

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Mar. 21	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126:1-6	Phil. 3:8-14	John 8:1-11
Monday	Mar. 22	Daniel 13:1-9,15-30,33-62	Psalm 23:1-6		John 8:12-20
Tuesday	Mar. 23	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 102:2-3,16-21		John 8:21-30
Wednesday	Mar. 24	Daniel 3:14-20,91-95	Daniel 3:52-56		John 8:31-42
Thursday	Mar. 25	Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10	Psalm 40:7-11	Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38
Friday	Mar. 26	Jeremiah 20:10-13	Psalm 18:2-7		John 10:31-42
Saturday	Mar. 27	Ezekiel 37:21-28	Jeremiah 31:10-13		John 11:45-56
Sunday	Mar. 28	Isaiah 50:4-7	Psalm 22	Phil. 2:6-11	Luke 22:14-23:56

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

During this Lenten season, we are asked to reflect on who we are as disciples. A disciple is one who hears the Word of God and lives it. As such, the Blessed Virgin Mary is the perfect disciple. She receives the Word and follows the Word - even to the cross - uniting herself to Jesus' redemptive death.

God always initiates our discipleship. He prepared Mary by her Immaculate Conception to be freed from the encumbrance of sin and able to respond to the angel Gabriel. Our discipleship is also a response to Jesus' initiative. We are prepared to accept Jesus' call to hear and live His word.

This hearing God's Word and responding to Jesus is the key to discipleship. It is a continuous activity of listening and responding. It is called continual conversion. It is what the Fathers of Vatican II meant when they described the Church as a pilgrim people constantly listening to God's call in Jesus and following that call.

Lent is a time to put aside all that distracts us from listening to God's call and all that hinders us from living God's call. In this constant conversion, we deepen our encounter with God and find ourselves being moved to greater prayer and praise.

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Communal Penance, St. Ignatius, 3/23, 7:30 PM

Communal Penance, Holy Family, 3/25, 7:30 PM

Confessions Here at St. John the Evangelist

Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 27th, 3:00-4:30 PM & 8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 30th, 10:00-11:00 AM & 7:30-8:30 PM

These are the Last Confessions before Easter!

JOIN US for our Celebration Mass and Reception for Monsignor Dick Murphy, this 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 OFFERTORY

This week's organ music is entitled *Jesus Comforts the Women of Jerusalem* from *Le Chemin de la Croix* (Stations of the Cross) by Marcel Dupre. Written in 1931-1932, this is a series of fourteen improvisations depicting our Lord's journey to Golgatha. *Jesus Comforts the Women of Jerusalem* is #8.

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

In Marriage:

Maritza Diaz & Miguel Costa

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Virginia Callahan, mother of Fr. Frank Callahan

Margaret Kennedy

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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.

THANK YOU! Msgr. Murphy and the staff of St. John's would like to thank all of their ministers. If you volunteer your time to serve in our parish, you are invited to a Mass and Reception in your honor, **Friday, April 16th. Mass begins at 7:00 PM.**

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. Family dining is available at every fish fry, 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, **Saturday, April 17th, 10:00 AM, at East 3rd Street Park**, located at the corner of East and 3rd Streets. Please see insert in today's bulletin for full details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Calling all adults who wish to travel to Egypt at this year's Vacation Bible School. There will be an organizational meeting, **Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00-8:00 PM**, in the Music Room at the Parish Center. VBS will be held June 28-July 2. For more details, please contact Julie St. Croix, ext. 1103.

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:

Project Rachel: Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held **April 9-11 and June 25-27, 2010**. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel, 1-800-286-4224 or projectrachel@archbalt.org. Please visit their website www.project-rachel.net.

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

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.

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.

Congratulations to Bill Desmond and Nelson Spessard from Troop 1274 who completed the Catholic Scouter Development Program.

SPRING FLOWER SALE: Boy Scout Troop 1274 will be holding its annual Spring Flower Sale after all Masses on the **weekend of May 8th & 9th**. **New this year:** the Troop will take orders before the sale for flats of flowers for all your gardening projects. Please contact Amy Spessard, 301-846-4217.

