

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	November 1	Revelation 7:2-4,9-14	Psalm 24:1-6	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Monday	November 2	Wisdom 3:1-9	Psalm 23:1-6	Romans 5:5-11	John 6:37-40
Tuesday	November 3	Romans 12:5-16	Psalm 131:1-3		Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday	November 4	Romans 13:8-10	Psalm 112		Luke 14:25-33
Thursday	November 5	Romans 14:7-12	Psalm 27		Luke 15:1-10
Friday	November 6	Romans 15:14-21	Psalm 98:1-4		Luke 16:1-8
Saturday	November 7	Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27	Psalm 145		Luke 16:9-15
Sunday	November 8	1 Kings 17:10-16	Psalm 146:7-10	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As we reflect this week on our financial contributions to our parish, I offer a few thoughts on Stewardship to help us keep perspective. First, Stewardship is a way of life. It is something Jesus taught to His disciples in many ways. Our Stewardship enables us to draw closer to Christ by giving of ourselves in gratitude for what we have received. It is a Christ-centered way of life: a decision to imitate Jesus in the way we live every day.

Stewardship means that - having realized that everything we have comes from God - we use what we have according to God's will. God entrusts us to develop our talents, share our finances, give of our time, restore and protect our environment, take care of our minds and bodies, nurture our relationships, and spread the Good News of salvation. A prayer published by Channing L. Bete Co. (South Deerfield, Mass.) may guide your consideration of Stewardship and aid you in daily prayer:

Almighty Father,

We thank You for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, in short all that we are and all that we have. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, Your Son and Our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

Jesus was the perfect steward of Your gifts, showing us that complete trust in You is necessary and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him.

Please help us to grow in Your love and in the strength to give ourselves to others so that we may follow Your Son's example and help all people to complete His mission of salvation.

May our every offering of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your son and our Lord. Amen.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Anton Richard Dunlap & Alexa Rose Dunlap,

Children of Brian Dunlap & Kellie Pelligrino

Taylor Marie Knott, Child of

Edward Knott & Amanda Gillich

Maya Rose Roppolo, Child of

Samuel Roppolo & Christina Ferraro

Aedan Patrick Stein, Child of

Ryan & Martine Stein

Katelyn Marie Waguespack, Child of

Gary & Stacy Waguespack

In Marriage:

Courtney Appel & Iann Johns

Beth Sands & Chris Sands – Validation

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Frances Heck, mother of Kathy Tokar

Marie Shuck Gula

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. 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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS will be served **this Sunday, November 1st, after the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses.** Please join the Knights of Columbus in the cafeteria at the Community Center.

END-OF-LIFE ISSUES and HEALTH CARE, Thursday, November 19th, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the Community Center Hall. This is the second in the series of presentations on the *Social Teachings of the Church – What We Believe and How We Live it!*. The panel includes P. Gregory Rausch, M.D., FACP, Rev. Fr. J. Dan Mindling, O.F.M., Cap, and Maura Fisher, J.D., who will discuss care of the sick and dying, special medical concerns that patients and families face with end-of-life health care, Catholic guidance to critical end-of-life decisions, and legal aspects, including advanced directives and durable power of attorney. This Faith Formation program is open to all. For more info or to register, call 301-662-8288 x1007 or x1504 or visit our website, www.stjohn-frederick.org.

ORGAN RECITAL: Our own Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, Director of Liturgical Music and Organist, will present large portions of the Organ Mass by J.S. Bach, **Sunday, November 22nd, 7:30 PM** in the Church. All are invited for an evening of worshipful music.

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

ADVENT CALENDARS are coming **November 14th & 15th**. Boy Scout Troop 1274 will be selling Advent calendars after all Masses; there will be several different varieties and sizes available. Prices range from \$3-\$11.

POINSETTIA FLOWER SALE: Boy Scout Troop 1274 will be taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias after all Masses **November 14th & 15th and 21st & 22nd**. Orders will be picked up December 12th, 9:00 AM-12 Noon. Order forms will be available in next weekend's bulletin. All proceeds will be used to purchase much needed tents. We appreciate your continued support of our Scouts.

CHOCOLATE RETREAT! A women's retreat is planned for January 15th & 16th at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown. Join us as we connect the extravagance of chocolate with the extravagance of God's love and grace. The registration forms with full details are in this weekend's bulletin. Space is limited to 15 women.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: Next weekend **November 7th & 8th**, after the **5:00 PM** Mass and the **6:00 PM** Spanish Mass on Saturday, and after the **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM** Masses on Sunday, in the Parish Nursing Office on the first floor of the Community Center.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE **November 2009**
"Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveler who has been attacked. It is justice's role to prevent the attacks." Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Founder, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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).

Troop 1274 is looking for a burn barrel to be used for flag retiring ceremonies and on camp-outs. If you can help, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

Save the Date! Annual Archdiocesan Scout Mass will be held here at St. John's, **March 7, 2010, 2:30 PM**. All Scouts and Scouters are invited; Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Rozanski. Commemorative patches will be available.

