

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	September 20	Wisdom 2:12,17-20	Psalm 54	James 3:16-4:3	Mark 9:30-37
Monday	September 21	Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13	Psalm 19:2-5		Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday	September 22	Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20	Psalm 122:1-5		Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday	September 23	Ezra 9:5-9	Tobit 13:2-4,6-8		Luke 9:1-6
Thursday	September 24	Haggai 1:1-8	Psalm 149		Luke 9:7-9
Friday	September 25	Haggai 2:1-9	Psalm 43:1-4		Luke 9:18-22
Saturday	September 26	Zechariah 2:5-9,14-15	Jeremiah 31:10-13		Luke 9:43-45
Sunday	September 27	Numbers 11:25-29	Psalm 19	James 5:1-6	Mark 9:38-48

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce that this year we will have a transitional deacon (one who is preparing to be ordained a priest) working at our parish. While his primary responsibility will be ministering to our Spanish-speaking parishioners, he is bilingual and will be present for some of our celebrations in English. I will let him introduce himself in his own words.

Deacon Mark writes:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that I have been assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish for my seminary pastoral assignment. Last weekend was my first at St. John's. I went to a few of the Masses offered here and even did some square dancing. Just to tell you something about myself: My name is Mark Walter. I was ordained a deacon this past June 6th. I was born and raised in Defiance, Ohio, but I am studying for the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana. The first college I attended was the University of Dayton, but after working for some years, mostly in the heating and air conditioning business, I ended up graduating from the University of St. Francis in Indiana. As for family, I have a younger sister who lives in Colorado, my mother lives in Oklahoma, while my father resides in Ohio. I have just started my sixth and final year at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, and I am scheduled to be ordained a priest on June 12, 2010, in Lafayette, Indiana.

Please join me in welcoming Deacon Mark.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dick

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

In Marriage:

Teresa Franciscovich and Jason KuyKendall
Dawn Allison and Darby Smith

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Brenda Ogg, daughter of Jean VanSant
Corinne Callahan
James Williams
Harold J. Quinn

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will celebrate their Mass of Recommitment on **Monday evening, September 28th, 7:00 PM**, in the Church. All Members are encouraged to attend and renew their commitment to their work. The new officers will also be installed at this time. Parishioners are welcome to attend. A reception will follow in the Atrium with light refreshments.

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES: All families are welcomed to join us for our next session on *Justice in Fairy Tales*, **Sunday, October 11th, 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 the parish community.

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.

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

ORGAN CONCERT: You are invited to attend an organ recital, Sunday, November 22nd, 7:30 PM, here at St. John the Evangelist. Our own Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, Director of Liturgical Music and Organist, will present

large portions of Clavierübung III, known as the Organ Mass, by J. S. Bach. Mark your calendars today!

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. STAND training is available on-line. Please visit www.stjohn-frederick.org and click on STAND Training. Contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105 for more info.

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, Wednesday, September 23rd – November 1st! This is a solemn period of prayer, fasting, and increased presence at the local abortion clinic. Sign-ups will take place this weekend, September 19th & 20th, after all Masses. If you miss today's opportunity, please call Joanne, 301-662-0471, to sign up.
The Archdiocese Respect Life Office is sponsoring two special meetings on the essential work of prayerful presence at abortion mills and sidewalk counseling: **September 22nd** at St. Mary's, Annapolis, MD, and **September 29th** at nearby St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor Church, Room 4. Both meetings will be held at 7:30 PM. This meeting would be good preparation for those signing up for the 40 Days for Life.
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), Bill Desmond, 301-662-4151 (Cub Scouts), or Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217 (Boy Scouts).

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.**

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. Dinner will be followed by a **Free Family Movie Night** in the back lot of the Church, presented by the Hospitality/Fellowship Team. Featured film: *Narnia*. Your donations at the dinner will help fund Bishop McNamara's good works throughout the year. The Knights provide donations of time and funds to support the various Church ministries, SVDP, Scouting, ARC, and other Church and community organizations. See insert in today's bulletin for full details.

