

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 11, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	July 11	Deut. 30:10-14	Psalm 69:14,17,30-37	Col. 1:15-20	Luke 10:25-37
Monday	July 12	Isaiah 1:10-17	Psalm 50:8-9,16-23		Mt. 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	July 13	Isaiah 7:1-9	Psalm 48:2-8		Mt. 11:20-24
Wednesday	July 14	Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16	Psalm 94:5-10,14-15		Mt. 11:25-27
Thursday	July 15	Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19	Psalm 102:13-21		Mt. 11:28-30
Friday	July 16	Isaiah 38:1-8,21-22	Isaiah 38:10-12,16		Mt. 12:1-8
Saturday	July 17	Micah 2:1-5	Psalm 10:1-4,7-8,14		Mt. 12:14-21
Sunday	July 18	Genesis 18:1-10	Psalm 15:2-5	Col. 1:24-28	Luke 10:38-42

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our New English Liturgy: Part II

As we await the formal introduction of the new English translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal into our weekly Eucharist celebrations, we will need to prepare and listen carefully to instructions so that we will be able to understand the texts and pray them with devotion.

As part of this initial preparation, we should reflect on the Church's understanding of the sacraments and their importance in our lives. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines sacraments as "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions" (#1131).

It is the whole community, the Body of Christ, united with its head that celebrates the sacraments. Drawing on the Pope Pius XII's teaching in *Mystici Corporis* and Vatican II's *Lumen Gentium*, the Catechism explains: "Forming, 'as it were, one mystical person' with Christ, the head, the Church acts in the sacraments as 'an organically structured priestly community.' Through Baptism and Confirmation the priestly people is enabled to celebrate the liturgy . . ." (#1119).

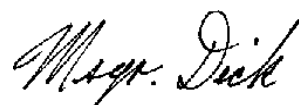
We all work together, with Christ our head and the priest serving the people, to celebrate the sacraments:

The ordained priesthood guarantees that it is really Christ who acts in the sacraments through the Holy Spirit for the Church. (#1120)

The three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders confer . . . a sacramental *character* or 'seal' by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and to the Church brought about by the Spirit . . . remains forever in the Christian . . . as a vocation to divine worship and to the service of the Church. (#1121)

Thus each of us is called to be an active part of our divine worship in the sacraments.

Sacraments affect the whole body of Christ, "But they touch individual members of the Church in different ways, depending on their orders, their role in the liturgical services, and their actual participation in them" (#1140). How we participate in the sacramental rites (through prayers, hymns, liturgical actions, and proclamations of Sacred Scripture) affects the fruitfulness of our reception of the sacrament. The more we enter into the ritual – by saying the prayers with attention and devotion, singing the hymns with joy, joining in the liturgical actions with reverent demeanor, listening to the Scriptures with open ears and heart – the more graces we will receive from the sacrament.



Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

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1. In the First Reading, the Lord appears to Abraham as three men. Abraham goes out of his way to be hospitable to these strangers, and is rewarded with a promise that Sarah, though barren, will bear a son. Hebrews 13:1-2 has this to say about hospitality: "Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." How hospitable are you? How can you improve your practice of this virtue?
2. The Psalm says that everyone who does justice "will live in the presence of the Lord" and "shall never be disturbed." What attributes of a just and blameless person are listed in the psalm? How can you better incorporate some of them in your own life?
3. In the letter to the Colossians, Paul says that the mystery of God - "hidden from ages" but revealed to us - is this: "Christ in you, the hope for glory." What do you understand about this Mystery?
4. In the Gospel, we hear the familiar story of Martha and Mary: Mary sat at Jesus feet, listening to Him, while Martha anxiously waited on Him. Think about Jesus' statement, "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her," as you consider how you respond to Jesus in "good" or "better" ways.

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

In Baptism:

Erika Madelyn Diaz Fuentes, Child of

Jose J. Diaz & Anastasia Cruz Fuentes

Mauricio Frias Gonzalez, Child of

Mauricio Frias Arellano & Adriana Gonzalez Torrez

Herbert Josue Martinez Espinoza, Child of

Jose Humberto Martinez Navas &

Sandra Maritza Espinoza Quijano

In Marriage:

Fiona Blackmore & Bryan Flax

Sherri Stone & Michael Lund

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Are you an adult who has been Baptized, received Communion, and would like to take the last step to full initiation in the Catholic Church? Adult Confirmation classes are forming for the fall. For more information, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102 or amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Coming to St. John's Parish! An Engaged Encounter marriage preparation weekend will be offered here at St. John's **January 15-16, 2011**. Unlike other such weekends, couples will not be spending the night, because this is a day-only program on Saturday and Sunday. The cost of the program is \$160, which includes Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch. For more details, contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102. Registration

information for the program can be found at www.mdcee.org.

DINNER & MOVIE *Italian Style* will be presented by St. John's Hospitality/Fellowship Team. Take a visual trip to Italy and enjoy a potluck "pranzo italiano" featuring your favorite Italian dishes and one of the best classic Italian flicks of all time, *Roman Holiday*, starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn. Dinner and the movie will be in the Parish Community Hall, **Friday, July 30th, 7:00 PM**. Baby-sitting service with a children's film is available. To RSVP and to sign up for dinner, please contact Judi Atwell, 301-473-4931, or jjatwell@comcast.net, or Rob McNickle, 240-422-2522, or sje@robertmcnickle.com.

COMING THIS FALL: Details about all these events will be published in the bulletin and on our website in time for you to plan ahead!

