

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	May 30	Proverbs 8:22-31	Psalm 8:4-9	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Monday	May 31	Zephaniah 3:14-18	Isaiah 12:2-6		Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday	June 1	2 Peter 3:12-18	Psalm 90:2-4,10,14,16		Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday	June 2	2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12	Psalm 123:1-2		Mark 12:18-27
Thursday	June 3	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Psalm 25:4-10,14		Mark 12:28-34
Friday	June 4	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Psalm 119:157-168		Mark 12:35-37
Saturday	June 5	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Psalm 71:8-9,14-22		Mark 12:38-44
Sunday	June 6	Genesis 14:18-20	Psalm 110:1-4	1 Cor. 11:23-26	Luke 9:11-17

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Several weeks ago we received word from the Archdiocese that Fr. Dan will probably be transferred at the end of June. While at first I had hoped that another priest would be assigned here, it has become evident that, in fact, Fr. Dan will not be replaced.

The parish staff have been discussing changes that would be needed if Fr. Dan were not replaced. While some of the ministerial and pastoral areas in which Fr. Dan has worked can be redistributed among the pastoral staff and even some volunteers, the Sacramental ministries of celebrating Mass and hearing Confessions can only be done by a priest.

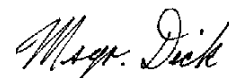
Currently, we have nine (9) Masses each weekend, not including weddings, funerals, quinceaneras, and other special Masses. This means we need 3 priests, each saying 3 Masses, every weekend. Quite honestly, we do not have the priests to meet this need every week. So we must make some changes to our Mass schedule.

Since the 7:00 PM Mass on Saturday is our least-attended Mass and has caused the most difficulty when scheduling priests, we will discontinue that Mass. **As of July 1st, we will no longer have a 7:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening.** Fr. Rich and the Spanish Community will be considering the possibility of moving the Spanish Mass from 6:00 PM in the Hall to 7:00 PM in the Church on Saturday.

We also have to make changes to our weekday Mass schedule: **We will have a Communion Service, instead of Mass, on Mondays at 8:00 AM and on Thursdays at 6:30 AM.** This change will allow both Fr. Rich and me a day off each week.

I know that these changes will disappoint and inconvenience some of you. For this I am truly sorry. But I, along with the parish staff, must try to minister to our parishioners while being realistic about our own needs, so that we may continue to be physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy.

I ask for your understanding as we face these changes and for your redoubled prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.



Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

(see box above)

1. The First Reading and Psalm introduce the Old Testament priest, Melchizedek (further described in Hebrews, chapters 5 to 7). The author of Hebrews even quotes Psalm 110 in having God say to Jesus, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek" (Heb. 5:6). Why and how can Melchizedek be considered a foreshadowing of Jesus (see Heb. 7:1-17)?
2. The Psalm also speaks prophetically of Jesus' power, majesty, and rule. Trials can make us forget that Jesus has the power to "Rule in the midst of your enemies" (Psalm 110:2). What steps can you take to strengthen your faith in Jesus, and realize His victory in your life, even in the midst of trials and suffering?
3. In the Second Reading, Paul describes the importance of receiving the Eucharist: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes." What do these words mean to you?
4. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus' feeding the five thousand by multiplication of the fish and loaves. Why do you believe the Church uses this reading on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ? How does this event foreshadow the Eucharist?

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

In First Communion:

Patrick Thomas

In Marriage:

Kristin Danato & James Steinhardt
Kathleen McGlyn & John Eisenhour
Heather Muir & Michael Nalcomb

In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Nancy Dignan, wife of Deacon Paul Dignan
Frank Kennedy

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PRIEST APPRECIATION DAY: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 join all the CDA Courts of our nation, and our St. John's Parish, in celebrating **Priest Appreciation Day, next Sunday, June 6th**. Let's show our appreciation with cards, prayers, gifts, and words of thanks and encouragement.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: The present Bible study group will begin a new study, *Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit*, on **June 14th, 9:00 AM**, in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Center. There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the study materials. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Amy Spessard, ext. 1102.

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 Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 for more info.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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"The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them. Every Christian is called to practice this charity . . . This is the institutional path – we might also call it the political path – of charity, no less excellent and effective than the kind of charity which encounters the neighbor directly." Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth), Encyclical Letter of Pope Benedict XVI, 2009.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

A Message From Project Rachel: *"Once you choose hope, anything's possible."* Choose hope! Forgiveness and healing are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion, **June 25-27**, Marriottsville, MD. Call 410-625-8491. Visit www.project-rachel.net for more details.

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

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).

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.

HUNGER MINISTRY: Did you know that St. John's has a Hunger Ministry? This outreach ministry is vital to our Frederick community. Please consider helping in a small way next week; a box of cereal, can of tuna, or jar of peanut butter. There are food collection baskets at the back of the Church and in the main hallway at the Community Center. Each week, volunteers from the Hunger Ministry take the food donations to the local food pantries.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Boy Scouts by purchasing flowers. The sale was a huge success! The Troop raised enough money to purchase 2 new tents!

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2010-2011: Faith Formation and Youth Ministry forms were mailed to homes recently. Forms may also be picked up at the Parish Office or downloaded from our website. Registration is open from May 1st through July 31st.

PEER MINISTRY RETREAT will be on **June 19th, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM**, here at St. John's. Mass is at 5:00 PM, and a potluck dinner follows in the Community Center. New permission slips have been emailed to students who have applied and new applicants may get an application/permission slip on line at the parish website or by seeing Erica May in the Youth Ministry Office.

SUMMER EVENTS: High School students interested in Steubenville or ND Vision, please contact the Youth Ministry Office. We are working to coordinate a volunteer-chaperoned delegation to either event, or referrals to other parishes in the Archdiocese.

