

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2010

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 18</b>	Genesis 18:1-10	Psalm 15:2-5	Col. 1:24-28	Luke 10:38-42
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 19</b>	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 50:5-9,16-23		Mt. 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 20</b>	Micah 7:14-15,18-20	Psalm 85:2-8		Mt. 12:46-50
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 21</b>	Jer. 1:1,4-10	Psalm 71:4-6,15,17		Mt. 13:1-9
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 22</b>	Jer. 2:1-3,7-8,12-13	Psalm 36:6-11		John 20:1-2,11-18
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 23</b>	Jer. 3:14-17	Jer. 31:10-13		Mt. 13:18-23
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 24</b>	Jer. 7:1-11	Psalm 84:3-6,8,11		Mt. 13:24-30
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 25</b>	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138:1-3,6-8	Col. 2:12-14	Luke 11:1-13

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The celebration of Mass is so structured that the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are an organic unity. In his recent encyclical, *Sacramentum Charitatis*, Pope Benedict XVI reminds the faithful that the presence of Christ in the Scriptures should not be minimized in comparison to other ways Christ is present. "There is an intrinsic bond between the Word of God and the Eucharist. From listening to the word of God, faith is born or strengthened (cf Romans 10:17); in the Eucharist the Word made flesh gives himself to us as our spiritual food. Thus, "from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ, the Church receives and gives to the faithful the bread of life" (SC #44). The Holy Father explains that "when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel" (SC #45).

Jesus speaks to us here and now when the Scriptures are proclaimed. It is important for the ministers of the Word—lectors, deacons, and priests—to prepare well to proclaim it. All of us should prepare to listen to the Lord speaking to us in the Scriptures at Mass. Pope Benedict XVI states clearly, ". . . knowledge and study of the word of God enables us better to appreciate, celebrate, and live the Eucharist. Here too, we can see how true it is that 'ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ'" (SC #45).

We publish the readings for the next Sunday in the bulletin so that everyone can read them during the week and reflect on them beforehand. To help us prepare, Maurice Bloomburg, a parishioner, provides us with some questions that can be used both for individual reflection and for discussion with family members or other parishioners. I hope you find these questions helpful in preparing to receive Christ's presence in the Scriptures on Sunday.



## Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

(see box above)

1. In the first reading, we discover that Abraham had such an intimate relationship with the Lord that he could contend with God over the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the same way, the Lord calls each of us to have an intimate relationship with Him. Characterize your relationship with Jesus Christ and also with your Heavenly Father. How distant from or near to God do you feel? Can you get more "up close and personal" with Him in your daily life?
2. The Psalm says, "The Lord will complete what he has done for me; your kindness endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands" (Psalm 138:7-8). This echoes St. Paul's words in Philippians 1:6, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Do you trust that the Lord will complete the work he has begun in you? Describe where your confidence comes from, or try to identify some things that might hinder your trust.
3. In the Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul says that God has "forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross" (Colossians 2:13-14). Do you believe that through Baptism and faith in Jesus Christ, all your sins were nailed to the cross? In what ways does this truth of our faith influence your everyday life? When have you felt it doesn't matter all that much? Is there a time when it really came home to you?
4. In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus gives his disciples the perfect prayer in response to his disciples' request: "Lord, teach us to pray." Whenever we say the Our Father, we ask God to "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." In Matthew's account (6:14-15), the verses immediately following the prayer go on to say, "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." How do you react to these words? Is there anyone you need to forgive? If so, don't delay – do it now.

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

### In Marriage:

Laura Satterfield & Michael Johnson  
Judith Turk & Shahriar Uddin

### In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Donald Boore, father of Carol O'Neel  
William Cherry

## 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](mailto: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**. Couples will not be spending the night on this weekend: it 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](http://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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jjatwell@comcast.net), or Rob McNickle, 240-422-2522, or [sje@robertmcnickle.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>
- **Men's One Day Retreat**, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **Parish Cookbook**, in time for Holiday gift-giving
- **Adult Confirmation**
- **New Scripture Studies**

**PARISH MINISTRY FAIR: Mark Your Calendars Now!** The Parish Ministry fair will be held **September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Community Center Hall after all Masses. Plan to stop by and see the exciting ministries, activities, and events St. John's has to offer. Representatives from the ministries will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. This is your opportunity to **GET CONNECTED** with fellow parishioners!

**MEN'S RETREAT**, entitled *Breathe, Just Breathe: Come Away From the Chaos of Life*, will be facilitated by Joe Swiss, on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM**, at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD. The fee for the day is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Registration will open in August and spaces are limited. For more details, please contact Amy Spessard, ext. 1102, or email her at [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org).

## 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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org) and click on STAND Training. Contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 for more info.

### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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*"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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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 have been mailed out. They may also be picked up at the Parish Office or downloaded from our website. **Registration is open now through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note that there will be a late fee of \$25 per family for registrations received after July 31<sup>st</sup>!**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms may be downloaded from the school's website, [www.sjrscs.org](http://www.sjrscs.org). Summer office hours are 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Please call 301-695-9358 or email [jwright@sjrscs.org](mailto:jwright@sjrscs.org), to make an appointment.