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

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The Eucharistic Ministers who serve at Frederick Memorial Hospital need two more volunteers to serve communion on Thursdays and Saturdays. In most cases, communion visits are made either in the late mornings or early afternoons, ordinarily taking from one to one-and-a-half hours. If you are interested in serving, please call Patrick Aylward, 301-663-1050.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Annual Card/Board Game Night, Thursday, April 22nd, 6:30-9:00 PM. Admission is \$2 per ticket. Bring your own cards or board games. Sandwiches, Bake Table, Beverages, White Elephant Table, Raffles, and many Door Prizes. Mark your calendars today!

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

PASSION: Are you ready for a great family-based spiritual experience before Holy Week? *Passion* is a youth-based play telling the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There will be two showings: **Friday, March 26th, 7:00 PM, and Saturday, March 27th, 2:00 PM**, both in the Community Center Hall. Cost is \$5 per person, \$10 per family to offset the cost of the production. Donations are welcomed joyfully!

PEER MINISTRY 2010: Applications for Peer Ministry may still be submitted; returning Peers need to reapply for the 2010 year. The Peer Ministry Retreat will be rescheduled to one day of training on a Saturday in May

or June. More details will be sent out this week. Contact Joe if you have difficulty making the meeting, ext.1004.

HSYM: *Passion* play practice, this **Sunday, March 21st, 6:30-8:00 PM**. Come and hang out for the evening and catch a dry run of our new *Passion* play premiering next weekend!

MSYM: Monday, March 22nd, 6:30-8:00 PM. We will be concluding our three-part series on the Family Life program. To attend these sessions a parent or guardian **must** consent via permission slip. Contact Erica May in the Office of Youth Ministry to acquire a form. We will start our meeting in the Hall and then break out into small groups in the second floor classrooms.

PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND is probably the coolest and newest teen-driven group yet to hit St. John the Evangelist. We will practice **Sunday, March 21st, 5:00 PM**, in the Hall. It's a great place to chill and meet new people! Open to all high-schoolers.

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. Forms may be downloaded from the school website, www.sjrns.org. Financial Aid on-line applications are due by April 30th. The **first testing date** for new students will be **Monday, March 29th**. To schedule a tour of the school, call 301-695-9358.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES 03-14-2010

Envelope Users (505).....	\$18,112.50
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 3,883.48
EFT Giving 03-05-2010	\$ 9,137.02
TOTAL Offertory	\$31,133.00
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: Archdiocesan	\$ 3,783.96
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 1,177.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS "SP" = Mass in Spanish

Monday March 22	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Freda Caele
Tuesday March 23	6:30 AM 8:00 AM CountryMeadows	Nicholas B. Jarvis Thelma Miller Teresa Ferraro
Wednesday March 24	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Edenton 6:30 PM (SP)	Noreen G. Grove Virginia Grove Abelardo Pontigo Corinne Callahan
Thursday March 25	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Bishop P. Francis Murphy (Birthday) Mildred Sanders
Friday March 26	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Anna F. Grove Yu Choon Su
Saturday March 27	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Marie Rose Donnelly Frances Heck Jesus Santiago Sydney Foxwell
Sunday March 28	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Elizabeth Cawley Odette Lopez People of the Parish Mary Belleveau Ints. Theresa Alterman Juan Jose Medina

BEYOND THE PARISH

Social Justice Walking Stations of the Cross: The Peace and Justice ministry of St. Katharine Drexel Church invites you to join us for the Walking Stations of the Cross starting at the William Talley recreation Center, Bentz Street, Frederick, at **12 Noon on Good Friday, April 2nd**. We will stop at several social service agencies along the way, reflecting on how Christ's suffering is mirrored in the experience of so many in our community. Bring the whole family! For more details, call SKD Parish Office, 301-360-9581.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in the Basilica at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 333 S Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, beginning at **12 Noon on Good Friday, April 2nd**. Good Friday Service will be held at 3:00 PM.

BELL AND HISTORY DAYS: Celebrate Frederick County Heritage, **April 10th & 11th**. This celebration offers a host of fun and free activities for families to encounter local history. Churches all over the county will help get the weekend started with a simultaneous ringing of bells at 10:00 AM, Saturday morning April 10th.