

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Feb. 14	Jeremiah 17:5-8	Psalm 1:1-4,6	1 Cor. 15:12,16-20	Luke 6:17,20-26
Monday	Feb. 15	James 1:1-11	Psalm 119:67-76		Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	Feb. 16	James 1:12-18	Psalm 94		Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	Feb. 17	Joel 2:12-18	Psalm 51	2 Cor. 5:20-6:2	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday	Feb. 18	Deut. 30:15-20	Psalm 1:1-4,6		Luke 9:22-25
Friday	Feb. 19	Isaiah 58:1-9	Psalm 51		Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	Feb. 20	Isaiah 58:9-14	Psalm 86:1-6		Luke 5:27-32
Sunday	Feb. 21	Deut. 26:4-10	Psalm 91:1-2,10-15	Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all for your generous gift of more than \$14,000.00 to Catholic Relief Services for Haiti, which speaks - or rather shouts - of your care and concern. We should all be edified by the good works of our parish. If you were unable to attend Mass that weekend, you may still use your envelope to give to CRS relief efforts.

Speaking of donations, if you could not attend Mass the last two Sundays, please consider making up your donations in this or next week's offertory collection. Not only do our normal expenses continue during inclement weather, but we also incur additional expenses for clearing sidewalks and the parking lot even when many parishioners are kept away by the weather.

I would like to congratulate all the youth who are being Confirmed this weekend. I pray they will be able to open their hearts to receive the Spirit, Who will lead them to be active disciples of the Lord.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent begins with readings chosen to be "a challenge to any self-deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples of Jesus. By hitting us again and again with demands which we not only fail to obey, but which we come to recognize as being quite beyond us. The Gospel passages are meant to trouble us, to confront our illusions about ourselves" [*The Spirit of Lent* by Mark Searle in Assembly Vol 8 #3]. The readings and our Lenten penance are meant to affirm our radical need for a Savior and so prepare us to enter more fully into the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

On Ash Wed, Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM (SP), and 7:30 PM. Bilingual Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM.

Msgr. Dick



The Organ Prelude is *Rhosymedre*, by R. Vaughn Williams. The prelude for today is based upon a tune formerly used for the hymn, *My Song Is Love Unknown*. The text describes our Lord's boundless love for us (the words are in the hymnal, #572).

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

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Howard Dikes, father of Colleen Strube
Mary Catherine Swann

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

ANOINTING MASS: On Sunday, February 21st, during the 1:00 PM Mass, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament is not only for those who are at the point of death, but it is also intended for those who are seriously ill or for anyone who is about to have surgery. If someone recovers from an illness and then has a relapse, the Sacrament may be received again. Also, there is no age limitation for this Sacrament; children may be anointed as needed.

IMMIGRATION SEMINAR, Thursday, February 18th (rescheduled from January 21st), 7:00 PM, in the Community Center Hall. This is the third in the series of presentations on the *Social Teachings of the Church – What We Believe and How We Live It!*. The panel presenters will include Fr. Richard Gray, Associate Pastor at St. John's, and two attorneys who provide immigration legal services. The keynote speaker will be Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, the Archdiocese's Vicar for Hispanic Ministries, who will discuss the Church's position on welcoming newcomers and the underlying social principles of the Church's teachings on immigration. Cost is \$5. For more details or to register, call 301-662-8288 x1007 or x1504. See the insert in today's bulletin for full details.

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES continues **Sunday, March 14th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. Join Msgr. Dick as we explore the value of Prudence. Contact Julie St. Croix at ext. 1103 for more information. All families welcome.

ADULT CONFIRMATION Classes are forming. If you are an adult who has already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, been active in your faith, and would like to be Confirmed, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY: St. John's is offering a seven-week Scripture Study focused on the Passion of Christ. We will be using *The Seven Last Words of Christ: A Bible Study on Jesus' Passion* by Rich Cleveland. Several different sessions will be offered during the week. Fee to cover the books is \$10. For more details or to register, please contact Amy Spessard, amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU to serve your parish this year? Catechist, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Welcome Committee, Sponsor Couples for the Engaged, Office Volunteer, Cantor, Bell Ringer, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Nursery, Youth Minister: There's a call that matches your gifts. Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, will help you find a ministry to fit your talents.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY: Fridays, February 19th through March 26th. Baked or fried fish dinners with choice of two sides and a roll, as well as à la Carte menus, will be available. Parish Ministries that wish to reserve tables for a group dinner should contact Dave Satterfield, 301-305-2127.

SCOUT MASS: The Annual Archdiocesan Scout Mass will be held **Sunday, March 7th, 2:30 PM**, here at St. John's. All parishioners, current and former Scouts, and leaders are invited to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting with Bishop Rozanski. For more details, contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, or amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org.

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS at St. John's: The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Mass will be held **Friday, April 16th, 7:00 PM**. Anyone who donates time, talent, and energy is invited to attend. Mark your calendars now! More details will be announced later.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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"Every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance." Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 2009, para. 62.

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).

Catholic Religious Emblems Program for Scouting allows boys and girls to grow in their faith. There will be a parent meeting, **April 26th, 7:00-8:00 PM**, for the Girl Scout Emblems, *I Live My Faith* and the Marian Medal. The Cub Scout Emblems program will meet 8:00-9:00 PM for the *Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei*. Please contact Amy Spessard if you have questions, amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org, or 301-662-8288 x1102.

