

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## August 1, 2010

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>	Eccl. 1:2, 2:21-23	Psalm 90:3-6,12-14,17	Col. 3:1-5,9-11	Luke 12:13-21
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 2</b>	Jer. 28:1-17	Psalm 119:29,43,79-80,95,102	Mt. 14:13-21	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	Jer. 30:102,12-22	Psalm 102:16-23,29		Mt. 14:22-36
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>	Jer. 31:1-7	Jeremiah 31:10-13		Mt. 15:21-28
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>	Jer. 31:31-34	Psalm 51:12-15,18-19		Mt. 16:13-23
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 6</b>	Daniel 7:9-10,12-14	Psalm 97:1-6,9	2 Peter 1:16-19	Luke 9:28-36
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 7</b>	Hb. 1:12-2:4	Psalm 9:8-13		Mt. 17:14-20
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 8</b>	Wisdom 18:6-9	Psalm 33:1,12,18-22	Heb. 11:1-2,8-19	Luke 12:32-48

### From the Pastoral Staff

There is an old saying, "What goes around, comes around." I feel that is true in my case. In 1991, my family and I arrived at St. John's, and I was privileged to serve this community as the Director of Religious Education for about 12 years. I then accepted a position in the Catholic Center with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Now I return to St. John's and introduce myself once again: Joe Swiss, the Pastoral Associate for Liturgy. I'm responsible for ensuring that we do background work and provide support so that the liturgies (Masses especially) at our parish are prayerful and engaging moments in our lives—prayer in which everyone participates fully and actively. I believe that the Mass should feed us and transform us. Our coming together as the Body of Christ in worship each and every time must be an encounter with the Living God. Not only are we given the help we need to make it through another week, but each of us is made into a new person, a new being. This happens slowly and in undramatic ways, but it changes the way we look at the world. Liturgy refocuses our selves in that we grow to know that life is not all about us, but about the God who loves us unconditionally.

In the coming months, we will be using new translations of the words we say at Mass. Part of my responsibility will be to see that we all come to the new Mass knowing what to say and what to do—but also why. With the leaders of the various ministries, I will be asking for your time and talents. It takes a lot of people to make the Mass happen in a large community such as ours: lectors, ushers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and environment planners, to name a few. I will be working to ensure that all aspects of our worship are vibrant and prayerful. If you would like to share your ideas about liturgies here at St. John's, or your time and your talent, please feel free to contact me either by email at [joe.swiss@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:joe.swiss@stjohn-frederick.org) or by phone at 301-662-8288 x1007. I look forward to serving this community in my new capacity for many years to come.

— Joe Swiss

### Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

*(see box above)*

1. The First Reading next Sunday speaks of awaiting the salvation of the just. How patient are you in waiting for the Lord? What circumstances make you impatient? Would you like God to revise His plan, or are you content, along with the Israelites, to wait for Him to "put into effect the divine institution"?
2. The Psalm speaks of those who hope for God's kindness. The psalmist prays: "May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you." Our Catechism says that hope is both "the confident expectation of divine blessing" and "the fear of offending God's love." We sin against hope by despairing. How might our view of the nature and character of God, and His disposition toward us, contribute to despair? What situations can cause you to despair of hope and of receiving God's love?
3. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we read about Abraham, who did not insist upon his own ideas or his own abilities. He confidently placed his trust in God. Have there been times in your life when you stepped out in faith, trusting God that He would protect and sustain you? Is there anything in your life right now that you are fearful of doing—something that God may be asking of you?
4. The Gospel begins with the words: "Do not be afraid." Jesus explains why: "for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." How can you open yourself to receive all that your Heavenly Father wants to give you? What might be holding you back from accepting God's time?

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

#### In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Harold Santucci  
 Thomas J. Blue, son of Thomas & Joann Blue  
 Mary Gail Eaton  
 Michael Boyer  
 Ronald Evancho  
 Mark E. Wible, father of Fr. Chuck Wible

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM, in the Cafeteria. All young adults in the parish are invited to an ongoing Bible Study focusing on an overview of Salvation history. There are no fees or registration; bring a friend and a Bible, and join fellow parishioners in a lively discussion. **The next gathering is August 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian initiation of Adults):** There is so much fragmentation in the world. Through the RCIA we will explore how our Faith helps us in dealing with a fragmented world. RCIA sessions begin **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 PM.** If you know of anyone who is interested in exploring the Roman Catholic Church, please have them call Elaine at the parish Office, 301-662-8288 x1101 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Are you an adult who has been Baptized, received Communion, and would like to take the last step to full initiation in the Catholic Church? Adult Confirmation classes are forming for the Fall. For more information, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102 or [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org).

