

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	October 4	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 128:1-6	Hebrews 2:9-11	Mark 10:2-16
Monday	October 5	Jonah 1:1-2:1,11	Jonah 2:2-5,8		Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday	October 6	Jonah 3:1-10	Psalm 130		Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday	October 7	Jonah 4:1-11	Psalm 86		Luke 11:1-4
Thursday	October 8	Malachi 3:13-20	Psalm 1:1-4,6		Luke 11:5-13
Friday	October 9	Joel 1:13-15,2:1-2	Psalm 9		Luke 11:15-26
Saturday	October 10	Joel 4:12-21	Psalm 97		Luke 11:27-28
Sunday	October 11	Wisdom 7:7-11	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-13	Mark 10:17-30

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I recently received a letter from Archbishop O'Brien commending our parish on exceeding our goal in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. I want to add my word of gratitude to that of the Archbishop for your generosity. The Archbishop writes:

It is my pleasure to extend my congratulations to you and the members of St. John the Evangelist on exceeding your goal for the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Do Everything for the Glory of God*. To date, your parish has raised \$125,508.00, helping the appeal reach its current \$8.4 million. The hard work and dedication demonstrated by your parish community is truly admirable. Thank you for enthusiastically making the appeal a central focus at St. John the Evangelist.

I am most fortunate to have the opportunity to regularly visit parishes within the Archdiocese and to experience, firsthand, the impact that the Appeal makes in the lives of thousands of people. The generosity of your parishioners has set a beautiful example of the self-sacrificing way of Jesus Christ. I am most grateful to you and your volunteers for diligently implementing the new appeal program. There were many changes this year, and it is truly through your overwhelming support that the Annual Appeal is so successful.

The funds generated by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are allocated to numerous ministries, impacting the lives of many of our brothers and sisters throughout the Archdiocese. Students attending religious education and vacation bible school programs, Catholic school children in need of tuition assistance, recipients of services through Catholic Charities, and participation in special ministry programs such as Hispanic Ministries, are just a few of those helped by our efforts. Additionally, a large portion of the funds collected for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will be returned to you through the Parish Share Rebate Program to be used as your parish has indicated.

Archbishop O'Brien asks for our continued prayers for the Annual Appeal and sends us his blessing for our ministry and outreach.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Elizabeth Adelaide Nagy, Child of
Zoltan & Aubrey Nagy

Makayla Rose Lloyd, Child of
Daniel Lloyd & Victoria Daniele

In Marriage:

Elmer Hernandez & Lourdes Robles, Validation

In Her Passage to Eternal Life:

Sister Valentino Smaldore, S.S.D.N.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: This 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 topic presentation or \$20 for the entire series of 6 presentations. This Faith Formation program is open to all! For more info or to register, call 301-662-8288 x1007, or x1504, or www.stjohn-frederick.org.

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: This 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 exits 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: This 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: Unfortunately, the Men's Retreat scheduled for **October 17th** has been canceled because of a lack of registrations.

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).

Girl Scout Troop 81397 spent last weekend studying dolphin behavior, learning about aviation, and eating ice cream on the boardwalk. If you would like to learn more about our parish Girl Scouts, please contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE **October 2009**
"Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of man."
Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1929

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.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

We are now eleven days into the **40 Days for Life**, and we thank all those parishioners who have signed up to pray at the abortion site during the hours of 8:00 AM-12 Noon each Friday, and the many who are praying at home and fasting for the protection of unborn babies. Many graces abound when one steps forward to witness against the evil of abortion. Ten other Catholic parishes are witnessing at the abortion site on other days of the week, including a group from a parish in Carroll County. We can never have too many at the clinic, so we urge you to consider joining us or one of the other parishes for an hour or so during this period of nationwide prayer. In any case, a signed Statement of Peace is required of all those who pray at the clinic and contact should be made with the parish coordinator. Please contact Joanne Tansey, 301-662-0471 or rftansey@aol.com.

