

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Feb. 21	Deut. 26:4-10	Psalm 91:1-2,10-15	Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13
Monday	Feb. 22	1 Peter 5:1-4	Psalm 23:1-6		Matthew 16:13-19
Tuesday	Feb. 23	Isaiah 55:10-11	Psalm 34:4-7,16-19		Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Feb. 24	Jonah 3:1-10	Psalm 51		Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	Feb. 25	Est C:12,14-16,23-25	Psalm 138:1-3,7-8		Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	Feb. 26	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Psalm 130:1-8		Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	Feb. 27	Deut. 26:16-19	Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,7-8		Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday	Feb. 28	Genesis 15:5-12,17-18	Psalm 27	Phil. 3:17-4:1	Luke 9:28-36

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As I have been driving around the city and county since the historic snow storms, I have undoubtedly noticed the inconveniences the snow has caused. I have experienced bumpy roads packed with snow and ice, roads that are narrowed by the plowed mounds of snow, and a greater amount of time needed to perform my regular duties. I have been reflecting on the wondrous opportunity this gives me to practice patience. I have thought, too, how blessed we are to have the safe, well paved, and lighted roads that we take so much for granted.

As we begin our Lenten practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we are being invited to appreciate our many blessings and feel a greater solidarity with the many people of the world who are not so blessed. By our fasting we dispose ourselves to allowing our neighbors to share our property in spite of the just claims of self-love. As Pope Paul VI taught us in *Paenitemini* (Apostolic Constitution on Fast and Abstinence), "Nations who enjoy economic plenty have a duty of self-denial, combined with an active proof of love towards our brothers who are tormented by poverty and hunger." Our fasting helps each of us integrate our bodies into the whole life of faith.

Mary Dick



ABOUT THE OFFERTORY

During Lent, there are no preludes or postludes. The organ music during the Preparation of the Gifts is entitled, *Meditation on Sweet Sacrament*, by Elizabeth Krouse, and is based upon the hymn, *Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All*. You are invited to use this time for prayer and reflection.

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

In Baptism:

Ella Christina Cauble, Child of Richard & Erin Cauble, Jr.

Shane Patrick Hanneberry, Child of Kirk & Jenny Henneberry

Isabella Marie Sterling, Child of William & Beth Sterling

In Her Passage to Eternal Life:

Mildred Griffin, mother of Kathy Moloney

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

ANointing MASS: Because of inclement weather and the postponement of many parish events, the Anointing Mass scheduled for this Sunday, February 21st, will be rescheduled for a later date.

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES for **Sunday, March 14th**, has been cancelled in order to accommodate the backlog of programs that were cancelled due to the snow. The next Virtuous Family Fairy Tales session will be **Sunday, April 18th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. All families are welcome.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY: St. John's is offering a seven-week Scripture Study during Lent. We will explore the Passion of Christ with the use of *The Seven Last Words of Christ: A Bible Study on Jesus' Passion* by Rich Cleveland. There is a \$10 fee to cover the materials. Groups meet on Monday mornings, 9:00 AM, and Thursday evenings, 7:30 PM. Maurice Blumberg will be leading the Thursday group; he is the former Executive Director of the National Fellowship of Catholic Men and former Chairman of the Board for *The Word Among Us*. If you would like to be a part of either group, please call Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

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 February 2010

"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 14 years and older. If you want to learn about this program, contact Amy Spessard.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

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

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S regular monthly meeting will be held **Monday, February 22nd, 7:00 PM**, in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. All members are urged to attend.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

HSYM: The CORE team is looking forward to seeing all the high schoolers back this **Sunday, February 21st, 6:30 PM**, in the Hall, with *Thy Kingdom Come*.

MSYM will resume **Monday, February 22nd** for our night on the Good Samaritan. Visit www.stjohne.com on our new approach with small groups and be prepared to vote on some fun activities for the Spring Semester!!

