

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	September 13	Isaiah 50:5-9	Psalm 116	James 2:14-18	Mark 8:27-35
Monday	September 14	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 78	Philippians 2:6-11	John 3:13-17
Tuesday	September 15	1 Timothy 3:1-13	Psalm 101		John 19:25-27
Wednesday	September 16	1 Timothy 3:14-16	Psalm 111:1-6		Luke 7:31-35
Thursday	September 17	1 Timothy 4:12-16	Psalm 111:7-10		Luke 7:36-50
Friday	September 18	1 Timothy 6:2-12	Psalm 49		Luke 8:1-3
Saturday	September 19	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Psalm 100		Luke 8:4-15
Sunday	September 20	Wisdom 2:12,17-20	Psalm 54	James 3:16-4:3	Mark 9:30-37

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (Love in Truth) seeks to honor the memory of Pope Paul VI and to redirect our attention to the important principles he enunciated in his encyclical, *Progressio Populorum* (The Progress of People). Pope Paul VI says that God entrusted each of us and all of us with a vocation to develop ourselves. Since this vocation comes from a transcendent call of God, there is no true humanism that is not open to God. Our life in Christ is the first and principal factor in development. It is the truth of God's love that makes it possible to hope for a "development of the whole man and of all men" (Pacem in Terris #42). We must pursue this call with both our minds and our hearts, guided by love of all people and the wisdom of truth. It is, after all, truth that sets us free and thus enables us to overcome evil in the world. The Church may not have all the technological solutions for human progress, but it does have a mission to proclaim the truth of humanity origin, dignity, and destiny. This proclamation enables us to see that technology can help us progress from less human conditions to more humane ones.

Pope Benedict XVI wants to direct this vision of development so as to shed light on the conditions of our present time. He sees that increased globalization without corresponding ethical considerations will likely give rise to development that is not truly humane. As people throughout the world are increasingly interdependent, it is important for the Church to proclaim the truth of humankind's dignity, origin, and relationship to God, to others, and to the created universe.

Pope Benedict XVI concludes:

Without God, man neither knows which way to go, nor even understands who he is. In the face of the enormous problem surrounding the development of peoples, which almost makes us yield to discouragement, we find solace in the saying of our Lord Jesus Christ, who teaches us: "apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5), and then encourages us: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:20). As we contemplate the vast amount of work to be done, we are sustained by our faith that God is present alongside those who come together in his name to work for justice. (Caritas #78)

The entire encyclical can be found at www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclical/document/hf_ben-xvi_enc_2

Sincerely,
Fr. Dick

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
Liam Christopher Pearson, Child of
Richard & Erin Pearson

In Marriage:

Kimberly Dacey & Donald Lane

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Msgr. Myles J. McGowan
Joseph Bolgiano, father of Deacon Rich Bolgiano

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: This 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.

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!

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.

COME AND SHARE a day of fun! Holy Mass at 1:00 PM, food (please bring a dish to share), games, prizes, music, **Sunday, September 20th**, at Ballenger Creek park, Shelter #2. There will not be a 5:00 PM Spanish Mass in the Church on that day. Join us!!

ADD/ADHD SUPPORT GROUP: Come join St. John's ADD/ADHD Support Group, **Monday, September 14th, 7:00 PM**, in the Notre Dame Room (or Bishop Murphy Conference Room) at the Parish Center. This month we will discuss some of the new findings related to ADHD, how medications work, and some managing 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.

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 **October 14th, 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:
40 Days for Life: Parishioners are invited to participate in prayer, fasting, and increased witness at the abortion clinic site on Friday mornings during the 40 Days between September 23rd & November 1st. Details in the bulletin insert. **Sign-ups** will be taken next weekend, **September 19th & 20th after all Masses.** Call Joanne, 301-662-0471.
The Annual Life Chain: On Sunday, October 4th, we will gather at the Home Depot on Route 40 to spread out along the Golden Mile in peaceful, prayerful witness on behalf of the unborn. The Life Chain begins 2:00 PM and ends at 3:00 PM. Please come 15 minutes early to receive your sign and station. Children welcome.

