

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## August 2, 2009

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 2</b>	Exodus 16:2-4,12-15	Psalm 78	Ephesians 4:17,20-24	John 6:24-35
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 3</b>	Numbers 11:4-15	Psalm 81		Matthew 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 4</b>	Numbers 12:1-13	Psalm 51		Matthew 14:22-36
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 5</b>	Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35	Psalm 106		Matthew 15:21-28
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 6</b>	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Psalm 97	2 Peter 1:16-19	Mark 9:2-10
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 7</b>	Deuteronomy 4:32-40	Psalm 77		Matthew 16:24-28
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 8</b>	Deuteronomy 6:4-13	Psalm 18		Matthew 17:14-20
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 9</b>	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34	Ephesians 4:30-5:2	John 6:41-51

### *FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*

Dear Friends,

The “clustered spires” of Frederick have long been a source of civic pride for Fredericktonians. Our bell tower, the highest structure in the town, has a place of honor among those clustered spires. I am pleased to report that our three-phase steeple repair project has been completed. Two years ago, in phase one of the project, the clock section was repaired, scraped, caulked, and painted at a cost of \$8,550.00. Last year, the dome section of the bell tower was similarly repaired for \$11,700.00. This year, the belfry or lower section, was repaired – inside and out – for \$19,800.00. Our steeple jack, Val Boring, recommended several preventive maintenance measures in the project to ensure the tower will continue to have a place of pride among the clustered spires, as it has since its completion in 1854. According to *A History of the Catholic Community of the Frederick Valley*, p. 32, the Englebrecht Diaries state for October 7, 1854: “They are now putting up the Roman Catholick (sic) steeple 170 feet high. Yesterday afternoon they put up the gilt cross on the top and are now finishing the dome on the top. (The top was gilded by John McCafferty and John King [Konig] on Thursday, October 26, 1854).” Our belfry houses three bells. The largest is call the Ave Maria Immaculata, cast in 1854 by Clampitt and Register. The middle size bell, cast in 1882 by the Henry McShane Company, doesn’t have a name. The smallest bell, called St. John, was cast in 1818 and recast in 1912 by McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore. “At one time the clock in St. John’s tower caused a bell to strike every fifteen minutes, a different tone for each quarter hour. One could tell the time just by listening to the notes” ( *A History* . . . p.33). Now only one of our bells calls us to worship at Mass times and leads us in praying the Angelus at 7:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 6:00 PM.

We can all take pride in preserving our beautiful steeple so that it guides people to worship with us and directs our eyes, and our hearts as well, to heaven as we look up in a moment of prayer.

Sincerely, Fr. Dick

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

#### **In Baptism:**

**Gregory Jesus Rodas Samayoa,**  
Child of Godofredo Rodas Cornejo  
and Rosa del Carmen Samoyoa Gomez

#### **In Marriage:**

Kristen Knopf & Amitabh Arora

#### **In His Passage to Eternal Life:**

Infant Victor A. Pottillo-Soto

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**“I WAS IN PRISON, AND YOU VISITED ME”:** If you have been thinking of ministry to our brothers and sisters in prison or in a juvenile correctional facility, you are invited to learn what prison ministry opportunities are available in our area. You are welcome to a gathering hosted by the Peace & Social Justice Ministry on **Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM**, in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. Listen to Sr. Dolores Chepiga, Prison Outreach Coordinator, St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, and experienced volunteers tell their stories. A light breakfast will be served. For additional info, please call the Peace & Social Justice Ministry at 301-662-8288 x0.

**MINISTRY MORNING:** Come Apart with the Lord: Reflect, Pray, and Grow. **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM-12 Noon.** Our keynote, Dr. Patricia Fosarelli, M.D., D.Min., from the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary and University, will be here to reflect on our call by God to make His love present in the world, in the name of the Church, to the faith community and those beyond. Please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102 and leave your name, phone number, and the parish ministry you are involved in to register for the event!

**ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** classes are scheduled for **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30 PM**, at St. John's. The Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated on October 4, 2009. Please contact Amy Spessard for more info or to register for the program, 301-662-8288 x1102, or email Amy at [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org).

**RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COUNSELOR Training** is being offered here at St. John's **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00 PM**, in Room 17 at the Community Center. This training is for adults who are interested in working with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts on their religious emblems. Registration is required, along with an application. Please contact Amy Spessard for more info, 301-662-8288 x1102 or email, [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org).

**MOVIE NIGHT . . . COME ONE & ALL!** Includes families, singles – young, old, and in between! There will be an outdoor movie event on **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM**. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers and be prepared to be entertained and have fun. See you in the parking lot in back of the Church!

**COMING THIS FALL: Men's Retreat! Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**, at the Bishop Claggett Retreat Center in Buckeystown. Join us for a day of reflection and renewal. More info and registration will be available in August.

## 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 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, **August 12<sup>th</sup>**. STAND training is also available on line. Please visit [www.stjohn-frederick.org](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org).

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

*"It is not enough for us even to defend innocent human life. Of course, if we fail to do this, we fail in our most urgent task. But, by good deeds of love and charity, we must build this active culture of life that is ready and capable of turning back hell itself. If we won't put the abortionists out of business we are pitiable souls. If we don't enact laws and work tirelessly to change human hearts so that life is forever revered and protected, we have not fought the good fight which is our charge as the Church Militant. As warriors we must first beat back the enemy. But then let us not forget that we are warriors for the victory of life."* Most Rev. Robert W. Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Address to Gospel of Life Convention, April 18, 2009.

