

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 9, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	August 9	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34	Ephesians 4:30-5:2	John 6:41-51
Monday	August 10	2 Corinthians 9:6-10	Psalm 112		John 12:24-26
Tuesday	August 11	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Deuteronomy 32:3-4,7-9,12		Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-
Wednesday	August 12	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 66		Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday	August 13	Joshua 3:7-11,13-17	Psalm 114		Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday	August 14	Joshua 24:1-13	Psalm 136		Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday	August 15	Revelation 11:19,12:1-6,10	Psalm 45	1 Cor 15:20-27	Luke 1:39-56
Sunday	August 16	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of maturing (a pleasing and politically correct term) is reflecting on the pleasant memories of our past. Recently, I received a note from a family I had known well at my first assignment as a priest. The mother saw the article about St. John's and wrote me. At the time I knew them, the family had three boys who were active scouts and altar servers. In fact, the boys tutored me in making the different knots I would need when I went on a 50 mile hiking and canoeing trip with the troop. There was also a young girl in the family who had Down Syndrome. Now the boys and their wives have given their parents nine grandchildren. And, their daughter, who has long been a Eucharistic Minister, is celebrating the fourth anniversary of her marriage. The mother writes that she is still active at the parish. In the same mail I received an invitation to attend the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of SS. Matthew and Thomas More Center for Religious Education/Youth Ministry that Fr. Funk and I helped found. The Center is doing good ministry in both parishes after twenty years.

These two pieces of mail, unexpected but very appreciated, have helped me reflect on the many people who have allowed me into their lives and enabled me in my priesthood. As I relaxed the other night on the rectory porch, I found myself thanking God for the many people who have and still do support and enrich me and so many other priests in our ministry. During this Year of Priests, I hope all of us priests may grow in gratitude for the gift of the priesthood and for the many ways God supports and enriches us through His people we try to serve.

Sincerely, Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Alexandra Camacho Ayala, Child of Heriberto Camacho Hernandez & Alejandra Ayala Rosales

Anthony Alejandro Gonzalez & Valerie Elizabeth Gonzalez, Children of Jesus Manuel Gonzalez Alvarez & Maria Mercedes Ayala

Yisleyri Tatiana Munguia Duran, Child of Ulises Antonio Munguia & Sandra Veronica Duran

Melvin Alexander Nolasco Dominguez, Child of Antonia Dominguez Lopez

Bryan Alberto Soriano Gonzalez, Child of Jaime Alberto Soriano Guzman & Yadira Gonzalez Paniaqua

Roberto Trejo Garza, Child of Homero Trejo Juarez & Maria del Carmen Garza Martinez

Elizabeth Grace Lopez Guzman, Child of Jose Carlos Lopez & Maria Jesus Guzman

In Marriage:

Christina Kapust & Barun Purhoit
Joanna & Aaron Tootill, Validation

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Edna Birt, grandmother of staff member Julie St. Croix
Mary McMillian
Rev. Joseph Kitko
Joseph Patrick Jennings

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS for all school students will take place at all Masses on the weekend of **August 22nd & 23rd**. Students are invited to bring their backpacks, full of their school supplies, for a special blessing.

PRISON MINISTRY: "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. Any one interested is welcome to a gathering hosted by the Peace & Social Justice Ministry on **Saturday, August 15th, 9:30-11:30 AM**, in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. Please see insert in today's bulletin for full details. 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 19th, 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 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 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.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COUNSELOR Training is being offered here at St. John's **August 16th, 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.

ADD/ADHD SUPPORT GROUP: Come join St. John's ADD/ADHD Support Group, **Monday, August 10th, 7:00 PM**, in the Notre Dame Room (or Bishop Murphy Conference Room) at the Parish Center. This month we will focus on children and teens by discussing family rules and behavior, what tools can be used, and some new techniques. This is not a counseling group, but a faith-based support group for parents and family members dealing with children or relatives who have ADD/ADHD. For more info, call Bob Krajewski, 301-695-9070.