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.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Our **40 Days of Prayer and Fasting** for the unborn ends this weekend! Thank you to all who have participated. May God bless you for your perseverance! All the prayers and sacrifices will surely turn our nation's heart to the protection of the unborn.

A Closing Event for the 40 Days for Life will be held **Sunday, November 1st, 4:00 PM**, at St. Timothy's in Walkersville. This will be an ecumenical prayer service followed by a potluck supper. It will be good to be with our protestant brothers and sister and participants from other Catholic parishes to celebrate the goodness of the Lord. Come and bring a potluck dish to share. Call Joanne, 301-662-0471.

Don't forget the **Maryland Right to Life Convention** scheduled for next weekend at the Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, MD, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Call 301-858-8304 for reservations and further details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

Informative Meeting: Looking for an opportunity to serve your neighbor? Join the nation's largest fraternal Catholic organization. This Monday, November 2nd, your parish Council, Bishop McNamara 1622, will hold an informative meeting for interested Catholic men. Please join us at 7:00 PM in Room 10 on the second floor of the Community Center. Learn about the Knights as a national organization; learn even more about your local chapter.

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: All parishioners are invited to the 50+ Group gathering on **November 6th, 9:30-11:00 AM**, in Room 8 at the Community Center. Join us for fellowship as we plan the next several months of events!

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, November 11th, 9:00-11:00 AM and at 7:00 PM** (please note new morning hours). Applications for Pre-K through 8th grade will be accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. Call the Admissions Office for a private tour, 301-695-9358. Financial aid and aftercare are available.

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: 10-25-2009

Envelope Users (489)	\$17,196.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,608.95
EFT Giving 10-20-2009	\$ 7,856.64
TOTAL Offortory.....	\$29,661.59
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: Cemetery.....	\$ 4,081.27
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	1,348.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Day	Time	Intention
Monday November 2	6:30 AM	Special Intention
	8:00 AM	Poor Souls
Tuesday November 3	6:30 AM	Dorothy Dunn (Anniv.)
	8:00 AM	Poor Souls
Wednesday November 4	6:30 AM	Purl "Pete" Smalley
	8:00 AM	Poor Souls
	Northampton 6:30 PM (SP)	Mary L. Root Thelma Miller
Thursday November 5	6:30 AM	James Arthur
	8:00 AM	Poor Souls
Friday November 6	6:30 AM	Poor Souls
	8:00 AM	Alexis Sutton
Saturday November 7	8:00 AM	Clinton K. Macsherry (Anniv.)
	5:00 PM	Poor Souls
	6:00 PM (SP)	Anna F. Grove (Birthday)
	7:00 PM	Msgr. Edward V. Echle
Sunday November 8	7:30 AM	Dorothy L. Hammond
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
	11:00 AM Ch	Poor Souls
	11:00 AM Hall	Ints. Secular Carmelites
	1:00 PM	Francis Stalker Ganim
	5:00 PM (SP)	John Baer

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 12th**, with a delivery date of November 27th. The second order is due **December 7th**, with a delivery in several days. To get a Christmas candy book, call Joanne, 301-663-5655.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FIRST RECONCILIATION FAMILY DAYS will be held **November 7th & 14th from 9:30-11:30 AM** in the Community Center Hall. Families preparing their children for First Reconciliation should plan to attend **one** of the sessions.

THE SWEETNESS OF SHARING: Our Faith Formation classes invite you to share your Halloween candy with children who are unable to go trick-or-treating. Pick out ten or more sweets from your Halloween stash and bring them to the Community Center foyer on November 8th. The treats will be donated to children in need at various local charities. Thank you for sharing your Halloween spirit!

NO HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL classes this week, November 1st & 2nd.

CONFIRMATION:

PARENTS, Please contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105, starting **Monday, November 2nd**, to schedule your Confirmation interview.

STUDENTS, Please check out www.stjohne.com for ideas on choosing a Confirmation saint's name and service project ideas.

PEER MINISTERS: There will be a Confirmation Retreat Planning Meeting, **this Sunday, November 1st, 12:00 Noon-6:00 PM**, in Room 5 at the Community Center.

YOUTH COUNCIL will be meeting in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center, **this Sunday, November 1st, 4:00-6:00 PM**, to plan final details for the Lock-In scheduled for December 5th. All high schoolers are welcome.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: There will be a Lock-In on **Saturday, December 5th**, here at St. John's. We will start with Mass at 7:00 PM in the Church, followed by dinner in the cafeteria, and leading into an awesome night of games, movies, and our ever-popular game, *Ghost in the Graveyard* at midnight. Permission slips will be available on www.stjohne.com by 10 AM, November 2nd.

WE ARE LOOKING for a few adults who would like to join our Middle or High School Core Team. As a team, we minister to the lives of adolescents in our parish community. Your presence will change the life of many teenagers, and, in turn, you will find your life changes as well. Please contact Joe, 301-662-8288 x1104.