**Pregnant, Need help?** Call the Gabriel network, 1-800-ANGEL-OK or **Birthingright**, 301-663-0111

**Suffering Past-Abortion Syndrome?** Call Project Rachel, 1-800-286-4224

## PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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*"Justice will never be fully attained unless people see in the poor person who is asking for help in order to survive, not an annoyance or a burden but an opportunity for showing kindness and a chance for greater enrichment."*

Pope John Paul II

## SCOUTING:

**St. John's BSA Troop 1274** invites all boys in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older to a **Troop Open House, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. Come see what Scouting is all about! For more info, contact Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217.

## 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](http://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.

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** for families preparing their young person for Confirmation. Please register for Confirmation Preparation with the Youth Ministry Office and RSVP to attend one of our Confirmation Orientations: **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>; Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>; or Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Community Center Hall, all three evenings. Please contact Joe Mele in the Office of Youth Ministry, 301-662-8567, with any questions. All forms can be found on the parish website under Faith Formation & Education-Youth Ministry or they can be picked up at the Parish Office.

## HELP NEEDED

**HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS:** Sr. Margaret is looking for a few extra volunteers to help with communion at Frederick Memorial Hospital on Saturdays. You will be trained to minister to patients in this important way. If you can help, please call Sr. Margaret, 301-662-2623.

## ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

**CONSIDERING a Catholic School Education for Your Child?** St. John's is an Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic school. We are your parish school and offer a parishioner tuition rate. Applications are currently being accepted for Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Please visit our website, [www.sjrsc.org](http://www.sjrsc.org), to download registration forms. Contact Jean Wright, Admissions Director, at 301-695-9358 or email [jwright@sjrsc.org](mailto:jwright@sjrsc.org). The school office summer hours are M-Th, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

## 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.

## BEYOND THE PARISH

**KATHY J. MEAGHER Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament 2009**, to be held **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Montgomery Country Club in Laytonsville, MD. The Scholarship Fund benefits students affected by cancer. Guest speaker will be Scott Foster, NBA Referee. For more info and to register, call 301-663-1519 or visit [www.golf4scholarship.org](http://www.golf4scholarship.org).

**MOTHER SETON ACADEMY:** This fall, Mother Seton Academy will be opening their completely renovated school in the old St. Ann School building. Before the dedication, we would like to find and invite back all former St. Ann's students, teachers, and staff for an All-Class School Reunion, **Sunday, October 11, 2009**. The day begins with Mass at 10:00 AM at St. Ann's, 2201 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, followed by a tour of the newly renovated school building and refreshments in the courtyard. RSVP to St. Ann Church, 410-235-8169.



**SUMMER FUN IS HERE! THINK**

### ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS FOR OFFERTORY GIFTS:

What a great way in the summer while you are traveling not to have to think about Offertory Envelopes! We have received over 100 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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 07-26-2009**

Envelope Users (476) .....	\$18,425.00
Non-Envelope Users .....	\$ 3,771.53
EFT Giving 07-20-2009 .....	\$ 8,024.50
TOTAL Offertory .....	\$26,450.03
<b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed .....</b>	<b>\$28,700.00</b>
Second Collection: Debt Reduction.....	\$ 5,623.53
Total Debt Payment Due July 2009.....	\$ 9,005.46
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) .	\$ 1,354.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

**Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!** Next week's Second Collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel

message in our community and all over the world. CCC funds the development of traditional and new media programs that inspire and minister to their audiences. Half of the Collection from our Archdiocese stays here to support local communication efforts, while the other half supports national Catholic media initiatives. Please give generously in next week's Collection to help us spread the Good News. To find out more about the work of CCC, visit [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).

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

Monday August 3	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Patricia Adams
Tuesday August 4	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Thelma Miller Julie Fisher
Wednesday August 5	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Northampton 6:30 PM (SP)	James Grove Nancy Hicken Joe Todaro Thomas Burns
Thursday August 6	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Walter Collins John & Ann O'Connor (Wedding Anniv.)
Friday August 7	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Virginia Grove Bruce Cunningham
Saturday August 8	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	John Baer George Pohorilak William E. Baer & Family People of the Parish
Sunday August 9	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Church 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Lois Stitley Odette Lopez Medora Wachter Karl Williams Raymond J. Rezek Fr. Wayne Funk

#### **SVDP REPORT**

**During May 2009**, the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) provided assistance to 17 clients with auto expenses, 51 with housing expenses, 53 with utility expenses, 2 with travel expenses, 30 with legal expenses, 3 with funeral expenses, and 69 with medical expenses, for a total of 225 clients.

**During June 2009**, SVDP provided assistance to 21 clients with auto expenses, 77 with housing expenses, 180 with utility expenses, 22 with legal expenses, 77 with medical expenses, 6 with travel expenses, and 9 with miscellaneous expenses, for a total of 392 clients.

SVDP thanks you for your generous contributions to the **Poor Fund**, which has made this assistance possible.

If you or someone you know needs help with basic necessities, contact SVDP at 301-662-4676. The on-call volunteer will return your call. All requests are confidential.

Si usted necesita ayuda o sabe de alguien que necesite articulos de primera necesidad, favor de llamar a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul; llame al 301-662-4676. Un voluntario le llamara; toda informacion sera confidencial.