

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 16, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	August 16	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Monday	August 17	Judges 2:11-19	Psalm 106		Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday	August 18	Judges 6:11-24	Psalm 85		Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	August 19	Judges 9:6-15	Psalm 21		Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	August 20	Judges 11:29-39	Psalm 40		Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	August 21	Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22	Psalm 146		Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday	August 22	Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17	Psalm 128		Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday	August 23	Joshua:24:1-2,15-18	Psalm 34	Ephesians 5:21-32	John 6:60-69

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As people around the nation are engaged on the emotional issue of health care reform, I thought it could be helpful to bring to everyone's attention a letter written by Bishop William Murphy to members of the Senate and House of Representatives on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He states:

. . . the Catholic bishops of the United States offer the following criteria for fair and just health care reform. We offer these as a guide:

- a truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity;
- access for all with a special concern for the poor and inclusion of legal immigrants;
- pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism including freedom of conscience and variety of options; and
- restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers.

The bishop proceeds to explain that respect for human life and dignity causes us to "oppose inclusion of abortion as part of a national health care benefit. . . .No health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion."

Bishop Murphy then expands the bishops thoughts on access for all. He says that

. . . decent health care is not a privilege, but a right and a requirement to protect the life and dignity of every person. All people need and should have access to comprehensive, quality health care that they can afford, and it should not depend on their stage of life, where or whether they or their parents work, how much they earn, where they live or where they were born. *The Bishops' Conference believes health care reform should be truly universal and it should be genuinely affordable.*

The letter goes on to encourage cost-sharing protection and limitations on premiums and co-payments and other costs which would discourage needed care. "We have a

responsibility to ensure that no one is left without the ability to see a doctor when he or she is sick or get emergency care when his or her health is at risk." Therefore, [the bishops] urge funding "for safety-net clinics, hospitals, and other providers serving those who will continue to fall through the cracks of a reformed system." He ends by emphasizing that "Genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all is a moral imperative and a vital national obligation."

The entire letter can be read at:

www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/2009-07-17-murphy-letter-congress.pdf.

Sincerely, Fr. Dick

To the Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist:

The love and support that you gave the Little Sisters of the Poor during their visit on July 25th & 26th was a sign of your genuine Charity. The collection amounted to \$5,020.39. Your gifts are truly a sign of God's loving and caring Providence, which will help provide the best possible care for many elderly in need who come to make their Home with us. Thank you all!! Our Residents of St. Martin's Home join with us in promising you our daily prayers for all your many intentions. God bless each and every one of you!
The Little Sisters of the Poor

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

In Baptism:

Seth Jon Dinsmore, Child of
Ryan & Tiffany Dinsmore

Daniel Aaron Fitzsimmons, Child of
John & Julie Fitzsimmons

Benjamin Thomas Folb, Child of
Darin & Kathleen Folb

Kelly Leon Lara, Child of
Fortino & Yeny Leon

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Steven Brewer, grandnephew of Rosa Cardoza

Mrs. Regina Franken, mother of Fr. Willie Franken

Leyen Phan

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.

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!

WE ARE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY! St. John's invites all those interested in exploring the Roman Catholic Faith to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This program will start **September 8th and meet every Thursday, 7:30-9:00 PM.** Please call Elaine, 301-662-8288 x1101, to pre-register.

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.

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES: All families are welcomed to join us for our first session on Faith, Fairy Tales, and Hogwarts! **Sunday, September 13th, 2:00-4:00 PM,** in the Hall. Our monthly family sessions are an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, and have some fun with your family in your parish community.

CALLING ALL THESPIANS! We are looking for some aspiring actors and actresses to help us depict the *Fairy Tales*. All interested teens and adults should contact Joe Mele, 301-662-8288 x1104.

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:

Abortion clinic **Rosary Prayer Vigil** at 801 Toll House Ave., Frederick, Friday mornings 9:00 AM.

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

August 2009

"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. To sign up, please contact Jamie McGowan, 301-682-3829.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring St. John's Community Summer Red Cross Blood Drive, **Saturday, 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, the Catholic Daughters will be available after Masses **this weekend, August 15th & 16th** so you can sign-up, or you can 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 it, 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 programs, if you have 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 Reminder to all High School students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation for 2009-2010. Orientation meetings will be in the Community Center Hall, **7:00-8:00 PM, Sunday, August 16th; Monday, August 17th; or Sunday, September 13th**. Parents and students should attend. 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.

CATECHISTS needed for Confirmation, High School, and Middle School. Please call the Office of Youth Ministry and speak to Joe Mele, 301-662-8288 x1104, to volunteer for this rewarding experience working with young people of our parish.

CATECHIST VOLUNTEER TRAINING session for all catechists and volunteers will be **Sunday, August 30th, 12:00-4:00 PM**. Email Joe Mele for more info, joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

CONSIDERING a Catholic School Education for Your Child? 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. 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.**

HELP WANTED: Maintenance Assistant, 2nd shift (with seasonal shift changes). Set up and tear down events, general maintenance, and building security. Clean driver's record required. Send resume to Principal Smith, St. John Regional Catholic School, 8414 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702, or email to ksmith@sjrsc.org.

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.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH in Libertytown needs help with their Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, held at the Church, for 3:00 PM on Tuesday afternoons. Please call Linda, 301-829-2888, or Diane, 301-898-0833, if you are interested in helping.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 08-09-2009

Envelope Users (509)	\$16,777.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,430.08
TOTAL Offortory.....	\$21,207.58
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,700.00
Second Collection: Comm.Campaign	\$ 3,122.63
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,060.58
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday August 17	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention James Hannigan, Jr.
Tuesday August 18	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Aura Lila Roman (Anniv.) Luis Pierce
Wednesday August 19	6:30 AM 8:00 AM College View 6:30 PM (SP)	J. Harry Grove Maria Dinard (Anniv.) Helen B. Coveleski Patty Salatino
Thursday August 20	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Ints. Catherine A. Conaway Ints. Joseph Montney
Friday August 21	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Richard Sohm Yader Silva (Birthday)
Saturday August 22	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Anna F. Grove Greg de Guzman Charles J. Provenza Millie Sanders
Sunday August 23	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Church 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Ngan Suong T. Mai Nicholas B. Jarvis (Anniv.) Anna Mae Kirkland People of the Parish Theresa Ann Wallace Special Intention

