

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	July 5	Ezekiel 2:2-5	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	Mark 6:1-6
Monday	July 6	Genesis 28:10-22		Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday	July 7	Genesis 32:23-33		Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday	July 8	Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24		Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday	July 9	Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5		Matthew 10:7-15
Friday	July 10	Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30		Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	July 11	Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26		Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday	July 12	Amos 7:12-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:7-13

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Recently my mother and I went to “DQ” for a hot fudge sundae. I saw many people, especially children, getting cones. Unable to decide between chocolate or vanilla, they ordered both swirled together. Both flavors were good and complemented each other providing a delicious treat that refreshed and brought smiles to the children’s faces.

I think this provides us with a good metaphor for Catholic prayer practice. Prayer, as we all know, is the lifting of our mind and heart to God. St. Therese of Lisieux says, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven; it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” But Catholic prayer comes in two flavors – private or affective prayer and liturgical or priestly prayer. Properly combined, these two types of prayer bring peace and spiritual growth to the Christian.

Private or affective prayer can be prayed alone or with others. It can be as simple as a person kneeling alone in prayer before going to bed, or as festive as a group praying the rosary in procession to crown a statue of Mary with flowers. Liturgical or priestly prayer can be as simple as a priest, religious, or lay person saying the Liturgy of the Hours alone, or as festive as the celebration of a Papal Mass. It is not the number of people praying in the same place at the same time – even saying the same words – that constitutes public or liturgical prayer. (Just a reminder: by reason of our baptism we share in Jesus’ mission of being priest, prophet, or king.) What then is the difference between private or affective prayer and liturgical or priestly prayer?

Very basically, private or affective prayer, although it has many diverse forms, seeks to draw the one praying and his or her loved ones and friends closer to God. It seeks personal intimacy with God. It is prayer to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. This type of prayer seeks to open us personally to God’s love.

Liturgical prayer is different. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Through the Liturgy, Christ, our redeemer and high priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church” (#1069). Ron Rolheiser expresses it more simply as the prayer of Christ through the church for the world. When we gather around the Scripture to celebrate sacraments or the Liturgy of the Hours, we enter into Jesus’ prayer. That is why Mass is described “as the action of Christ and the People of God” by which “God sanctifies the world” (GIRM #1). This prayer is always for the world. In liturgy we pray to save the world.

A healthy prayer life needs these forms of prayer – perhaps swirled like the ice cream in the cone – but never confused. To confuse the two might lead us to regard the communal hymns, prayers, and gestures of the liturgy as interruptions of our personal meditation and prayer. Or, to confuse the two could cause one to believe that attending Mass once a week is sufficient to sustain a healthy prayer life. We need both types of prayer swirled together through the pattern of our lives.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dick

MISSIONARY SPEAKER: Next weekend, **July 11th & 12th**, Rev. Clement M. Aapengnuo will be visiting St. John’s and speaking at all Masses. Fr. Clement is from the Damongo Diocese located in the north-western part of Ghana. Please let us warmly welcome Fr. Clement and let us be as generous as possible to his Mission Diocese. The Missionary Offering will be taken the following weekend of July 18th & 19th.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

CUB SCOUT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS: If you missed the orientation meeting for the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Programs, please contact Amy Spessard to register at 301-662-8288 x1102 or amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: Next weekend, **July 11th & 12th**, after the **5:00 PM** Mass and the **6:00 PM** Spanish Mass on Saturday, and after the **9:00 & 1:00 AM** Masses on Sunday in the Parish Nursing Office, on the first floor of the Community Center.

MINISTRY FORMATION DAY: All parish ministers are invited to the Ministry Formation Day, **September 19th**. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 AM and will conclude at 12 Noon. Join us for a keynote speaker and ministry-specific breakouts.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION will begin in September with the Sacrament of Confirmation being scheduled on October 4, 2009. Please contact Amy Spessard at 301-662-8288 x1102 or email her at amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE **July 2009**
"We seek peace knowing that peace is the climate of freedom."
Dwight D. Eisenhower

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, **July 8th**. 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.
Troop 1274 is in need of a few camping supplies: gently used dish towels and pot holders, can openers, wooden utensils, grill spatulas and tongs. Please contact Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217.

VBS: A Huge Thank You to all of our adult and youth volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School, *Museum @12526: The Mystery of God's Great Plan*, a

great success last week. We could not have done it without you!!

MOVING OR RELOCATING? If you are planning to move this summer, or changing your phone number and email address, please don't forget to contact the Parish Office at 301-662-8288 with the changes so we can update our parish database. Every parishioner is important to us, and we want to be able to stay in touch with you.

