

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Mar. 7	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15	Psalm 103:104,6-8,11	1 Cor. 10:1-6,10-12	Luke 13:1-9
Monday	Mar. 8	2 Kings 5:1-15	Psalms 42:2-3, 43:3-4		Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday	Mar. 9	Daniel 3:25,34-43	Psalm 25:4-9		Matt. 18:21-35
Wednesday	Mar. 10	Deut. 4:1,5-9	Psalm 147:12-20		Matt. 5:17-19
Thursday	Mar. 11	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Psalm 95:1-2,6-9		Luke 11:14-23
Friday	Mar. 12	Hosea 14:2-10	Psalm 81:6-11,14, 17		Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	Mar. 13	Hosea 6:1-6	Psalm 51:3-4,18-21		Luke 18:9-14
Sunday	Mar. 14	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 34:2-7	2 Cor. 5:17-21	Luke 15:1-3,11-32

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I would like to say a few words about Mass Intentions. Canon 946 states, "The Christian faithful who make an offering so that the Mass may be applied for their intentions contribute to the good of the Church, and by their offering, take part in the concern of the Church for the support of its ministers and works." Canon 948 states, "Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions for which an individual offering, even if small, has been made and accepted." We have been receiving so many requests for Mass Intentions at St. John's that the Mass may only be said 3 months later.

Canon 955 allows Mass Intentions to be entrusted to other priests, which we have long practiced to help the Church's "ministers and works" in poor and mission areas. Since our Archdiocese has a sister relationship with the Diocese of Gonaives, Haiti, we have been giving people who request a Mass the choice to have it scheduled here at St. John's or at a parish in our sister diocese. The Mass offerings as well as the intentions are sent to Haiti through our Archdiocesan office.

I want to clarify another point: Canon 534 states, "... the pastor is obliged to apply Mass for the people entrusted to him each Sunday and holy day of obligation within the diocese." Accordingly, I celebrate one Mass every weekend and holy day for all the people of our parish.

I hope this will help all parishioners understand better the Mass Intentions listed in the bulletin, and the reason for requesting them. Requests may be made at the Parish Office, Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Msgr. Dick

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and join us for our Celebration Mass and Reception for Monsignor Dick Murphy, on **Sunday, March 21st**! He will celebrate the 1:00 PM Mass, and a reception will follow in the Hall. All are welcome. Come and congratulate our pastor!



THE ORGAN MEDITATION

The organ music for the Preparation of the Gifts is entitled, *O Lamb of God Most Holy* by J. S. Bach. At the time of Bach (1685-1750) the Lutheran church service was called a Mass. This composition would have preceded the singing of the corresponding hymn, possibly sung during or preceding Communion. Next Sunday's (Laetare Sunday) organ music is entitled, *Christ, You Are the Light and Day* by Georg Boehm, a contemporary Bach.

Lenten Concert Series: You are invited to attend a Lenten organ recital, **Thursday, March 11th, 12 Noon**, at Calvary United Methodist Church, on the corner of Bentz and Second Streets. Organist will be our own Dr. Elizabeth Krouse. Recital is about thirty minutes long.

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

In Baptism:

Alex Abraham Chavez Chavez, Child of
Alejandro Chavez Chilel &
Carmelina Chavez Chavez

John Cruz, Child of
Maria A. Cruz

Christopher Garcia, Child of
Adrian Garcia & Susana Gonzalez Sonches

Dania Yadiva Pinto Rivas, Child of
Edgar E. Pinto & Vilma A. Rivas

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Marcela Barr

William B. Leberherz, Jr.

Bettie M. Carroll

Daniel Kubel

Dorothy O'Connor, mother of Msgr. Jay F. O'Connor

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SCOUT MASS: The Annual Archdiocesan Scout Mass is **this Sunday, March 7th, 2:30 PM**, here at St. John's. All Scouts, former and current, are invited to attend and celebrate Catholic Scouting with Bishop Rozanski. Patches are available for the event.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: **This weekend March 6th & 7th**, 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.

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES: Our next session will be **Sunday, April 18th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. We will focus on the virtue of *Fortitude*. All families welcome! For more details, contact Julie St. Croix at ext. 1103.

"OPTION FOR THE POOR" Seminar, Thursday, March 18th, 7:00 PM, in the Community Center Hall. Sr. Joan Marie Stief, OSB, Catholic Charities Director of parish Social Ministry, will discuss Catholic social teachings on the "preferential option" for the poor that gives Catholics a way of looking at society with a bias in favor of the weak and powerless. Always a theme in Catholic social teachings, what does this mean to us today as individuals and communities? Cost is \$5. For more details or to register, please call the Parish Office, 301-662-8288 x1007 or x1504.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY has begun. If you would still like to join a small group, please contact Amy this week, 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, and Money Counters: 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 during Lent through March 26th: Baked or fried fish dinners with choice of two sides and a roll, as well as à la Carte menus. **Special family performance at March 12th dinner:** Vaudevillian Mark Lohr will give a special performance for families and kids. Family dining is available at every fish fry through march 26th with face-painting by Amy Cutchin, Disney movies, coloring books and Lego blocks for the kids. Parish Ministries that wish to reserve tables for a group dinner should contact Dave Satterfield, 301-305-2127.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Nursery Ministry will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, date and time to be announced later. Plastic Easter eggs of all colors and sizes are needed, as well as volunteers. Please contact Jamie McGowan, 301-682-3829 or email aururaj42@yahoo.com.

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.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

The 31st Annual March for Life in Annapolis will be **Monday, March 8th**. A bus leaving Frederick from JoAnn Fabrics on the Golden Mile will start boarding at 3:15 PM so that we will arrive in time for 5:15 PM Mass at St. Mary's Church. The March and Rally will follow. Cost is \$20 per person (\$50 maximum for a family). Call Joanne Tansey, 301-662-0471 or email, rfansey@aol.com for more details. Reservations are recommended.