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), Bill Desmond, 301-662-4151 (Cub Scouts), or Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217 (Boy Scouts).

Pack 274: Join Scouting Night, Wednesday, September 16th, 7:00-8:00 PM, in the Community Center Cafeteria. Come see what the Cub Scouts have to offer your family! **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.

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 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the Americas Court St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 invite all ladies ages 18 and over to their September Potluck Supper and business meeting to be held **Tuesday, September 15th**. Supper begins at **6:00 PM** and our business meeting will follow. There is no obligation to stay for the meeting. This evening will kick off a new year of fellowship and charitable giving. The Catholic Daughters are open to all women in the area; we are not parish bound. For more info, contact Regent Bonnie Rohr, 301-865-3725. Catholic Daughters need members to help set up for the supper at 1:00 PM on that Tuesday. Call Regent Bonnie and let her know that you will be there.

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER, Friday, September 25th, 5:00-8:00 PM, in the Community Center Hall, sponsored by the Bishop McNamara Council #1622 Knights of Columbus. The Hospitality Team will present their Family Movie Night in the back parking lot after the dinner, 7:30 PM; featured file: *Narnia*. See insert in today's bulletin for full details.

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 its 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: Men, Women, Young Adults, and Teens – Have you thought about becoming an Usher/Greeter here at St. John's?? We welcome you to attend a training session for new Ushers/Greeters on **Wednesday, September 30th, 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. Review of procedures for greeting parishioners, collection process, etc. will be reviewed. Please call the Parish Office to reserve your space by September 25th with Olivia or Elaine at (301) 662-8288 ext. "0". Thank you!

50+ GROUP Upcoming Events: October 24th, trip to the Seton Shrine. Please contact Nancy for more info, 301-372-9045. **October 28th, 11:30 AM**, fellowship luncheon at the Golden Corral. Contact Carolyn to reserve your space, 301-663-3308.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: There will be an organizational meeting, **Saturday, September 19th, 12 Noon**, in Room #6 at the Community Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry can contact Nancy, 301-371-9045.

CUB SCOUT PACK 274 wishes to thank you for your continued support of Catholic Scouting. The popcorn fundraiser was a huge success!

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, this Sunday, September 13th**. 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.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

SJRCS 2009 FALL FUNDRAISER is now under way! 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; for cookie dough ID# 207885; for Uno Pizza ID# 207883. Orders will be taken until October 2nd.

SPANISH COMMUNITY

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.

Venga y comparta un día de diversion! Santa Misa a la 1:00 PM, comida (por favor traiga un plato para compartir), juegos, premios, musica. Donde? Parque Ballenger Creek, shelter #2. Cuando? **Domingo 20 de Septiembre, 2009**. No habra misa en español en la iglesia ese día. Los esperamos!!!

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 09-06-2009	
Envelope Users (539)	\$18,498.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,078.60
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$22,576.60
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,700.00
Second Collection: School	\$ 3,796.51
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,228.33
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday September 14	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Special Intention Dan McCallum (Anniv.)
Tuesday September 15	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Ints. Thomas Koontz (Birthday) Ints. Ruth Tyner
Wednesday September 16	6:30 AM 8:00 AM College View 6:30 PM (SP)	Carmen Lay Bernard S. Macsherry Deacon J. Michael Zusi Greg & Delyde Guzman
Thursday September 17	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	M. J. Grove (Anniv.) George Jackson
Friday September 18	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Carmen Lay Veronica Moseley
Saturday September 19	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Paul & Pauline Hausler Hormidas Pontbriand Special Intention Steve Hochman
Sunday September 20	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Mrs. Betty Harrant Helen B. Coveleskie People of the Parish Kyra Meyer Michael Massino Purita de los Angels