

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	September 6	Isaiah 35:4-7	Psalm 146	James 2:1-5	Mark 7:31-37
Monday	September 7	Colossians 1:24-2:3	Psalm 62		Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	September 8	Micah 5:1-4	Psalm 13:6		Matt 1:1-16,18-23
Wednesday	September 9	Colossians 3:1-11	Psalm 145		Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	September 10	Colossians 3:12-17	Psalm 150		Luke 6:27-38
Friday	September 11	1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14	Psalm 16		Luke 6:39-42
Saturday	September 12	1 Timothy 1:15-27	Psalm 113		Luke 6:43-49
Sunday	September 13	Isaiah 50:5-9	Psalm 116	James 2:14-18	Mark 8:27-35

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I want to thank the Catholic Daughters for sponsoring a blood drive to make it as convenient as possible for parishioners to donate blood. I'd also like to thank the many parishioners who were able to donate at this time. To give blood is to give the gift of life.

Our 50+ Group is sponsoring a Square Dance for the parish, and I encourage all our parishioners to come to this event. It will be a good opportunity to relax, get a little exercise, and even learn a few new steps. I am told the caller is a patient man with a good sense of humor, who will be able to teach and encourage those of us who aren't sure of the difference between a "promenade" and a "do si do." While I enjoy trying to square dance, I understand Fr. Rich has a real flair for it. So come out and have some fun at St. John's Community Center on September 12th, courtesy of our 50+ Group.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Bardo Castillo Solis, Child of

Bardomiano Castillo & Eloise Solis de Castillo

Ostyn Alexis Castillo Solis, Child of

Maria Berenice Castillo Solis

Mariela Abigail Lopez Reyes &

Jeymi Rosalia Lopez Reyes, Children of

Jose Samuel Lopez Romero & Audelia ReyesReyes

Danilo Adan Real, Child of

David R. Miranda & Sandra L. Gonzalez

Jennifer Sandoval-Covarrubias &

Noelia Sandoval-Covarrubias, Children of

Hector A. Sandoval Marroquin &

Maria Olivia Covarrubias

Alejandro Silva-Mora, Child of

Alejandro Silva-Vargas & Ofelia Mora Castro

Cesar Torres Dominguez,

Jesenia Torres Dominguez &

Pablo Noe Torres Dominguez, Children of

Pablo Torres & Estebana Dominguez

In Marriage:

Amanda Daugherty & Trevor Forshey

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Specialist David Campbell, MD Army National Guard
Marjorie Smith

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PARISH MINISTRY MORNING is quickly approaching. Everyone involved in Parish Ministry is encouraged to attend a morning of reflection and prayer **on September 19th**. 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 8th and meet every Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 PM**. Please call Elaine, 301-662-8288 x1101, to pre-register.

THE SCRIPTURE REFLECTION and PRAYER MINISTRY invites new members to experience growth in faith and understanding of God's Word through readings, prayer, and Scripture reflection. We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month in the Hospitality Room, 9:15 AM. For more info, please call Lynn, 301-473-7844.

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.

CUB SCOUT PACK 274 will be selling popcorn after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, September 5th and after all Masses on Sunday, September 6th.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: Next weekend **September 12th & 13th**, after the **5:00 PM** Mass and the **6:00 PM** Spanish Mass on Saturday, and after the **9:00 AM & 1:00 PM** Masses on Sunday in the Parish Nursing Office, on the first floor of the Community Center.

MEN'S RETREAT, October 17th: 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. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. Contact Amy Spessard for more info, 301-662-8288 x1102.

LEARN MODERN WESTERN SQUARE DANCING on **Saturday, September 12th, 8:00-10:00 PM**, in the St. John's Community Center Cafeteria. Charlie Stockman, local instructor and caller, will be teaching and calling. Tickets are \$7, sold in advance at the Parish Office. **Deadline for buying tickets is September 8th!** For ages 18 and over, casual dress, and no experience or partner necessary. Sponsored by the 50+ Club of St. John's Parish. For more info, contact Bonnie Rohr, 301-865-3725.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Mark your calendars now for **Friday, September 25th, 7:15 PM**, for another outdoor movie event in the church lot (if rain, in the Community Center Hall). Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

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 9th, 7-9 PM** in the Notre Dame Room. **Please register at least one day in advance (the session will be cancelled if no one has signed up to attend).** Contact Erica to register at 301-662-8288 x1100. STAND training is also available on line. Please visit www.stjohn-frederick.org.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE **September 2009**
"To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it . . . To desire the common good (the good of 'all of us') and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity."
Caritas In Veritate, Pope Benedict XIV

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
St. John's will be participating in the **40 Days for Life** again this fall. The solemn period of prayer, fasting, and increased presence at the local abortion clinic begins **Wednesday, September 23rd** and ends on November 1st. Sign-ups will take place soon. Watch for further information.
The Annual Life Chain is scheduled for **October 4th, Respect Life Sunday**. Please mark your calendars!

