

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Jan. 3	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72	Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6	Matthew 2:1-12
Monday	Jan. 4	1 John 3:22-4:6	Psalm 2		Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday	Jan. 5	1 John 4:7-10	Psalm 72:1-4,7-8		Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday	Jan. 6	1 John 4:11-18	Psalm 72:1-2,10-13		Mark 6:45-52
Thursday	Jan. 7	1 John 4:19-5:4	Psalm 72:1-2,14-17		Luke 4:14-22
Friday	Jan. 8	1 John 5:5-13	Psalm 147:12-20		Luke 5:12-16
Saturday	Jan. 9	1 John 5:14-21	Psalm 149		John 3:22-30
Sunday	Jan. 10	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-38	Luke 3:15-16,21-22

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As we completed our Advent preparations and celebrated Christmas, I was edified by the generosity of our parishioners to those in need. Through our parish, food and gifts were provided for many parishioners at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Baltimore, gifts for many parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Midland, many coats for our parishioners, and much help for a parishioner who experienced a financial crisis at Christmas time. All this is in addition to the many we help through our Poor Box donations.

We truly celebrated Christmas by caring for Jesus in the poor, because He said to us, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did this for me." We have felt the joy of having been blessed with the true Christmas Spirit and have blessed others by showing them they are loved and cared for as brothers and sisters in Christ. May this Spirit of Christmas remain in our lives throughout the New Year.

Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Peter Michael De Marco, Child of
Garrett & Margaret De Marco

**THE NURSERY will be closed Sunday, January 3rd.
The Nursery will re-open next Sunday, January 10th.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: Next weekend **January 9th & 10th**, 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.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the Chocolate Retreat is January 5th! If you have not registered for this unique women's retreat, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, or amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE? Our next session of the Virtuous Family Fairy Tales on temperance will be held **Sunday, January 17th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. All families are invited to join us as we look for this virtue in Fairy Tales and Catholicism. Contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103, for more details.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus **this Sunday, January 3rd, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses**. Please join fellow parishioners in the Community Center cafeteria for food and fellowship.

50+ CLUB: All are invited to a Planning Meeting to plan for the first few months of activities for 2010. Bring your ideas to the next meeting, **Friday, February 5th, 9:30 AM**, in Room 8 at the Community Center.

SAVE THE DATE! Father/Daughter Dance, **February 12th, 7:00-9:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall.

Event sponsored by the St. John Girl Scout Troop 81397. For more details, contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, or amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

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 December 2009

"You are well acquainted with the favor shown you by our Lord Jesus Christ: how for your sake he made himself poor though he was rich, so that you might become rich by his poverty . . ."
2 Corinthians 8:9

Consider gifts that keep on giving – gifts that make a difference. Ideas from Catholic Relief Services: A gift basket of projects is a simple way to honor the ones you love most by giving hope to people in tremendous need - see gifts.crs.org. Buying fair trade products is a way to bring the values of our faith to bear in the marketplace and to make consumer choices that help lift our brothers and sisters around the world out of poverty – see www.crsfairtrade.org.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Merry Christmas from St. John's Respect Life Committee! May God bless you in the New Year and shine upon your efforts to protect His children: the unborn, the aged, and the crushed in spirit. Among the most crushed in spirit are the many women who have had an abortion in the past and need healing. Please refer them to Project Rachel, which deals daily with women suffering from post-abortion syndrome. Call **Project Rachel, 1-800-286-4224**.

Are You Pregnant and in need of help? Call the Gabriel Network, 1-800-ANGEL-OK or Birthright, 301-663-0111.

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).

Boy Scout Troop Open House, Wednesday, January 13th, 7:00-8:30 PM. All Webelo Scouts are invited to come and see what Troop 1274 has to offer. Boys will have the opportunity to make camp stoves, meet Troop members, and have a Scoutmaster conference for their Arrow of Light requirements. Please contact Nelson Spessard, Scoutmaster, if you plan to attend, 301-846-4217, or email nspessard@yahoo.com.

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. **Congratulations** to St. John's Boy Scout Troop 1274 on their one year anniversary! You have achieved amazing results in your first year.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 will be holding their annual Blood Drive, **Monday, January 18th**, in the Community Center Hall. Sign-ups will be held Sunday, January 3rd, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in the Community Center cafeteria, the Atrium, and outside the Church (weather permitting). For more details, call Clarice, 240-490-7085.

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

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES or YOUTH MINISTRY CLASSES from December 20th through January 4, 2010 for Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 10th & 11th.

All Monday night Faith Formation parents are invited to a cider and dessert social on **Monday, January 11th**, in Room 17 and meet other parents with children in the Monday night program.