SCOUTING:

Congratulations to all Cub Scouts of Pack 1274 who earned their *Arrow of Light* and bridged into Boy Scouts this past weekend. Best wishes as you continue on the Scouting trail. **Troop 1274** welcomes a new member, Nicholas, to the Troop.

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 GIRL SCOUTS of St. John's Troop 81397 would like to thank the parish for your support in the Annual Cookie Drive. It was a huge success! The girls will be able to donate over 50 boxes of cookies to the USO because of your generosity.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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"As individuals and as a nation, therefore, we are called to make a fundamental 'option for the poor.' The obligation to evaluate social and economic activity from the viewpoint of the poor and the powerless arises from the radical command to love one's neighbor as one's self. Those who are marginalized and whose rights are denied have privileged claims if society is to provide justice for all. This obligation is deeply rooted in Christian belief." Economic Justice for All, Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U. S. Economy issued on December 30, 1987.

FREDERICK DETENTION CENTER Inmates in Need:

The Prison Outreach Ministry requests donations on behalf of our brothers and sisters in jail. The needs include: \$10 contribution for each Bible purchase (check payable to St. John the Evangelist, Prison Outreach Ministry), large-sized men's and women's plain white crewneck T-shirts and white socks, new or used basketballs and volleyballs, and Frederick County bus passes. Only new Bibles are given to the inmates in order to reduce contraband. Inmates wear layers of shirts and socks to keep warm. The balls are in constant

use and so become flat quickly. Bus passes are given to people as they are released from jail. Please drop off your donations at the Parish office. Contact the Peace & Social Justice Ministry, 301-662-8288 x1504.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

EUCCHARIST FAMILY DAY will be on **Sunday, March 20th, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM**, in the Community Center Hall, for families who missed the March 6th session and have a child preparing for First Eucharist this spring. Please contact Julie St. Croix, ext. 1103, for more details.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to all the new Confirmandi who were confirmed last weekend!

MSYM: Monday, March 8th, 6:30 PM, in the Hall.

HSYM, Sunday, March 7th, 6:30 PM, in the Hall. This is open to all high schoolers!

PASSION: The cast is set for the Passion Play! Shows are **March 26th, 7:00 PM, and March 27th, 2:00 PM**, in the Hall. Cost per person is \$5, per family is \$10. Make this an event for your family to prepare for Holy Week.

PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND: Practice is this **Sunday, March 7th, 5:00 PM**, in the Hall. Any high schooler interested in joining is welcome to come.

PEER MINISTER APPLICATIONS were due by March 5th for the Peer Minister Retreat, June 18th-20th at Mountainside Retreat Center in Urbana. Any high schooler interested in becoming a peer, please contact Joe, 301-662-8288 x1104. Thank you to all who applied.

YOUTH COUNCIL will be meeting for our March session on **March 14th, 4:00 PM**, in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. Any high schooler interested in joining is welcome to come.

SPANISH COMMUNITY

EXAMEN DE LA PRESION:

El sábado 6, de Marzo, 2010 después de la Misa de las 6.00 PM en el Centro Comunitario Edificio 114, se estará tomando examen de la presión. Todos son bienvenidos.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL IN ACTION NIGHT, Wednesday, March 10th, 7:00 PM. SJRCS students in grades 5-8 will present classroom projects and hands-on demonstrations in all subject areas. See Shakespeare come alive! Marvel at our science lab! Hear students speak 4 languages! See faith-based projects from our religion classes, and more!

APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for Pre-K – 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms may be downloaded from the school website, www.sjrscs.org. To schedule a tour of the school, call 301-695-9358.

FR. WAYNE FUNK Education Endowment Fund: Catholic Education has been important to St. John's Parish for over 170 years. It was especially important to our former pastor, Father Wayne Funk. In his last year, he set up an endowment for Catholic Education with matching funds from the Archdiocese. Our Finance Committee has recently named this fund the *Father Wayne Funk Education Endowment Fund* for scholarship assistance for children attending St. John Regional Catholic School or Faith Formation programs at St. John's Parish. This fund is open to all contributions. Your gift is a concrete way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings and establishes a legacy of love by enabling the Church to continue to preserve and pass on our Catholic heritage. We would like to make it easy for you to contribute: call the Parish Office, 301-662-8288, or email sue.swiss@stjohn-frederick.org.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES	
02-28-2010	
Envelope Users (540).....	\$20,411.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 5,056.04
EFT Giving 02-20-2010	\$ 8,675.01
TOTAL Offertory	\$34,142.05
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: None.....	\$ 0.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 1,097.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday	6:30 AM	Special Intention
March 8	8:00 AM	Helen B. Coveleskie
Tuesday	6:30 AM	Anna F. Grove
March 9	8:00 AM	Brian Gallagher
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Ints. Janet Arlene Searle
March 10	8:00 AM	Jane Milka
	Golden Living	Vincente B. Somoza, II
	6:30 PM (SP)	Carlos Rojas
Thursday	6:30 AM	James R. Young
March 11	8:00 AM	David O'Keefe
Friday	6:30 AM	Ints. Bill & Karen Henry
March 12	8:00 AM	John Sanders
Saturday	8:00 AM	Barbara Downs
March 13	5:00 PM	Marian Baringer Whelan
	6:00 PM (SP)	Corinne Callahan
	7:00 PM	Donna Morrell
Sunday	7:30 AM	Joseph Sico
March 7	9:00 AM	Walter O'Connor
	11:00 AM Ch	Amanda Palmer
	11:00 AM H	People of the Parish
	1:00 PM	Ints. Teresa Alterman
	5:00 PM (SP)	Efrain Hernandez