SPANISH COMMUNITY

Legion de Maria Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz. Junta semanal todos los Miércoles 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 still being accepted for Pre-K – 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. **Next testing date is June 15th for grades 1-8.** Download forms from the school website, www.sjracs.org. Tours are provided daily from 9:00-11:00 AM. Please call 301-695-9358 to make an appointment.

20th ANNUAL SPRING FAIR, Saturday, June 5th & Sunday, June 6th, at SJRCS, 8414 Opossumtown Pike. Join us for family fun and entertainment. Games, food, live music, basket raffles, arts & crafts, \$10,000 Raffle, Saturday night fireworks at dusk, live auction on Sunday. Hours are Saturday, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM; Sunday, 12 Noon-6:00 PM. Visit www.sjracs.org and click on **Fair**, for more information.

JOIN US for the SJRCS Yard Sale, Friday, June 11th, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, in the school parking lot, 8414 Opossumtown Pike. Find a bargain or a treasure! For more details, call the school at 301-662-6722.

BEYOND THE PARISH

JOIN SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH for a French River Cruise planned for **October 4-19, 2010**. Traversing the entire length of France, we will travel on both the Seine and the Rhone Rivers from the Normandy beaches in the north, through Paris, to Nice and the French Riviera in the south, sampling the local cuisine and wines of many of France's famous regions. A \$500 discount is available for signing up before June 30, 2010!. For an itinerary and more details, call Diana Reuling, 301-663-0485.

**STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES
05-23-2010**

Envelope Users (488)\$17,079.15
 Non-Envelope Users\$ 4,041.88
 Bi-monthly EFT Giving 05-20-2010\$ 8,725.51
 TOTAL Offertory\$29,846.54
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed\$28,251.00
 Second Collection: Flood Disaster TN.....\$ 3,026.00
 St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)\$ 1,209.00
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
"SP" = Mass in Spanish**

Monday May 31 Holiday	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Tuesday June 1	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Margie Dugan Yi Choon Su
Wednesday June 2	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Northampton 6:30 PM (SP)	Mary Hebert John Harwood Rotini Ezekiel Summer Joyce Olivares
Thursday June 3	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Richard Sohm Blanche Hargis
Friday June 4	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Evelyn Sliney Norma Asendorf
Saturday June 5	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Diane Elizabeth Howell Noella Pontbriand Olimpia Fernandez Luz F. Silva (Anniv.)
Sunday June 6	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 Odette Lopez William Ballantyne Jimmy Grove Margaret Hamill Reynoldo Parra

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES will be offered beginning on **Father's Day, June 20th**, for 9 consecutive days, for those fathers whom you wish to remember in this special way. Please fill out the form below and return it either through the collection basket or directly to the Parish Center by **Friday, June 18th**. A list of those being remembered and of the donors will be published in the bulletin shortly after Father's Day.

I wish the following to be remembered in the Father's Day Novena of Masses. PLEASE PRINT.

Donor's Name _____

To Be Remembered _____

SVDP REPORT

During March 2010, the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) provided assistance to 1 person with car repairs, 2 people with car payment, 3 with car insurance, 55 with housing expenses, 36 with medical expenses, 1 with funeral expenses, 30 with legal expenses, and 223 with utility expenses, for a total of 395 clients.

During April 2010, SVDP provided assistance to 1 person with fuel expenses, 2 people with storage, 6 with funeral expenses, 50 with housing expenses, 56 with medical expenses, 43 with legal expenses, 1 with work expenses, and 316 with utility expenses, for a total of 475 clients.

SVDP thanks you for your generous contributions to the **Poor Fund**, which has made this assistance possible.

If you or someone you know needs help with basic necessities, contact SVDP at 301-662-4676. The on-call volunteer will return your call. All requests are confidential.

Si usted necesita ayuda o sabe de alguien que necesite articulos de primera necesidad, favor de llamar a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul; llame al 301-662-4676. Un voluntario le llamara; toda informacion sera confidencial.



Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. John's

What is it? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a tangible way to let people in need know that the Church Community of St. John's is praying for them and that they are loved and not forgotten.

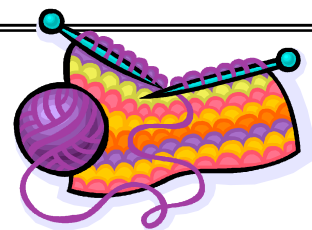
Who are the Shawls for? They are for the lonely, the sick, the suffering, and shut-ins.

What Can I Do To Help?

1. Donate new yarn to the group that is making the shawls. The yarn that is used is Lion Brand, Red Heart or a similar type of yarn—3 skeins; Boucle—1 skein; and One Pound — 1 skein.
2. Join our group of volunteers who make the shawls.
3. Tell us if you know someone in the parish who might benefit from receiving a prayer shawl.

Who do I call if I have questions or know of someone who needs a prayer shawl?

Nancy at 301-371-9045



St. John's needs Sponsor Couples !



What is a Sponsor Couple?

A Sponsor Couple works in conjunction with St John's to help prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. In this "like-to-like" ministry, a well-trained married couple meets with an engaged couple in their home at their convenience. Both couples agree to gather for several sessions (usually five) to develop the engaged couple's understanding of Christian Marriage and increase their awareness of each other's values and attitudes.

What are the benefits of becoming a Sponsor Couple?

- The Sponsor Couple benefits from continued insight into their own marriage, as they share with others life's experiences and love's responses.
- The engaged couple benefits from the mentoring relationship they experience with their Sponsor Couple, who model for them Catholic marriage and family life.
- The parish also benefits, strengthening family life and building community by offering personalized ministry to the engaged through its Sponsor Couples.

**If you would like to learn more about this ministry,
please contact Amy Spessard 301-662-8288 x1102 or
amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org**