The Annual Life Chain will take place **this Sunday, October 4th**, on the Golden Mile. This is a peaceful prayerful protest which takes place each year on Respect Life Sunday. Come swell our ranks. We will be congregating on the Golden Mile (Route 40) near Home Depot. Come rain or shine!

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.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES have now begun. If you have not registered your child yet, please contact Celeste Pridemore, 301-662-822 x1100, as soon as possible.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: If you were unable to attend the Parent Meetings this past week, please contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103, as soon as possible.

BE LIKE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (Feast Day is October 4th) and **Give It Away!** This weekend, October 3rd & 4th, MSYM & HSYM will be collecting canned food in solidarity with over 1,000 other youth groups across the world! Help us fight hunger by donating canned foods after all Masses and dropping off donations in the Hall at 6:30 PM on Sunday or Monday evening. Look for photos online, www.lifeteen.com and www.stjohne.com.

PRAY FOR OUR Youth Ministry Programs as we kick off our brand new semesters! MSTM (Middle School) will be studying *Prayer: The Relationship with God*, and HSYM (High School) will be studying *Social Justice: Living Large, Serving All*.

FEEL THE TERROR at Creekside Manor at KOA Kampground in Williamsport, MD. Be a part of the first haunted House trip by the Office of Youth Ministry, **Friday, October 30th**! This event is open to all Middle and High School students; permission slips are required by October 26th; cost is \$10 per student. Parents or guardians should provide transportation and must

remain for the event. Meet at Creekside Manor, 7:00 PM; the event should conclude around 8:30 PM. Younger children can go through the Fun House, free of charge. Permission slips are at www.stjohnne.com.

ARE YOU AN ADULT who is young at heart? Youth Ministry could benefit from you! We are looking for a few good men and women willing to join the CORE Team for our MSYM and HSYM. Contact Joe Mele, Director of Youth Ministry, 301-662-8288 x1104, or email at joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org to discuss and pray about the amazing opportunity to serve the young church.

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.

STORY-TIME TOTS: Calling all 3 & 4 year olds! Join us Monday, **October 19th, 8:45 AM**. This month's theme is *Fall Colors*. Stories, craft activity, and refreshments are provided. RSVP to Jean Wright, 301-695-9358.

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: Nitzia 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

CANTORS NEEDED to sing for 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM Saturday Masses. Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, 301-662-8288 x1015.

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: 09-27-2009

Envelope Users (464)	\$15,464.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,235.06
EFT Giving 09-27-2009.....	\$ 8,184.60
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$27,883.56
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,700.00
Second Collection: Maintenance.....	\$ 5,152.31
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,764.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

PLEASE CONSIDER designating **Villa Maria of Frederick County**, our local Charities program, if you contribute to the United Way, Combined Federal Campaign, or Maryland Charity Campaign. With declining revenues and allocations, it is especially important this year to designate your contribution. Your generosity provides counseling and psychiatric services for low income families without insurance. For questions, please call Ray Rother, Ph.D., LCSW-C, Program Supervisor, 301-694-6654 x1306.

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR NEWSLETTER: Presently, our parish buys ten copies of the Our Sunday Visitor Newsletter every week and places them in the narthex of the Church for anyone to take. Often, we find them not taken. As a cost saving measure, we will be canceling the subscription as of November 1, 2009. If you would like to receive it, you can subscribe to it directly from Our Sunday Visitor.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday October 5	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Danny Kelleher (1 st Ann.)
Tuesday October 6	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Ints. Timothy Bolder Msgr. Edward V. Echle
Wednesday October 7	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Northampton 6:30 PM (SP)	Mildred R. Sanders Ints. Ivan Smith Fr. Wayne Funk Carlos Nucci
Thursday October 8	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	James Grove Ints. Sr. Margaret Bauer
Friday October 9	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Virginia Grove John Harwood
Saturday October 10	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Alex Keepers (Birthday) John Baer Noreen G. Grove Ngan Suong T. Mai
Sunday October 11	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Eleanor Coggiano People of the Parish Marian & Clinton Macsherry (Anniv.) Susan Goff (Anniv.) James Arthur Richard Welch