CONFIRMATION:

Services: Confirmation scheduled for Saturday, February 13th has been rescheduled for **Saturday, February 27th, 2:00 PM**. Practice will be Wednesday, February 24th, 7:00 PM, in the Church. Our second Confirmation is still scheduled for **Sunday, February 28th, 2:30 PM**. Practice will be Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:00 PM, in the Church. Both practices require Confirmandi and sponsor (or parent substitute). Contact Joe with any questions.

PASSION: We would like to thank all the teens who came out to audition for *Passion* this past Tuesday! Help is always needed with the crew team for the play. Please contact Joe if you are interested in being a part of the team. Please visit www.stjohne.com for the practice schedule.

PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND: Practice will be held this **Sunday, February 21st, 5:00-6:30 PM**, in the Hall. Any high school student interested in joining or just checking out the band is welcome to attend.

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.

YOUTH COUNCIL: Due to the snow last weekend, the Youth Council meeting has been rescheduled for this Sunday, February 21st, 5:00 PM, in the Community Center, front office. We will meet right before HSYM, any 9th grader interested in being involved is welcome to come and participate.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS: *The Chasity Rally* will be held **March 7th at Holy Family in Middletown, 2:00-4:00 PM**. Come hear Youth Minister from Louisiana, Paul George. *The Pilgrimage* will be held Saturday, March 27th. Spend the day with the Archbishop and 1,000

other teens from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. For more events, visit www.stjohne.com (Middle Schoolers, we are working on events for you, too).

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 through 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms may be downloaded from the school website at www.sjrjs.org. To schedule a tour of our school. Call Admissions, 301-695-9358. Tours are conducted daily from 9:00-11:00 AM.

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.

BEYOND THE PARISH

THE BEATITUDES: A LADDER TO HEAVEN: Please join us for two evenings of reflection as we explore the hidden treasure of the *Beatitudes* at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Libertytown, MD. Our retreat director, Fr. Terry Cramer, has eleven years experience as a spiritual director and retreat master. We hope to see you on **Sunday, February 21st & Monday, February 22nd, 7:00 PM.**

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The 56th U. S. National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place June 29-July 8, 2010. This pilgrimage is open to all and is exceptional in that we are able to accommodate those who are sick or with disabilities. Accompanying this group is an experienced medical staff, clergy, and volunteers to meet the needs of the pilgrims. For details, contact Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P., Spiritual Director, at allenop@opfrains.org, or The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, toll free, 1-877-276-7279.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO EASTERN CARIBBEAN: Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Easter Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Anthony Paulose, September 5, 2010, on the Carnival Pride out of Baltimore, MD. Ports of Call: Port Canaveral (Orlando), Nassau (Bahamas), and Freeport (Bahamas). Prices begin at

\$1339 for two passengers. Which includes all port fees and taxes. Deposit of \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Please contact Doug or Eileen, 860-399-1785, or dpayttc@aol.com.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES

Because Masses were cancelled the weekend of February 7th due to the blizzard, any donations received for that weekend are included in the report for 02-14-2010.

02-14-2010

Envelope Users (473).....	\$24,278.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 3,742.14
TOTAL Offertory (2 weeks)	\$28,029.64
EFT Giving 02-05-2010	\$ 9,225.32
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: School	\$ 1,326.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$ 4,867.04
Total Debt Payment Due February 2010.....	\$ 8,662.33
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 1,035.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday February 22	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Henry Blondeaux
Tuesday February 23	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Country Meadows	Nicholas B. Jarvis Thelma Miller Mary "Molly" Martin
Wednesday February 24	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Edenton 6:30 PM (SP)	Noreen G. Grove Jane James Virginia Grove Corinne Callahan
Thursday February 25	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Phyllis Griffith Sr. Francis Therese
Friday February 26	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Helen Topper Ints. Lisa Chavez
Saturday February 27	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Charles Marshall Yader Silva (2 nd Anniv.) La Virgen de Guadalupe y San Silvestre Jim Young
Sunday February 28	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	People of the Parish Ronald Mael Tara Nicole Purcell Virginia Grant Evelyn Heck Ints. Agustin Siliezar