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. 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 **Perkins Family Restaurant** (not Golden Corral). Contact Carolyn to reserve your space, 301-663-3308.

WEB COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS: St. John's Web Committee needs more volunteers to join us and add their talent to our website! We need someone to assist us in deciding what and how to include on our web interesting and helpful information for our parishioners. Our next meeting in **Tuesday, October 6th, 7:00 PM,** at the Parish Center. Come and join us and share your ideas! For more info, contact Sue Swiss, 301-662-8288 x1010.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Elizabeth Ann Seton wish to thank all our parishioners and Catholic Daughters who supported St. John's Community Blood Drive held on August 29th. Forty-two pints of blood were collected, which exceeded our goal by 50%. This will help 126 persons in the need of transfusions. Thank you one and all! Mark your calendars for January 18, 2010, Martin Luther King Day, for our next Red Cross Blood Drive.

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, 301-662-8288 x1103 for Elementary programs and Joe Mele (x1104) 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.

GIVE IT AWAY NOW – THE “CAN IT” EDITION 2009: Join with our teens and let's fight hunger together! Youth Ministry here at St. John's is kicking off the year with a canned food drive the **weekend of October 4th**. Parishioners are asked to bring canned food items to Church and drop them off in the bins outside Church, and teens can bring their own donations on Sunday night (High Schoolers) and Monday night (Middle Schoolers), at 6:30 PM. Our food drive is part of Life Teen's 2nd Annual Global Charity Night. Parishes around the world will be holding canned food drives to fight hunger in their local communities and raise awareness. As a global church, the goal is to collect 500,000 canned food items! How many will you bring? Start collecting now!

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The 12th Annual Msgr. Eche Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 5th, at Musket Ridge in Myersville, MD. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit SJRCS. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring this event, please contact Pat Crowley, sports@sjrcs.org.

SJRCS 2009 FALL FUNDRAISER is now under way! The Market Day Catalogue 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

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.

Venga y comparta un dia 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 dia. Los esperamos!!!

BEYOND THE PARISH

SPECIAL MASS: Members of the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine, and the public as well, will come together to honor Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, “Patroness of the Sea Services,” **Sunday, October 4th**, in the Basilica at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD. Mass begins at **3:00 PM**. the principal celebrant and homilist is Most Reverend J. Kevin Boland, D. D., Bishop of Savannah, Georgia. Music for the liturgy will be provided by the Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir from Annapolis, MD. For additional info, call the Seton Shrine, 301-447-6606.

MASS FOR RETIRED PRIESTS: In celebration of the Year of Priests, Archbishop O'Brien will honor retired priests of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at a special Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on **Sunday, October 25th, 3:00 PM**. All of the faithful are welcome to attend. No tickets needed. For more info and a list of the participating retired priests, please visit the Archdiocese website at www.archbalt.org.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 09-13-2009	
Envelope Users (520)	\$18,791.70
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,109.07
EFT Giving 09-05-2009.....	\$ 8,277.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$31,177.77
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,700.00
Second Collection: Peter's Pence.....	\$ 3,604.02
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,063.43
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
“SP” = Mass in Spanish		
Monday September 21	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Daniel McGillicuddy Joan Henwood
Tuesday September 22	6:30 AM 8:00 AM CountryMeadows	James T. O'Connor Marie Denard Fr. Wayne Funk
Wednesday September 23	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Edenton 6:30 PM (SP)	Nicholas B. Jarvis Mary Gorelick Ints. Fr. Dick Murphy Special Intention
Thursday September 24	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Rose Marie Iserman Ints. Mary Beth Gallagher
Friday September 25	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Catherine Buckley Ints. Joan Wisner
Saturday September 26	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	John T. Harwood Trisha Diane Pelc Special Intention Helen B. Coveleskie
Sunday September 27	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Amanda Everhart Odette Lopez People of the Parish Carol Barto Mildred Rita Sanders Ints. Erna Nacpil

