

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 28, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Mar. 28	Isaiah 50:4-7	Psalm 22	Phil. 2:6-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
Monday	Mar. 29	Isaiah 42:1-7	Psalm 27:1-3,13-14		John 12:1-11
Tuesday	Mar. 30	Isaiah 49:1-6	Psalm 71:1-6,15,17		John 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday	Mar. 31	Isaiah 50:4-9	Psalm 69		Matt. 26:14-25
Thursday	Apr. 1	Exodus 12:1-8,11-14	Psalm 116	1 Cor. 11:23-26	John 13:1-15
Friday	Apr. 2	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 31	Heb. 4:14-16,5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Apr. 3	Gn 1:1-2:2, Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 55:1-11		Romans 6:3-11	Luke 24:1-12
Sunday	Apr. 4	Acts 10:34,37-43	Psalm 118	Col. 3:1-4	John 20:1-9

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Holy Week is the remembrance of Jesus' passion, beginning with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when He was hailed as king and messiah. The Passion of the Lord dominates the entire week. Let us take time to pray the Stations of the Cross either at Church or at home, to read the Gospel accounts of Jesus' passion, and to celebrate the beautiful liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. This week is called "holy" because it offers us a graced opportunity to enter more fully into the Paschal Mystery and see how we live that mystery in our own lives.

I have important news about our parish to share with you. Dr. Elizabeth Krouse will be leaving as Director of Liturgical Music and Organist in the last week of April. We will certainly miss her and the talents she has shared with us in helping develop our liturgy musically. Dr. Krouse has accepted a position at the Mother Seton Basilica, which will allow her to continue her ministry in liturgical music and pursue some of her other musical interests. We all certainly wish her well in her future endeavors.

Mr. Joseph Mele will be leaving as our Director of Youth Ministry at the end of June. We will very much miss his enthusiasm in bringing the youth of our parish to know the Lord Jesus. Joe will continue in Youth Ministry; he is currently discerning where he believes God is calling him. We are grateful to Joe for the talents he has shared with us over the last three years.

I have formed committees to interview applicants for these positions and make recommendations to me. I ask all parishioners to pray that the Lord will send us prayerful, competent people to lead these ministries in our parish.



**Confessions Here at St. John the Evangelist
Tuesday, March 30th, 10:00-11:00 AM & 7:30-8:30 PM
These are the Last Confessions before Easter!**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual):
7:30 PM* Church

Good Friday, April 2nd

Bilingual Stations of the Cross: 12 Noon
Celebration of the Lord's Passion:
3:00 PM & 7:30 PM* 7:30 PM Hall (Spanish)

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Blessing of the Easter Foods: 2:00 PM
(There will be no regular evening weekend Masses)

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3rd

8:00 PM (Bilingual)
(The Easter Vigil fulfills the Easter Sunday Obligation)

Easter Sunday, April 4th

7:30 AM Church
9:00 AM* Church, Hall, Hood College
11:00 AM Church, Hall, Hood College
1:00 PM Church
5:00 PM Church (Spanish)

* Sign Interpreted Masses in Church

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

In His Passage to Eternal Life:

Andy Hannon, brother of Msgr. Jim Hannon

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD: Come and join Msgr. Murphy and Amy Spessard as they seek the virtues of *Courage and Prudence* in the land of Oz. The Virtuous Family Fairy Tales continue on **Sunday, April 18th, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. All families welcome!

THANK YOU! Msgr. Murphy and the staff of St. John's would like to thank all of our 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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY will continue after Easter with *The Words of the Risen Christ*. If you would like more information about the study, please contact Amy Spessard, ext. 1102.