- **Parish Ministry Fair**, September 18th-19th
- **Men's One Day Retreat**, October 23rd
- **Parish Cookbook**, in time for Holiday gift-giving
- **Adult Confirmation**
- **New Scripture Studies**

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

THE SECULAR CARMELITE COMMUNITY of the Sacred Heart will sponsor a Silent Retreat on **July 16-18, 2010**, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Fr. Thomas Otang'a, OCD, will be the retreat master. Cost is \$175, which includes meals and lodging. Please contact Michael Alley, 301-695-1187, for more information. To register, call Dawn Walsh, 410-876-0250, or email her at dwalsh33@gmail.com. All are welcome!

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

July 2010

"The economic challenge of today has many parallels with the political challenge that confronted the founders of our nation. In order to create a new form of political democracy they were compelled to develop ways of thinking and political institutions that had never existed before. Their efforts were arduous and their goals imperfectly realized, but they launched an experiment in the protection of civil and political rights that has prospered through the efforts of those who came after them. We believe the time has come for a similar experiment in securing economic rights: the creation of an order that guarantees the minimum conditions of human dignity in the economic sphere for every person. By drawing on the resources of the Catholic moral-religious tradition, we hope to make a contribution through this letter to such a new 'American Experiment': a new venture to secure economic justice for all." Economic Justice for All, Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986.

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).

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Are You Pregnant and in need of help? Call the Gabriel Network, 1-800-ANGEL-OK or Birthright, 301-663-0111.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will hold a planning meeting on **Tuesday, July 20th, 7:00 PM**, in the Bishop Murphy Room at the Parish Center. All interested members are urged to attend to share in the planning for the coming year.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2010-2011: Faith Formation and Youth Ministry forms have been mailed out. Forms may also be picked up at the Parish Office or downloaded from our website. **Registration is open now through July 31st.**

SUMMER EVENTS: High School students interested in Steubenville or ND Vision, please contact the Youth Ministry Office.

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: Thinking of a Catholic education for your child? Consider St. John's, a 2009 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence! Applications are still being accepted for Pre-K through 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms may be downloaded from the school's website, www.sjrsc.org. Summer office hours are 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Please call 301-695-9358 or email jwright@sjrsc.org, to make an appointment.

JOIN US for a Summer Open House, Tuesday, July 13, 9:00 AM-12 Noon, at the school, 8414 Opossumtown Pike. Tours of the school will be provided for Pre-K through 8. Enrollment materials for 2010-2011 will be available. Please RSVP by calling the school at 301-695-9358, or just stop by during Open House hours.

BEYOND THE PARISH

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL in Emmitsburg, MD, is now accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Mother Seton School offers an affordable, quality, Catholic, Christian education. Join us for an **Open House, July 14th, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, and 7:00-8:00 PM**. Have a tour and receive materials about the school. For more information, call 301-447-3165, or visit www.mothersetonschool.org.

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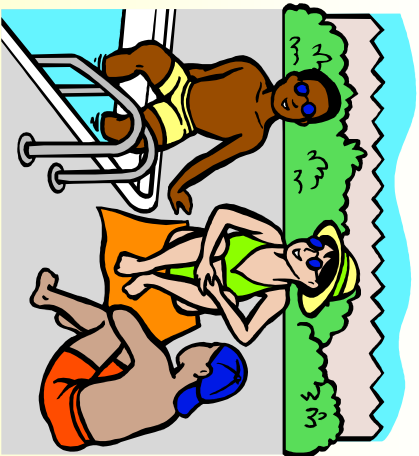
**STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES
07-04-2010**

Envelope Users (460).....	\$18,653.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 3,532.96
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$22,186.46
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: School	\$ 2,950.62
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 1,063.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

SUMMER FUN IS HERE! THINK ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS FOR OFFERTORY GIFTS. What a great way not to have to think about Offertory Envelopes in the summer while you're traveling! We have received over 200 registrations for this method of giving. If you need information, please look for the green flyer in the back of the church or on the web – www.stjohn-frederick.org - or call the Parish Office.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
"SP" = Mass in Spanish**

Monday July 12	6:30 AM	Special Intention
Tuesday July 13	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Anna F. Grove Louise Stevens (Birthday)
Wednesday July 14	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Golden Living 6:30 PM (SP)	John Baer Mary Natali McSherry J. Harry Grove John Yuohey
Thursday July 15	8:00 AM	Msgr. Edward V. Echle
Friday July 16	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	William E. Baer & Family Alan Hargis
Saturday July 17	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM (SP)	Edith L. D'Orazio (Birthday) E. Clark Ingoldsby Ints. Rafael Flores
Sunday July 18	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	People of the Parish Louisa C. Somoza (Anniv.) Ints. Russo & Porcelli Families Barbara A. Sorcek Cpl. Kurt Shea Ints. Juana Cisneros



**COMING SOON!
NEW YEAR OF
FAITH FORMATION
&
YOUTH MINISTRY
2010-2011**

**TO AVOID A LATE FEE OF \$25.00
REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION BEFORE
JULY 31, 2010!**

**Registration forms are available in the Parish office or online at
www.stjohn-frederick.org**

**Contact Celeste in the office of Elementary Faith Formation (Pre-K-5)
301.662.8288 x 1100
celeste.pridemore@stjohn-frederick.org
or**

**Erica, in the office of Youth Ministry (Middle & High School)
301.662.8288 x 1105**





St. John the Evangelist
Hospitality and Fellowship Team
Presents
Dinner and a Movie “Italian Style”
July 30, 2010
7PM

Travel to Italy and enjoy a pot luck dinner featuring your favorite Italian dishes and one of the best all time Italian flicks, “Roman Holiday”. In the Parish Hall. Baby sitting service is available.

Bring a bottle of your favorite drink and an Italian dish to share with your fellow St. John's parishioners and join us for an evening of fun and flicks, Italian style.

Please 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.)