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. If you have questions, contact Julie St. Croix (ext. 1103) for the Elementary program, or Joe Mele (ext. 1104) for the Youth Ministry program.

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference), *Christ Reigns*, will be held in Kansas City, MO, **November 19-22, 2009**. Any high school student who has ever wondered what hanging out with 20,000+ other young Catholics would be like, this is the opportunity for you! More details on the Youth Ministry website.

HELP NEEDED

TRUMPET PLAYERS needed for special occasions. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Krouse at 301-662-8288 x1015.

SINGERS, GUITARISTS, AND KEYBOARD PLAYERS needed who can substitute for the regular Hall Mass players occasionally. Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Krouse at 301-662-8288 x1015.

NEEDED: ELECTRONIC ORGAN with full pedalboard (25 full length pedals). Contact Dr. Elizabeth Krouse at 301-662-8288 x1015.

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.sjrsc.org, to download registration forms. Contact Jean Wright, Admissions Director, at 301-695-9358 or email jwright@sjrsc.org. The school office summer hours are M-Th, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

ARE YOU THE OLDEST ALUMNUS of St. John Regional Catholic School (elementary level)? As part of its 200 year anniversary, the Archdiocese of Baltimore is seeking past graduates from all Catholic schools to be included in their anniversary celebration. Please contact Jean Wright at jwright@sjrcs.org with your graduation year and age. Information is needed by July 15th.

SPANISH COMMUNITY

Legion de Maria Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz. Junta semanal todos los Jueves 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.

EXAMEN DE LA PRESION:

El sábado 11, de Julio /09 después de las Misa de las 6.00 PM y en la Oficina de la Enfermería ubicada en el primer piso a la izquierda de la entrada principal del Centro Comunitario de la Parroquia, edificio # 114 Se estará tomando Examen de la Presión, para todas aquellas personas que desean hacerlo. Gracias.

BEYOND THE PARISH

HOLY MASS HEALING SERVICE to be held at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Libertytown, MD on **Monday, July 6th, 7:00 PM.** God invites us to seek complete wholeness in Him. Come! Take time out of your busy summer schedule to pray for spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and financial healing for yourself, relatives, and friends. Guest celebrant will be Fr. Jim Stack from St. Jerome Church in Hyattsville, MD.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH in Libertytown is in need of help with their Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, held at the Church, for 1:00 PM on the third Sunday, and 3:00-4:00 PM on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Please call Linda, 301-829-2888, or Diane, 301-898-0833, if you are interested in helping.

SACRED STITCHES: Historic Vestment Exhibit at the Baltimore Basilica. Some historic vestments from the Basilica's collection will be on display in the temporary exhibit space from **April 1-September 27, 2009.** The exhibit includes James Cardinal Gibbons' golden vestment which he wore during the Third Plenary Council in 1884 (the Basilica Museum showcases the matching chalice veil and burse); a set of Irish Poplin vestments from the bishop and clergy of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, given to Archbishop Michael J. Curley, which features stunning hand-stitched Celtic designs; and several other beautiful and historic vestments.

ARE YOU SINGLE? Interested in meeting people and developing friendships? The Catholic Alumni Club, a special organization of professional single Catholics is

looking for you. Our monthly activities include dinners, movies, cultural, picnics, dances, sports, religious and charitable activities. For more info, call 410-580-1260 or info@cacbaltimore.org. Please visit our website at www.cacbaltimore.org.

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? Get nationwide Mass locations and times by calling 1-410-676-6000 or on the Internet, www.masstimes.org.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 06-28-2009

Because this weekend's bulletin had to be sent to press early, the Financial Report for weekend June 28, 2009 will appear in the bulletin for July 12, 2009.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday July 6	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Sister Marella Nolan
Tuesday July 7	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	John F. Manley (Anniv.) James Baer
Wednesday July 8	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Golden Living 6:30 PM (SP)	Mary L. Root John Harwood Noreen G. Grove Helen B. Coreleskie
Thursday July 9	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	William E. Baer & Family Ints. Mary Beth Gallagher
Friday July 10	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	M. J. Grove Ints. Maj. Kevin Gallagher and Family
Saturday July 11	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Mr. Matthew James Grove Virginia Grove People of the Parish
Sunday July 12	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Church 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Thelma Miller Odette Lopez Ints. Mary Darling Gregory Morrell Mildred R. Sanders Martha Rivard