MOMS GROUP will meet **Wednesday, August 26th, 9:30 AM**, in the nursery. We will meet the 4th Wednesday of every month. Contact Lynn at 240-285-2036 or email at crocscian@comcast.net for more info or to RSVP.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE: Come join us on **Saturday, September 12th**, for St. John's Community Square Dance for ages 18 and over. No

experience or partner necessary. Charlie Stockman will be the instructor and caller. Tickets are \$7, sold in advance. Sponsored by the 50+ Club of St. John's Parish.

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. The next STAND training will be **August 12th, 7-9 PM** in the Notre Dame Room. Contact Erica to register at 301-662-8288 x1100. 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

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 6th grade and older to a **Troop Open House, September 16th, 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.

THE NURSERY IS COMING BACK! The Nursery will be available for the 11:00 AM Mass starting **Sunday, August 23rd**. We are looking for volunteers to support this wonderful ministry. Join the little ones for fun and learning. To sign up, please contact Jamie McGowan, 301-682-3829, or auroraj@yahoo.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring St. John's Community Summer Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, August 29th from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, in St. John's Community Center. August is Ice Cream month and each blood donor will receive a coupon for a free pint of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. *Give a Pint & Receive a Pint* is the slogan. To schedule an appointment, please call Clarice, 240-490-7085.

SPONSOR COUPLE PROGRAM: St. John's is looking for married couples to help with the Sponsor Couple Program. This marriage preparation program pairs an engaged couple with a trained married couple, enriching both couples involved. If you would like to learn more about this program and how you can be a part of this important program, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, and plan to attend an informational session on **September 28th, 7:30 PM**.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATIONS are now due for Elementary, Middle and High School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Please register your children as soon as possible. Sessions begin **October 4th & 5th**. Contact Julie St. Croix (ext. 1103) for Elementary programs and Joe Mele (ext. 1104) for Middle and High School program questions.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETINGS will be held Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00-9:00 PM, and Saturday, October 3rd, 9:30-11:30 AM. Please register your child as soon as possible and plan to attend one of these meetings.

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 16th; Monday, August 17th; or Sunday, September 13th**. We will be meeting from **7:00-8:00 PM** in the Community Center Hall, on these dates. 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

HANDBELL CHOIR & CANTORS: We are looking for handbell choir members and cantors. The Bell Choir meets every Wednesday, beginning September 9th, 7:30 PM, in the Church Sacristy. Although the ability to read music is helpful, it is not essential. Come and check us out. We also need cantors to assist the assembly in singing the hymns and liturgies. Cantors meet on the second Monday of every month from 7:30-9:00 PM, beginning September 14th in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. For more info, contact Dr. Elizabeth Krouse at the Parish Center.

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 8th grade for the 2009-2010 school year. Please visit our website, www.sjracs.org, to download registration forms. Contact Jean Wright, Admissions Director, at 301-695-9358 or email jwright@sjracs.org. The school office summer hours are M-Th, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. **School starts August 24th for grades 1-8 and August 31st for Pre-K & Kindergarten.**

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

THE VISITATION ACADEMY, the **only** all-girl accredited Catholic elementary school in Maryland, located at 200 East 2nd St. in historic Frederick, is currently accepting applications for students in grades Pre-K through 7th. Small class sizes with proven excellence in scholastic achievement, sports, languages (Spanish and Mandarin Chinese), tap dance, and extra-curricular activities. Before and after school care available. Please contact the school at 301-662-2814 or visit www.thevisitationacademy.org for more info.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 08-02-2009

Envelope Users (508)	\$17,799.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,469.92
TOTAL Offortory.....	\$22,268.92
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,700.00
Second Collection: School	\$ 3,049.10
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,620.07
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday August 10	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Joan Henwood
Tuesday August 11	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Kristin Ferriole Nicholas B. Jarvis (Birthday)
Wednesday August 12	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Golden Living 6:30 PM (SP)	Carmen Lay William C. McSherry, Jr. George Haber Christina Palese
Thursday August 13	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Mary L. Root Dolores Wagner
Friday August 14	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	M. J. Grove Special Intention: Skip & Carol Manley
Saturday August 15	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Marie Joseline Bryant Marie Carmelle Noel Noreen G. Grove Thomas Randall Smith
Sunday August 16	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Church 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Grace M. Provenza James Arthur John Harwood People of the Parish Mrs. Sandra Layman Msgr. Edward V. Echle