PARENT EUCHARIST MEETINGS will be held **Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00-9:00 PM, and Saturday, January 30th, 9:30-11:30 AM**, in the Community Center Hall. Parents who are preparing their children for First Communion this spring should plan to attend one of these meetings. For more details, contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103.

MSYM: We will resume our second semester on *Sacred Scripture: Parable & Jesus*, **Monday, January 11th**. It is recommended that each Middle Schooler own a Bible, see www.stjohne.com for suggested student Bibles.

CONFIRMATION:

Parents: Please schedule a Confirmation interview with Erica May for January. Call 301-662-8288 x1105.

Parishioners: Please pray for all the high school students preparing for the Confirmation Retreats in January and the Peer Ministers who will be directing the retreats.

MARCH FOR LIFE, January 21st \$ 22nd. We will depart from St. John's at 2:00 PM via of a charter bus, Thursday, and return by 5:00 PM on Friday. We will attend the 5th Annual Salesian Vigil for Life on Thursday night with 300+ students from across the country. On Friday, experience a youth rally in the Verizon Center with 20,000 other young people. Then, be one of 100,000+ other Americans who will be counted as respecting life from natural conception to natural death as we march through Washington, D.C. Cost is \$30 per student, space is limited. Visit www.stjohne.com for more details.

SUPER BOWL OF CARING: On Super Bowl Weekend, the teens of St. John's will join teens across the country to collect money for local soup kitchens. Be prepared for

a lot of teens outside after Masses on February 6th & 7th, and please give as your means will provide for the poor in Frederick. All donations will go to the Frederick Community Action Agency.

THE APEX EXPERIENCE: On Friday, February 5th, Middle Schoolers will experience APEX (Gene & Brad) at St. Timothy's Church in Walkersville. They are Christian Vaudeville (parents get that reference), they are funnier than Drake & Josh (Middle Schoolers get that reference), they juggle, tell great stories, and they have been known to incorporate a bull whip with the juggling (I am still amazed that they can pull that off). Their presentation will be on healthy friendship as middle school students and their presentation title, *Ooops, My Catholicism is Showing!* Visit www.stjohnne.com for a few YouTube videos and permission slips for the event.

PEER MINISTER APPLICATIONS for 2010-2011 are available at www.stjohnne.com as well as details for our new and improved Peer Minister Retreat, June 16-20, at Mountainside Retreat Center in Urbana. **Applications are due by March 5th.**

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.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for Pre-K – 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. For more details or to schedule a tour of the school, call Admissions, 301-695-9358 or visit www.sjrscs.org. Tours are conducted daily from 9:00-11:00 AM. The next **Open House** will be held **Thursday, February 4th, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: "Dividends for Life" will be the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2010. The celebration begins January 30th with a concert and performances at FSK Mall and continues through February 5th. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

STORY-TIME TOTS will be held Monday, January 25th, 8:45 AM, at the school located 8414 Opossumtown Pike. This month's theme, *Winter*, and will include a take-home craft. Please call Jean Wright, 301-695-9358 to reserve your spot.

HELP WANTED

ST. PETER'S CHURCH in Libertytown needs help with their Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, held at the Church, for 2:00 PM on Monday afternoons, 12 midnight Monday into Tuesday, and 4:00 AM early Saturdays. Please call Linda, 301-829-2888, or Diane, 301-898-

0833, if you are interested.

BEYOND THE PARISH

MAKE-UP High School Placement Test (HSPT), Saturday, January 9, 2010, at St. John's Catholic Prep High School located at 889 Butterfly Lane here in Frederick. Registration is at 8:30 AM; testing begins 9:00 AM. \$30 testing fee. Space limited, call the Admissions Office, 301-662-4210, to register.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES – 12/20/2009 (Blizzard)	
Envelope Users (133)	\$ 4,548.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 1,622.10
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$ 5,170.60
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed\$28,251.00	
Second Collection: Debt Reduction	\$ 1,561.50
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$	620.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	
Financial Report for weekend December 27, 2009 will appear in the bulletin for January 10, 2010.	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday January 4	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention James McSherry (Anniv.)
Tuesday January 5	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Harry Grove Christine Chandler
Wednesday January 6	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Northampton 6:30 PM (SP)	Fr. Wayne Funk (Birthday) Barbara Jones Joseph Kellogg Ints. John McGowen & Family
Thursday January 7	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Clarence Smith Msgr. Edward V. Echle
Friday January 8	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Ralph Brown Jane James
Saturday January 9	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Virginia Stimpson Mary L. Root Special Intention Michael O'Boyle
Sunday January 10	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Patricia Maheux Chuan Duc Pham Helen B. Coveleskie Vivian Spearl & James Spearl People of the Parish Julia Castellanos (Anniv.)