PACIFISM AND JUST WAR SEMINAR: Fr. Dan Goulet will discuss Catholic teachings on pursuing peace in a world marked by too much violence and too few peacemakers. Neither strictly politically “conservative” nor “liberal,” Catholic social teachings on pacifism and just war are concepts that complement each other and offer ethical criteria for the use of force in defense of human life and dignity. Fr. Dan will present the topic from the perspective of his many years of service as a chaplain in the U.S. military. Join us on **Thursday, April 22nd, 7:00-8:30 PM**, in the Cafeteria. This is the fifth in the series *Social Teachings of the Church – What We Believe and How We Live It*. Cost is \$5. For more details or to register, please call the Parish Office, 301-662-8288 x1504 or 1007.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, & ANNULMENTS from a Catholic Perspective: The Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be giving two presentations in our area concerning divorce and annulment from the Catholic perspective. These presentations will be helpful for divorced Catholics; divorced people who wish to marry Catholics, parish leaders involved in the RCIA process, and any others who may have an interest because of family or friends. For more details, please call 410-547-5533. **The first session will be held here at St. John’s, April 28th, 7:00-9:00 PM.** Please call our Parish Office, 301-662-8288 x 0 to sign up for this session. The second session will be held at St. Peter the Apostle in Libertytown, MD, May 19th, 7:00-9:00 PM.

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.

PILGRIMAGE! The 50+ Group is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, MD, on **Saturday, May 1, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**. The cost for the day is \$30 and includes a tour and lunch. For more details or to reserve your space, please call Nancy, 301-371-9045.

THE POPE PIUS XII Boy Scout Religious Emblem is for Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts who are in high school. An organizational meeting will be held **April 26th, 8:00-9:00 PM**, in Room 17 at the Community Center. Please contact Amy Spessard for more details, ext. 1102.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the dates for a wonderful trip to Egypt, **June 28th – July 2nd**! Adult and teen volunteers are invited to contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will take place on **Saturday, April 10th, after the 5:00 PM & 6:00 PM Masses, and on Sunday, April 11th, after the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**, Masses in the Parish Nurse’s Office located first floor on the left as you enter the Community Center building.

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, 7:00-7:30 PM**, for the Girl Scout Emblems, *I Live My Faith* (grades 3-5) and the *Marian Medal* (grades 6-8). The Cub Scout Emblems program will meet 7:30-8:00 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.

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. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

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!

WHAT IS THE PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY? It is a tangible healing ministry. It is support for those who need spiritual comfort knowing that there is someone praying for them and that they are not alone. This ministry needs more people who will give of their talents in knitting and crocheting. Please contact Nancy, 301-371-9045, if you would like more details about how to create a prayer shawl or how to receive one.

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.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

NO FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY CLASSES on March 28th & 29th or April 4th & 5th. Sessions will resume April 11th & 12th. We wish all our families and volunteers a very Happy Easter!

PASSION PLAY: Thank you to Patrice Sabatano, all adult volunteers, teens who took part, our welcome audience, and all our wonderful sponsors for their help with this year's Passion Play. It was a great success, and we have all of you to thank.

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 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.

PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND is probably the coolest and newest teen-driven group yet to hit St. John the Evangelist. We will practice **Sunday, March 28th, 5:00 PM**, in the Hall, but NOT on Easter Sunday. It's a great place to chill and meet new people! Open to all high-schoolers: come chill and meet new people.

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.

SJRCS has been designated a **2009 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence** by the U.S. Department of Education. 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.sjrccs.org. Join us for a **Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House** on **Tuesday, April 20th, 9:00-11:00 AM**. For more details about enrollment, please call Admissions, 301-695-9358, or email, jwright@sjrccs.org.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES	
03-21-2010	
Envelope Users (547).....	\$18,855.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 3,935.93
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$22,790.93
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: Debt Reduction.....	\$ 6,186.85
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund).....	\$ 1,440.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

ON GOOD FRIDAY, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday March 29	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Dale Sherry
Tuesday March 30	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Claire Rhoads Jack Mayer
Wednesday March 31	6:30 AM 8:00 AM 6:30 PM (SP)	Donald G. Hicks Ints. Leo Massey Elsie Wiltron
Thursday April 1 Holy Thursday	7:30 PM	Nicholas B. Jarvis
Friday April 2 Good Friday	No Masses	
Saturday April 3 Easter Vigil	8:00 PM	Douglas Magaha
Sunday April 4 Easter Sunday	7:30 AM 9:00 AM Ch 9:00 AM H 9:00 AM Hood 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 11:00 AM Hood 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Douglas Magaha Nicholas B. Jarvis Joseph Albergo Thomas Erculiani Kelly Michelle Murray (Birthday) People of the Parish Paul Rhoads Diana Bracone Vicente B. Somoza, II