The Pope Pius XII Boy Scout Religious Emblem is for Catholic Boy Scouts who are 15 years and older. If you want to learn about this program, contact Amy Spessard.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Frederick County Right to Life is scheduled for Friday, February 19th at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant from 7:00-9:00 PM, with good speakers, good food, and companionship. Tickets must be purchased in advance, for \$25 a person. Please call Joanne at 301-662-0471 or email rfamsey@aol.com to purchase tickets or to make inquiries. Since February 19th falls in Lent, the restaurant will make a fish or vegetarian pasta available.

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

LOBBY NIGHT 2010: Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day, **February 15th**, for the 26th Annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis, where this year's theme of *Testimony of Charity* is drawn from Pope Benedict's recent encyclical. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration is required. Call the MD Catholic Conference, 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979, for more details or to register. For car-pooling arrangements from Frederick, please call the parish's Peace & Social Justice Ministry, 301-662-8288 x1504.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of the Americas Court St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 wish to invite all women of the parish, 18 years and over, to their monthly meeting **Tuesday, February 16th, 7:00 PM**, in Room 8 at the Community Center. We will have our annual Birthright Shower of unwrapped gifts. Items needed: baby bath towels, buntings, crib sheets, cotton or fleece receiving blankets, dress outfits sizes 0-3, diapers size 2, lap pads, long-sleeved onesies, baby wipes, baby shampoo and lotion, comb & brush sets. Monetary donations are always acceptable. Call Clarice, 240-490-7085, or Regent Bonnie, 301-865-3725 for more details.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS wish to thank all who supported their annual Blood Drive held on Martin Luther King Day. We also would like to thank Sr. Margaret for unlocking all the doors at the Community Center, the 15 Catholic Daughters who helped Clarice Roff and Judy

Gilson by making phone calls, signing up donors after Masses, donating blood, and assisting at the Drive. Thirty-seven pints of blood were donated. Mark your calendars for our next Blood Drive on **August 28th**.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

NO CLASSES for Faith Formation or Youth Ministry will be held **February 14th & 15th** for President's Day holiday. Classes will resume on **February 21st & 22nd**.

HSYM will resume on **Sunday, February 21st** with *Thy Kingdom Come*. **MSYM** will resume **Monday, February 22nd** with *The Sower*.

CONFIRMATION Parents: Please schedule a Confirmation interview in February with Erica May. Call 301-662-8288 x1105.

YOUTH COUNCIL: All High School Students interested in being part of our "student government" branch of Youth Ministry are invited to attend the meeting today, **February 14th** in the Notre Dame Room.

PASSION: Attention All High Schoolers! We need you to help us put together an awesome production! You do not need any experience in theater, just a willingness to join in something new, exciting, and fun. **Auditions for *Passion* are this Sunday, February 14th, 4:00-6:00 PM**, in the Hall. If you cannot come then, make-ups will be Tuesday, February 16th, 5:00 PM. Bring a picture of yourself and a positive attitude. Please join us for this special production based on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Show dates are March 25th & 26th. For more details, contact Patrice Sabatano, 301-668-5354.

PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND: Our first practice will be **Sunday, February 14th, 6:30-8:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. Any high school student who is interested in joining is welcome to our practice. We will meet weekly, but an official schedule of meetings will be determined on the 14th.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING has been postponed this year. We will have the collection on a weekend in March. All donations will go to the Frederick Community Action Agency. Teens interested in being involved, contact Joe Mele, joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org.

PEER MINISTRY APPLICATIONS for 2010-2011 are available at www.stjohne.com, along with details of our new and improved Peer Ministry Retreat on **June 18-20** at Mountainside Retreat Center in Urbana. Applications are due by March 5th.

The APEX Experience/Middle School Youth Rally: The snow date is **April 23rd**, at St. Timothy's in Walkersville from **7:00-10:00 PM**.

SUMMER EVENTS: Check out www.stjohne.com for a list of Summer Events and Permission Slips!

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

STORY-TIME TOTS will be held **Monday, February 22nd, 8:45 AM**, at the school. The program is for 3- & 4-year-olds and their parents. This month's theme is *Hats*, and a take-home craft is included. Please call Jean Wright, 301-695-9358 to reserve a spot.

SJRCS Basket, Bags, & Bling Bingo, Sunday, February 28th, 4:00 PM, SJRCS McElroy Hall. Doors open at 3:00 PM. All Longaberger baskets and Vera Bradley bags will be filled. Jewelry by Premier Design Jewelry. King Tut and raffles. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Contact Mary Drawbaugh for tickets and more details, 240-466-5303.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES

Because of the Blizzard on the weekend of February 7th, the Financial Report for 02-07-2010 will appear in the bulletin for February 21st.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday February 15	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Ints. Lisa Chavez
Tuesday February 16	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Fr. Wayne Funk (Anniv.) Leonard J. Rusnak
Wednesday February 17	6:30 AM 8:00 AM College View	John Baer Joseph Miller Mary Davis
Ash Wednesday	12:15 pm 4:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:30 PM	Gene Lawson Margaret Hoy Vincente B. Somoza, II Earl Lebert
Thursday February 18	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	M. J. Grove Int. Lisa Chavez
Friday February 19	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	William E. Baer & Family Jane James
Saturday February 20	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	John Redeck Candace Byrum Odette Lopez Garth Gelein
Sunday February 21	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Robert T. Dutrow, Jr. People of the Parish Dillard V. Heiston, Jr. John McDyer Margaret Hamill Juan Medina