

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	September 27	Numbers 11:25-29	Psalm 19	James 5:1-6	Mark 9:38-48
Monday	September 28	Zechariah 8:1-8	Psalm 102		Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday	September 29	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Psalm 138:1-5		John 1:47-51
Wednesday	September 30	Nehemiah 2:1-8	Psalm 137:1-6		Luke 9:57-62
Thursday	October 1	Nehemiah 8:1-12	Psalm 19:8-11		Luke 10:1-12
Friday	October 2	Baruch 1:15-22	Psalm 79		Matthew 18:1-5,10
Saturday	October 3	Baruch 4:5-12,27-29	Psalm 69:33-37		Luke 10:17-24
Sunday	October 4	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 128:1-6	Hebrews 2:9-11	Mark 10:2-16

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

The Fathers of Vatican II taught, "Christ, to be sure, gave His Church no proper mission in the political, economic, or social order. The purpose which He set before her is a religious one. But out of this religious mission itself comes a function, a light, and an energy which can serve to structure and consolidate the human community according to divine law (Gaudium et Spes #42)." While it is not the Church's role to impose Catholic doctrine on others through the political process, it is the Church's role to remind those in authority to serve the poor and vulnerable, build up the common good, and respect human life and dignity. The Church endeavors to bring the light of faith to help form consciences to recognize what is just and good, so that public life may be organized for the common good. Pope Benedict states it clearly in *Caritas in Veritate* #9 when he says, "Through responsible participation in political life, the Church not only serves the temporal, but also the spiritual, needs of her people. Policies and laws can exploit the dignity of the human person if they are not founded on truth." The Church brings the truth of faith into public life to enrich it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that we have the right and duty to speak up on policy issues that impact human dignity and the common good.

Accordingly, next week at all Masses we will conduct an Advocacy Network Registration Drive for the Maryland Catholic Conference, which is jointly sponsored by the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington and the Diocese of Wilmington to help Catholics in Maryland fulfill their civic responsibility as good Catholics. The Catholic Advocacy Network is an email network that keeps Catholics updated on issues including abortion, Catholic schools, poverty, immigration, and marriage and family life. Through the Catholic Advocacy Network you can contact your representatives and law makers to share your views.

Please take the time next weekend to register.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Chiara Rhys Davies, Child of

David & Elisabetta Davies

Kailani Makayla Hettiarachchi, Child of

Thishan & Kavitha Hettiarachchi

In Marriage:

Megan Winkelman & Scott Greenwell

In His Passage to Eternal Life:

Fr. Anthony Rivera Perez

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Next Sunday, October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a **Blessing of the Animals** service, **6:15 PM**, outside, in front of the St. John Community Center. All those desiring to have their pets and other animals blessed are encouraged to attend.

WHAT IS SOCIAL JUSTICE? On **Thursday, October 22nd, 7:00-8:30 PM**, the first in the series of presentations on the *Social Teachings of the Church: What We Believe and How We Live it!* will be held. The lecture/discussion will be led by Fr. Dan Goulet, Associate Pastor here at St. John's. Cost is \$5 per presentation or \$20 for the entire series of 6 presentations. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please call 301-662-8288 x1007 or x1504. See bulletin insert for full details.

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.

PRAYER CARDS: Next weekend, **October 3rd & 4th**, Pro-life Weekend, the Knights of Columbus Councils, Bishop McNamara Council #1622 and San Juan Bosco Council #14726, and the Respect Life Committee will hand out St. Michael the Archangel prayer cards after all Masses at the exists of the Church and Hall. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have urged this prayer to be recited daily, and it is natural for Catholics to turn to Saint Michael and unite in a powerful prayer to cast out the greatest evil of our times - the slaughter of almost 2 billion innocent unborn children - for a deep respect for human life from conception to natural death, and for the conversion of abortionists. Discover more info at: www.priestsforlife.org, www.hi.org, or www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/activities/culture/index.html

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: Next weekend **October 3rd & 4th**, 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 is only 4 weeks away! All men in the parish are invited to the Bishop Claggett Retreat Center on October 17th, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM., and spend the day discovering the flavor of God's goodness in your daily life.

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.

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).

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, a period of prayer and fasting, started last Wednesday. St. John's parishioners were on hand Friday to pray and witness at the local abortion site between the hours of 8:00 AM-12 Noon. It is never too late to start praying for the safety of the unborn. Those who wish to witness at the abortion site on Toll House Ave. on the Fridays of October may still sign up by contacting Joanne Tansey, 301-662-0471. Please watch for a Holy Hour of Life to be announced as soon as preparations are completed.

The **Archdiocese Respect Life Office** is sponsoring a meeting on the essential work of prayerful presence at abortion mills and sidewalk counseling: **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. It will be held rain or shine, so dress for the weather!

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 **this Monday, September 28th, 7:30 PM.**

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, 301-371-9045. **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 site interesting and helpful information for our parishioners. Our next meeting is **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.

SEPTEMBER is National Disaster Preparedness Month. Faith-based organizations in Frederick County

are including preparedness materials in bulletins this weekend for our parishioners. We need to take time now to plan and develop an emergency plan kit for our families. The "Plan 9" Brochure in this weekend's bulletin gives us the nine essential items needed to help us shelter-in-place in the event of an emergency. Be prepared to stay safe!

MINISTRY FORMATION MORNING was a success because of YOU! Thank you for taking the time to enrich yourselves and your ministries. If you have not yet turned in your evaluations from the day, please do so soon!

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

SJRCS has been designated a **2009 Blue Ribbon School** by the U.S. Department of Education. See what makes your parish school so special! Come to our **Open House, Wednesday, November 11th, 7:00 PM**. Applications for Pre-K – 8th grade will be accepted for the 2010-2011 school year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Begin your Christmas shopping early! The annual SJRCS Book Fair will be held **October 5th-8th, 8:00 AM-3:30 PM and October 9th, 8:00 AM-12 Noon**, in the Media Center. Books for all ages are available, and proceeds from the sales benefit SJRCS.

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 3, de Octubre /09 después de la Misa de las 6.00 PM en el Centro Comunitario del Edificio 114, se estará tomando examen de la presión. **Todos son bienvenidos.**

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS: The Parish Office is seeking a volunteer to help answer phones on Wednesdays, and also to substitute for our regular volunteers when they are on vacation. If you are interested in helping out, please call Olivia, 301-662-8288 x1002.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 09-20-2009	
Envelope Users (491)	\$15,886.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 3,814.97
TOTAL Offortory.....	\$19,701.47
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,700.00
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 4,828.68
Total Debt payment Due Sept 09.....	\$ 9,005.46
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	877.18
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday September 28	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Kirby Gallagher (Anniv.)
Tuesday September 29	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	William E. Baer & Family Thelma Miller
Wednesday September 30	6:30 AM 8:00 AM 6:30 PM (SP)	Leo Iserman Chris Weaver Helen B. Coveleskie
Thursday October 1	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	J. Harry Grove Ints. Michael & Jill Von Grey (Anniv.)
Friday October 2	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Thelma Miller Helen B. Coveleskie
Saturday October 3	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Jozef & Arek Smukowski Peter Smith Earl Teuteberg William E. Baer & Family
Sunday October 4	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Joseph "Brick" Kennedy Odette Lopez Ints. Erna Nacpil Anna F. Grove People of the Parish Special Intention