## BEYOND THE PARISH

**SILVER ROSE PROGRAM:** Each year since 1960, a Silver Rose "Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and Reaffirming our Commitment to the Sanctity of Human Life" is carried by Knights of Columbus from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico, to arrive at the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join St. Katharine Drexel Knights in a Marion Devotion Prayer Service at St. Katherine's on the evening of July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM. For more details, please contact Marc Longenecker, 301-865-7167.

### STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES 07-11-2010

Envelope Users (487).....	\$18,307.75
Non-Envelope Users .....	\$ 4,234.85
EFT Bimonthly Giving 07/05/2010.....	\$ 9,057.00
TOTAL Offertory .....	\$31,599.60
<b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....</b>	<b>\$28,251.00</b>
Second Collection: None.....	\$ 0.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) .....	\$ 1,383.00
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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org) - or call the Parish Office.

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

Monday July 19	6:30 AM	Special Intention
Tuesday July 20	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Robert Schumacher Leah Fay Rousseau
Wednesday July 21	6:30 AM 8:00 AM College View 6:30 PM (SP)	Luella Crum Yi Choon Su Noreen G. Grove Brian Herman
Thursday July 22	8:00 AM	Virginia Grove
Friday July 23	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Nicholas B. Jarvis Anne Kathleen McGowan
Saturday July 24	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM (SP)	Susan Brown Louise Joy Rafael Gonzalez
Sunday July 25	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Carolina Larios Barragan Odette Lopez John Caricchio People of the Parish Leah Fay Rousseau Ints. John Moore

**THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS:** Please patronize the professionals and businesses that advertize in our bulletin. They support St. John's communications, and we encourage you and your friends to support them. Pass the word!

**SINCERE THANK YOU:** The Frederick County Adult Detention Center would like to express our gratitude for the continuing donations (undergarments, socks, bus passes) being provided to the inmates detained at the facility. We are especially thankful for the Bible donations. We always seem to be running low. More inmates are asking for Bibles, and we are glad that, when they ask, they are able to receive. Good things are happening, and your generosity makes that possible. Please accept our thanks.



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](mailto:jjatwell@comcast.net) or Rob McNickle at [sje@robertmcnickle.com](mailto: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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org) (Click on "Our Parish," then "Ministries," then "Fellowship," and then on the link to the Hospitality Team page.)





# July 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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301-662-6722/ 301-695-9358 Admissions

### Summer office hours:

**Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Call for a tour of the school!**

**Applications are still being accepted  
for Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Visit our booth at *In the Streets*  
Saturday, September 11, 2010**

### **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.**

### **2010 Distinguished Graduate Named**

Each year the National Catholic Educational Association provides SJRCS the opportunity to honor one of its distinguished graduates, providing recognition to Catholic elementary school alumni who have demonstrated personal and professional achievements in their adult lives. This year, the award was presented to St. John graduate, Dr. James P. Ganley, 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 1951.

After graduating from St. John's Literary Institute in 1955, Dr. Ganley received a Bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Mary's University, a medical degree from Georgetown University, followed by Masters and Doctorate degrees in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and post graduate training as Senior Staff Fellow at the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Ganley was co-director of a mobile eye unit which provided eye services in remote areas of Arizona and Indian Reservations and has also done research on river blindness in Africa.

Dr. Ganley was professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Louisiana State University Medical Center, is now retired, and resides with his wife in southern Maryland.

### **National Junior Honor Society Inducts New SJRCS Members**

The following rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were chosen for membership in the National Junior Honor Society for their exemplary academics, leadership qualities, and community service: Nick Soares, Colleen Crowley, Bryce Iapicca, Meaghan O'Neel, Meredith Gamble, Dominic Lagana, Michael Bealmear, Nadia Maduschke, Sarah Heiland, Emilee Watson, Kailyn Keller, Brennan Wight, Tim Johnson, Elie Haddad, Eleanor Brown, Erin Jones, Leslie Lewis, Katie D'Addato, Annie Breen, Maddie Parilla, Natalie Wright, Katie Hicken, Jackie McNulty, and Greta Dylus.

### **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 **May**, the following students were selected by their teachers for exemplifying the value of **self-knowledge**:

Abbie Jennings, Evie Karstens, Michael Hepburn, Erin Jones, Dylan Sgrignoli, Connor Frazier, Demetri Kousoulas, Valentina Bramati, Michael Carretta, Emily German, Madeline Boothe, Arden Ireland, Jamie Farley, Ethan Schmiel, Andrew Stoka, Dmitri Millholland, Andi Curtis, Cailin Wagoner, Shay Greiser, Mike Wohlfarth, Nicholas Raumann, Rose Haley, Nathan Elspas, Alexander Perez, Greta Dylus, Brianna Alico.