

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2009

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 18</b>	Isaiah 53:10-11	Psalms 33	Hebrews 4:14-16	Mark 10:35-45
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 19</b>	Romans 4:20-25	Luke 1:69-75		Luke 12:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 20</b>	Romans 5:12,15,17-21	Psalms 40:7-10,17		Luke 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 21</b>	Romans 6:12-18	Psalms 124:1-8		Luke 12:39-48
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 22</b>	Romans 6:19-23	Psalms 1		Luke 12:49-53
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 23</b>	Romans 7:18-25	Psalms 119:66-94		Luke 12:54-59
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 24</b>	Romans 8:1-11	Psalms 24:1-6		Luke 13:1-9
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 25</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalms 126:1-6	Hebrews 5:1-6	Mark 10:46-52

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As the flu season continues, I would like to share a few thoughts about prevention. A virus is spread by person-to-person contact and through inanimate objects, especially surfaces that are frequently touched.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, quoting Canon law, "On Sunday and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass" (Can 1247):

The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin (CCC 2181).

Please note that **illness is sufficient reason not to attend Sunday Mass**. So, if you think you have the flu, **please stay home** and do not risk spreading the H1N1 virus. If you do cough or sneeze, shield others by coughing into your elbow and sneezing into your sleeve.

Eucharistic Ministers will use hand sanitizer when they come into the sanctuary to receive and distribute communion and again afterwards. If you receive communion in your hand, open your hand and let the minister place the host so as not to have to touch your hand. If you receive communion on the tongue, tilt your head back, open your mouth wide and extend your tongue, and be careful not to touch the minister's hands by moving your tongue or closing your mouth too quickly. If you have any flu symptoms, **do not receive from the chalice**. Ministers will always wipe the inside and outside of the chalice well after each communicant, and after Mass, the chalice will be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water.

The sign of peace and use of holy water may also concern you. Because anyone dipping into the holy water could easily spread a virus, you might consider not using holy water or using hand sanitizer carried in your purse or pocket. At the sign of peace, you could again use sanitizer before and after each handshake, or nod and exchange a verbal peace greeting.

These precautions should help us avoid spreading the flu through our parish liturgical celebrations.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dick

**ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE:** In November, we celebrate the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. To remember our departed loved ones in prayer, we are creating an Altar of Remembrance on St. Joseph's Altar for the month of November. All parishioners are invited to bring a picture of their departed loved ones to be placed on this altar. Please do not bring "original", only "copy" pictures. If you do not wish to bring a picture or may not have one, a Book of Remembrance will be placed at the altar for everyone to enter the names of their departed loved ones. The altar will be created beginning the weekend of October 31/November 1. Everyone may bring pictures when attending Mass then or place the pictures in the basket on St. Joseph's Altar the weekends before. Be sure to put the person's name on the picture. Throughout the month of November we will keep all of these persons in prayer as a community.

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

#### In Baptism:

**Elias Allen McElwain**, Child of

Robert & Mara McElwain

**Josefina-Delaney O'Neill**,

Child of John & Kendra O'Neill

**Henry Joseph Brown**, Child of

Andrew & Kelly Anne Brown

#### In Marriage:

Wendy Miller & Andrew Martin

#### In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Catherine E. Freitas

Theodore Rusenko

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be served this weekend, **October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**, by the St. John's Scouts, after the

**9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses.** Please join the Scouts for a time of fellowship in the cafeteria at the Community Center.

**WHAT IS SOCIAL JUSTICE?** On **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 on social justice will be led by Fr. Dan Goulet, Associate Pastor. Topics to be covered will include the foundations and history of the Church's social justice teachings, the seven themes of Catholic social teaching, and the role of religion in politics. 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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org).

**VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES:** All families are welcomed to join us for our next session on *Hope*, **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**MOMS' GROUP** will meet **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM**, in the nursery. We will not meet in November or December. Contact Lynn at 240-285-2036 or email at [crosclan@comcast.net](mailto:crosclan@comcast.net) for more info or to RSVP. All ages welcome!

## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

### 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).

**Are you a 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade boy** who likes to have adventures, try new things, and have fun? If so, Cub Scouts is for you! Please contact Bill Desmond, 301-662-4151, for more info about the parish Cub Scout Pack 274.

### 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

**Religious Coalition For Emergency Human Needs:** Volunteers needed at their Service Center, 27 DeGrange St. Volunteers are asked to provide 4 hours, one day a week. Training provided. Office is open M-F. Call 301-631-2670.

**Client Service Volunteers:** Duties include assisting clients with applications for service: eviction notices, past due utilities, prescription meds, and healthcare requests. Volunteers will work directly with clients, taking case histories, reviewing eligibility, and/or making referrals to other agencies as needed.

**Telephone Receptionists:** Duties include providing callers with information on applying for aid, hours of the center, and office location.

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

There are just two weeks left for special prayer and fasting on behalf of the unborn during the **40 Days for Life**, and that means only two more Fridays left for witnessing at the local abortion site during this period. If you keep meaning to take that step to pray at the abortion site and have not yet, please call Joanne, 301-662-0471. There cannot be too many people joining in prayer during our four hours on Fridays!

On Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, will present a fitting end to the 40 Days for Life with a Mass at St. Alphonsus Church (114 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore) at 9:00 AM, followed by a rosary procession to a Planned Parenthood facility. There will be a holy hour at the church for those who cannot walk the 1.7 miles. Event will close with benediction and should end at 12 Noon.

Over 120 people were on the Golden Mile on October 4<sup>th</sup> to create the **Life Chain** witnessing to the sanctity of life, especially for the most vulnerable, the unborn. We were affirmed by the presence of two priests, two permanent deacons, and four seminarians (transitional deacons). May God bless all those who attended this year.

**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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org) and click on STAND Training. Contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105 for more info.

**SPONSOR COUPLES:** St. John's is looking for Sponsor Couples to help prepare couples for marriage. If you feel called as a couple to share the gift of your sacramental marriage, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, for more information.

**50+ GROUP Upcoming Events: October 24<sup>th</sup>**, trip to the Seton Shrine. Please contact Nancy for more info, 301-371-9045. **October 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM**, fellowship luncheon at **Perkins Family Restaurant**. Contact Carolyn to reserve your space, 301-663-3308.

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS** extend an invitation to all women of the parish, ages 18 and over, to attend their monthly meeting, **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**, in Room #8 at the Community Center.

Also, you can still purchase the *Enjoy the City* Coupon Books to save \$\$\$\$ and support the Catholic Daughters in their fundraiser for our Youth Ministry. These books make wonderful gifts! To order, call Pat, 301-845-6115, or Bonnie, 301-865-3725.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S** regular meeting will be held **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**, in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. All members are urged to attend.

**WOLFGANG CANDY SALES:** The Catholic Daughters are selling Wolfgang candy, nuts, cookie dough, cheese, beef sticks, candles and wrapping paper to benefit local charities. First order is due **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, with a delivery date of November 27<sup>th</sup>. The second order is due **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, with a delivery in several days. To

get a Christmas candy book, call Joanne, 301-663-5655.

**FALL BIKE RIDE:** The H/F team will be doing a Fall Bike Ride, Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, along the Western MD Rail to Trail near Hancock, MD. Meet at the Super Fresh on Ballenger Creek Pike, 10:30 AM, and caravan to Ft. Frederick and then bike to Hancock. You may bring a lunch or we will also be stopping in Hancock to eat. Please call Becky Oden, 301-698-0321 or email at [bikingbecky@yahoo.com](mailto:bikingbecky@yahoo.com) for additional info. Everyone is welcome!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all St. John parishioners who contributed to the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. This past weekend's collection was very successful and will be most helpful in reaching our goal. This fundraiser is very beneficial to children and adults with special needs in our community.

## 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 PREPARATION** has already begun. Please contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103, immediately if you plan to have your child receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: Sunday night, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Hall. *Vita Nox (Life Night)*: Social teachings of the Catholic Church and the Great Commandment. All high schoolers welcome!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: Monday night, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Hall. *The Rosary & the Lord's Prayer*: Going to Mom and Dad. All middle schoolers welcome!

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** There will be a Lock-In on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. Email Joe at [joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org) if you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this event.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>! Permission slips are required by October 26<sup>th</sup>, by 8:00 PM!**

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**. Applications for Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be accepted for the 2010-2011 school year.

**"IT'S A BLUE RIBBON CHRISTMAS"** shopping social will be held **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-10:00 PM**, at the school. Join us for a fun evening of holiday shopping, with over 25 vendors providing a variety of handmade and quality items. Contact Jamie Gaynor for more event info, [jamiestephengaynor@comcast.net](mailto:jamiestephengaynor@comcast.net). Vendors still needed! Contact Robin, [zcisizar@comcast.net](mailto:zcisizar@comcast.net).

## 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.

### STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 10-11-2009

Envelope Users (503) .....	\$15,943.50
Non-Envelope Users .....	\$ 4,499.20
EFT Giving 10/05/2009 .....	\$ 6,259.00
TOTAL Offortory.....	\$26,701.70
<b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed .....</b>	<b>\$28,700.00</b>
Second Collection: Debt Reduction .....	\$ 5,303.02
Total Debt Payment Due Oct. '09 .....	\$ 9,005.46
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,199.22
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Day	Time	Intention
Monday October 19	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention James Michael Murphy
Tuesday October 20	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Rose Marie Iserman Patty Barley
Wednesday October 21	6:30 AM 8:00 AM College View 6:30 PM (SP)	Richard Welch Mark Pistoresi Frank Zips Adanto D'AMore
Thursday October 22	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Ngan Suong T. Mai Douglas Magaha
Friday October 23	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Helen B. Coveleskie Nicholas B. Jarvis
Saturday October 24	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Neal P. Cochran (Birth.) Medora Wachter Jack Seiland People of the Parish
Sunday October 25	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch  11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Dennis Kelleher Nancy Hicken Ints. Brigid & Walt Stokes (Wedd. Anniv.) Dr. Harry Hurley Heber Jones Special Intention