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), Stuart Frazier, 301-620-2288 (Cub Scouts), or Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217 (Boy Scouts).
Troop 1274 Open House, Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the Community Center Hall. Come build a pioneering project while learning about the Troop. For more info, contact Nelson Spessard, Scout Master, 301-846-4217, or nspessard@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:
Bishop McNamara Council congratulates and welcomes our newest members, Wayne Aldrich, Jerris Joseph, Ceicil Tlong, William Ulicny, and Carl Weinhoff, who began their journey to full knighthood by taking the first degree of our order on Wednesday, June 24th.
Bishop McNamara Council is proud to announce that Past Grand Knight Richard "Dick" O'Connor has been recognized for 60 years of service to the Knights of Columbus. Sir Knight Dick served as Grand Knight of our Council from 1962-1964 and is still actively involved in many fundraising and community service activities. The 60 Years of Service Award was presented to Dick by Maryland State Advocate Stephen Adamczyk at the installation of Officers for the Bishop McNamara Council on July 19th, here at St. John's.

NURSERY: We are looking for volunteers to support this wonderful ministry. Interested volunteers are invited to a *Meet and Greet* in the Nursery, **Sunday, September 13th, after the 11:00 AM Masses**. For more info, please contact Jaime McGowan, 301-682-3829.

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.

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**.

THE A CAPPELLA CHOIR is looking for new members. All voice parts welcome! This chorus performs at nursing homes and other parishes, as well as providing special music at St. John's. If interested, please call Jan Sadowski, 301-845-2882 (corrected number).

ST. JOHN YOUTH CHOIR, open to all boys and girls in the 4th grade through high school, has begun their rehearsals. But it's not too late to join! Rehearsals are Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 PM in the choir loft and we sing one Sunday a month at the 11:00 AM Church Mass. Also note, participation counts toward service hours for

school and Confirmation. If interested, call Mrs. Peggy Frazier, 301-620-2288.

ST. JOHN ADULT CHOIR has openings for sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses as the choir begins its new year. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:30 PM, in the choir loft of the Church. High School age and up are invited to call Monika McCormick for more info, 301-371-6553.

HELP WANTED: All Current Ushers at St. John's!

We welcome you to attend a training session for all current Ushers on **Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 PM** in the Church. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Booklets will be given out from the Liturgical Ministry Series by Father Dan and Sue Swiss. Procedures for greeting parishioners, collection process, etc., will be reviewed. Please reserve your space by calling Olivia or Elaine at (301) 662-8288 ext. "0". Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to the parish for supporting the Girl Scout Meal Drive. The girls delivered 26 complete healthy meals and 500 lbs of food to the Frederick Food Bank.

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. 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 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.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

SJRCS 2009 FALL FUNDRAISER is now underway! Choose from our "Lifestyles" Market Day Catalogue

which features products to organize your home, create memories, and prepare delicious family meals, as well as gift wrap, magazines, chocolates, jewelry, and home décor. Also new this year, frozen Uno pizza and cookie dough. Visit www.marketdayfundraising.com to place your order and use SJRCS sale ID# 207888. Orders will be taken until October 2nd.

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.

EXAMEN DE LA PRESION:

El sábado 12, de Septiembre /09 después de las Misa de las 6.00 PM y en la Oficina de la Enfermería ubicada en el primer piso a la izquierda de la entrada principal del Centro Comunitario de la Parroquia, edificio # 114, se estará tomando Examen de la Presión, para todas aquellas personas que desean hacerlo. Gracias.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 08-30-2009	
Envelope Users (524)	\$17,613.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,206.20
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$21,819.70
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,700.00
Second Collection: None.....	\$ 0.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,783.25
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday September 7 Labor Day	9:00 AM	Irene Suchoski
Tuesday September 8	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	M. J. Grove John Baer
Wednesday September 9	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Golden Living 6:30 PM (SP)	James Grove Frederick Heck Fr. Wayne Funk Helen B. Coveleskie
Thursday September 10	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Virginia Grove John Harwood
Friday September 11	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Noreen G. Grove Mary L. Root
Saturday September 12	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Mrs. Julia Rossi Toni Wessel Eric Grundman Joseph Greulich
Sunday September 13	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	People of the Parish Odette Lopez Douglas Griffith Fr. Wayne Funk Pedro Rincan (Anniv.)