

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*August 23, 2009*

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 23</b>	Joshua 24:1-2,15-18	Psalm 34	Ephesians 5:21-32	John 6:60-69
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 24</b>	Revelation 21:9-14	Psalm 145		John 1:45-51
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 25</b>	1 Thes 2:1-8	Psalm 139		Matthew 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 26</b>	1 Thes 2:9-13	Psalm 139		Matthew 23:27-32
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 27</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13	Psalm 90		Matthew 24:42-51
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 28</b>	1 Thes 4:1-8	Psalm 97		Matthew 25:1-13
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 29</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11	Psalm 98		Mark 6:17-29
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 30</b>	Deut 4:1-2,6-8	Psalm 15	James 1:17-18,21-22,27	Mark 7:1-8,14-15

*FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*

Dear Friends,

The summer has gone by so quickly that I am just going on vacation as everyone else is going back to school. This Sunday as backpacks and school supplies are blessed at all the Masses, we are all reminded to keep our students in our prayers: those attending pre-school or kindergarten classes, elementary, middle and high schools, as well as those in college and graduate programs. Each level of education has its unique challenges that foster development of the whole person. We pray that our students will take the opportunity to develop their minds through the new information and techniques to which they will be exposed. We pray that through their experiences and the friends they make, they may develop insight into their own strengths and talents. We pray they will seek ways to contribute their talents and insights as they meet people and learn from new situations.

Religious education is a life long process. This is the time to encourage students to grow in faith so that they can be better disciples, as the teachings of the Church illuminate their minds to judge how to act rightly in their ever changing world. It is also a time for all of us to reflect on areas of our faith that we need to understand better as we live in a constantly changing society.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Dick



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY**  
are placed in Memory of  
**Nicholas B. Jarvis**  
8/11/94 – 8/23/03  
**The Jarvis and Manley Family**

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

**In Baptism:**

**Talia Lyn Favatella**, Child of  
Brittany Favatella

**Carson Thomas Mullaney**, Child of  
Michael & Ethni Mullaney

**In His Passage to Eternal Life:**

Douglas Anthony Griffith, son of  
Margaret and Milton Herring

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**PARISH MINISTRY MORNING** is quickly approaching. Everyone involved in Parish Ministry is encouraged to attend a morning of reflection and prayer. Our keynote presentation will feature Dr. Patricia Fosarelli, M.D., D. Min., from the Ecumenical Institute. If you have not registered for the event, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102 – be sure to leave your name and ministry!

**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 8<sup>th</sup>** and meet every **Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 PM**. Please call Elaine, 301-662-8288 x1101, to pre-register.

**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).

**VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES:** All families are welcomed to join us for our first session on Faith, Fairy Tales, and Hogwarts! **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**MEN'S RETREAT, October 17<sup>th</sup>:** Registration for the Men's Retreat has begun! Discover how you can bring the flavor of God's goodness to all parts of your life. See insert in today's bulletin for the registration form.

**MOMS GROUP** will meet **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM**, in the nursery. We will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. Contact Lynn at 240-285-2036 or email at [crocsclan@comcast.net](mailto:crocsclan@comcast.net) for more info or to RSVP.

**ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE:** Come join us on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 **September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org).

### 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.

### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 2009

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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

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

**Word of Life:** *The 20<sup>th</sup> century often tried to do without that cornerstone, and attempted to build the city of man without reference to Him. It ended by actually building that city against man! Christians know that it is not possible to reject or ignore God without demeaning man. Allow me, dear young people, to consign this hope of mine to you: you must be those "builders"! You are the men and women of tomorrow. The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.* Pope John Paul II

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

**CLOW:** We invite you to consider leading our **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Please contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103, for more info.

**THE NURSERY IS COMING BACK!** The Nursery will be available for the **11:00 AM Mass starting this Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We are looking for volunteers to support this wonderful ministry. Interested volunteers are invited to a *Meet and Greet* in the Nursery, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00 AM Masses. For more info, 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 it, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, and plan to attend an informational session on **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM**.

**ATTENTION CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:** CDA State Conference is **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**, at St. Mary's parish in Hagerstown, MD. Deadline to register is September 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$30, which includes lunch. Make checks payable to CDA #278 and place in the CDA mailbox at the Parish Office, or mail checks to financial secretary, Judy Gilson. We will be carpooling. Contact Regent Bonnie Rohr, 301-865-3725, for more info.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM, and Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. If you missed the first two Orientation meetings, there will be one more in the Community Center Hall, **7:00-8:00 PM, Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-4:00 PM**. Email Joe Mele for more info, [joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org).

**ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL**

**WELCOME BACK STUDENTS, Parents & Teachers!** Move-in day for grades 1-8 is Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and full-day classes officially start on Tuesday. Orientation and assessments for Pre-K and Kindergarten students occur the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> and classes officially begin for Pre-K and K on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Information regarding enrollment or scheduling tours may be obtained from the website [www.sjrsc.org](http://www.sjrsc.org), or by calling the Admissions Office, 301-695-9358

**HELP WANTED:** Maintenance Assistant, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH** in Libertytown needs help with their Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, held at the Church, for 3:00 PM on Tuesday afternoons and 10:00 PM Wednesday nights. Please call Linda, 301-829-2888, or Diane, 301-898-0833, if you are interested.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for the **235<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to help by filling helium balloons, scooping snow cones, monitoring simple children's games, etc., or if you would like more information about volunteering, please call the Shrine at 301-447-6606.

**ANNUAL LABOR DAY FESTIVAL, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon-5:00 PM**, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Thurmont, MD. Family style fried chicken and ham dinner, adults \$12, children 6-12 \$6, under-5 Free. Live music by the *Home Comfort Bluegrass Band*, bingo, large white-elephant sale, bake sale, raffle, and kiddie games. Enjoy a day with us!

<b>STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 08-16-2009</b>	
Envelope Users (469) .....	\$14,069.36
Non-Envelope Users .....	\$ 4,004.28
EFT Giving 08-05-2009.....	\$ 8,277.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$26,350.64
<b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed .....</b>	<b>\$28,700.00</b>
Second Collection: Debt Reduction .....	\$ 5,442.29
Total Debt Payment Due Aug. 2009 .....	\$ 9,005.46
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,168.06
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

<b>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
<b>"SP" = Mass in Spanish</b>		
Monday August 24	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention James T. O'Connell
Tuesday August 25	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Country Meadows	Carmen Lay Kathy Meagher Ints. Justin Myers
Wednesday August 26	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Edenton 6:30 PM (SP)	Catherine Buckley John T. Harwood Ints. Rose Martin Anne V. Cochran
Thursday August 27	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Martha Rivard James Hannigan
Friday August 28	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Rose Marie Iserman Thomas Mandeville
Saturday August 29	8:00 AM  5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Patricia Mary Lowe (Anniv.) Noella Pontbriand Special Intention Thomas Randall Smith
Sunday August 30	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Church 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	People of the Parish Odette Lopez Melanie Calis Matthew J. Wright, Jr. Ted Baranowski Wilmer R. Stitley