14	Psalm 97:1-7		Matthew 6:7-15
Friday	June 18	2 Kings 11:1-4,9-20	Psalm 132:11-14,17-18		Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday	June 19	2 Chr. 24:17-25	Psalm 89:4-5,29-34		Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday	June 20	Zec. 12:10-11,13:1	Psalm 63:2-9	Galatians 3:26-29	Luke 9:18-24

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This year, the Boy Scouts' Catoclin Mountain District, which comprises northern Frederick County, has recognized the outstanding work of two of our parishioners, Amy Spessard and George Connell, by giving them the District Award of Merit. This is the highest award given to Scout leaders who have been nominated for their service to the local Boy Scout program. Thank you, Amy and George, and congratulations on this recognition of your service to our youth.

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I am pleased to announce to the parish that Joe Swiss, whom many of you know from the time when he was Director of Religious Education here, or through his many volunteer services, will again be joining our parish staff on a part-time basis. Having recently retired from his position as Coordinator of Catechetical Formation with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Joe was available to bring his wealth of experience to this position in our parish. He will be joining our staff July 1, 2010, as a Pastoral Associate, working in Liturgy, Adult Faith Development, and Ministry Formation.



Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

(see box above)

1. In the First Reading, God says that He will pour out on us "a spirit of grace and petition." What do you think this means? Do you ask God questions while praying and throughout the day? How can you be more aware of God's answers?
2. The First Reading also promises a "fountain to purify [us] from sin and uncleanness." Is the Sacrament of Reconciliation important to you? Could you receive this Sacrament more often and make it more fruitful in your life?
3. The Psalm speaks of thirsting after God: How important is it to thirst for God in your inner being? To have a deeper relationship with Christ? Is God asking you to deepen this relationship with Him?
4. The Second Reading speaks of our unity in Christ, where all our differences disappear. Consider prayerfully your attitudes toward certain people, classes, races, and nationalities: May God be asking you to change any of these? What steps can you take to do so?
5. In the Gospel, Christ tells us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him. What do you think this means? In what areas of your life do you struggle to "deny yourself"? Take time this week to pray that you and all members of your family and parish may experience God's unconditional love more deeply. Also pray that you will have the grace and strength to overcome weaknesses that keep you from loving God and others as God asks.

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

In Baptism:

Juana E. Alvarez & Julissa Alvarez, Children of Neris Alvarez & Sulma Fuentes

In Marriage:

Jennifer Simmons & Barry Sweeney
Samantha Krauss & Dartanyan Franklin

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Anthony Carretta, husband of Flavia Carretta
Tina Schieve
Harry Jacobson, father of Aubrie Nagy

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will take place **this Saturday, June 12th, after the 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM Masses, and on Sunday, June 13th, 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. **Please note that there will be NO Blood Pressure Screenings in July!**

****STARRY, STARRY** NIGHT:** A Summer Evening Under the Stars. Join us when the Hospitality/Fellowship Team hosts this delightful evening of fun, food, and fellowship on **Friday night, June 25th, 7:00-10:00 PM**, in the back parking lot of the Church near the H/F room and patio. BYOBeverage and a sweet or savory dish to share. For more details call Judi, 301-473-4931 or 240-422-1407. Also see insert in today's bulletin.

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

June 2010

"At its core, global climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, nor about partisan advantage or interest group pressures. It is about the future of God's creation and the one human family. It is about protecting both 'the human environment' and the natural environment. It is about our human stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility to those who come after us. With these reflections, we seek to offer a word of caution and a plea for genuine dialogue as the United States and other nations face decisions about how best to respond to the challenges of global climate change." Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good, U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, 2001.

SCOUTING:

Boy Scout Troop 1274 celebrated their Summer Court of Honor this week. Congratulations to Greg and John on achieving Scout Rank; Michael and Nicholas on achieving Tenderfoot; and Jacob on receiving a Bronze Palm. In addition, the Troop awarded 5 merit badges, 1 Polar Bear, and 4 Totin' Chips. Congratulations to all of the boys on their hard work and achievements!

Girl Scouts: This week the Cadettes from our Girl Scout Troop 81397 are traveling to Savannah, Georgia, to discover the birthplace of Girl Scouts. Please pray for their safe travel.

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).

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus, Bishop McNamara Council #1622, will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast **this Sunday, June 13th, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM**. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for full details.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the Americas invite all members and friends to attend our Installation of Officers, **Monday, June 14th, 7:00 PM**, in the Church. Our Chaplain, Msgr. Murphy, will be officiating. After the ceremony, we will have refreshments in the Hall and a short meeting.

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.

HUNGER MINISTRY: Did you know that St. John's has a Hunger Ministry? This outreach ministry is vital to our Frederick community. Please consider helping in a small way next week: a box of cereal, can of tuna, or jar of peanut butter. There are food collection baskets at the back of the Church and in the main hallway at the Community Center. Each week, volunteers from the Hunger Ministry take the food donations to the local food pantries.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2010-2011: Faith Formation and Youth Ministry forms were mailed to homes recently. Forms may also be picked up at the Parish Office or downloaded from our website. **Registration is open now 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 on line at the parish website or by seeing Erica May 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.

Pancake Breakfast

**All proceeds will support Knights of Columbus
Religious Vocations program.**

Sunday, June 13, 2010

8am to 1pm

**St. John Community Center
Cafeteria**

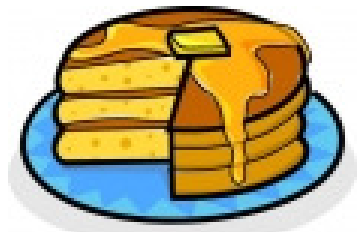
**All you can eat pancakes, 2 sausage links,
coffee, milk, OJ and fixings.**

Suggested Donation

13yrs and older—\$6.00

6-12 years—\$4.00

Kids under 6 free!



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Bishop McNamara Council #1622
Visit our website, www.kofc1622.org, for more information.



St. John the Evangelist
Hospitality and Fellowship Team

Presents

Starry, Starry, Night

June 25, 2010

7-10PM

Enjoy the evening as the back parking lot of St. John's is transformed into an outside garden of food, music, and enjoyment.

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 or Rob McNickle at sje@robertmcnickle.com to RSVP.

Or call Judi at 301-473-4931 or Rob at 240-422-2522.

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.)