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Coming to St. John's Parish!** An Engaged Encounter marriage preparation weekend will be offered here at St. John's **January 15-16, 2011.** Couples will not be spending the night on this weekend: it is a day-only program on Saturday and Sunday. The cost of the program is \$160, which includes Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday lunch. For more details, contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102. Registration information for the program can be found at [www.mdcee.org](http://www.mdcee.org).

**PARISH MINISTRY FAIR: Mark Your Calendars Now!** The Parish Ministry fair will be held **September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Community Center Hall after all Masses. Plan to stop by and see the exciting ministries, activities, and events St. John's has to offer. Representatives from the ministries will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. This is your opportunity to get connected with fellow parishioners!

**MEN'S RETREAT**, entitled *Breathe, Just Breathe: Come Away from the Chaos of Life*, will be facilitated by Joe Swiss, on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM**, at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD. The fee for the day is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Registration will open in August and spaces are limited. For more details, please contact Amy Spessard, ext. 1102, or email her at [amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org).

## 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](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org) and click on STAND Training. Contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 for more info.

### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

July 2010

*"The economic challenge of today has many parallels with the political challenge that confronted the founders of our nation. In order to create a new form of political democracy they were compelled to develop ways of thinking and political institutions that had never existed before. Their efforts were arduous and their goals imperfectly realized, but they launched an experiment in the protection of civil and political rights that has prospered through the efforts of those who came after them. We believe the time has come for a similar experiment in securing economic rights: the creation of an order that guarantees the minimum conditions of human dignity in the economic sphere for every person. By drawing on the resources of the Catholic moral-religious tradition, we hope to make a contribution through this letter to such a new 'American Experiment': a new venture to secure economic justice for all."* Economic Justice for All, Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986.

**SINCERE THANK YOU:** The Frederick County Adult Detention Center would like to express our gratitude for the continuing donations of undergarments (large white T-shirts and socks) being provided to the inmates detained at the facility. We are especially thankful for the Bible donations. We always seem to be running low. More inmates are asking for Bibles, and we are glad that, when they ask, they are able to receive. (Thank you also for the donations of basketballs and bus passes). Good things are happening, and your generosity makes that possible. Please accept our thanks. The parish prison Outreach Ministry continues to accept donations, including \$10 checks toward the purchase of Bibles. Donations maybe dropped off at the Parish office.

**FLAG COLLECTION:** Boy Scout troop 1274 is collecting worn and tattered U. S. Flags for a flag retirement ceremony. This is your opportunity to discard U. S. Flags in a respectful manner. Collection boxes will be available in the foyer of the Community Center beginning this week.

### 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).

**Adult Religious Emblems Counselor Training** for both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Religious Emblem Programs will be offered **August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-5:30 PM.** Please contact Amy Spessard, ext. 1102, for more details and registration.

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER:**

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

**DO YOU LOVE TO SING?** Consider joining the Adult Choir here at St. John's. High schoolers and adults are invited to join. No audition necessary; however, a working knowledge of music is very helpful. All voice parts are needed: sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings starting **August 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 PM** in the Church choir loft. The choir usually sings for the 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Please call Monika McCormick, 301-371-6553, or email, [MSMcor5@aol.com](mailto:MSMcor5@aol.com), for more details.

**The SHARE Food Network** is a national program in which anyone can buy discounted food for less than half what a chain grocery store charges. To qualify for this program, all you need do is complete two hours of volunteer work every month. This program has been supported by the Knights of Columbus for 13 years. For more details contact Ann Marie Shabelski, 301-695-8263. Please see the insert in today's bulletin.

**PARISH COOKBOOK:** Start finding your favorite family recipes! St. John's will be publishing a Cook Book this fall. Beginning next week, we will be collecting recipes to be included in the book. Watch the bulletin for Recipe Collection Forms and Preorder Forms.

**FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2010-2011:** Faith Formation and Youth Ministry registrations are **due now!** **There is a late fee of \$25 per family for registrations received after July 31<sup>st</sup>!**

**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: Thinking of a Catholic education for your child?** Consider St. John's, a 2009 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence! Applications are still being accepted for Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms may be downloaded from the school's website, [www.sjrsc.org](http://www.sjrsc.org). Summer office hours are 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Please call 301-695-9358 or email [jwright@sjrsc.org](mailto:jwright@sjrsc.org) to make an appointment.

**ATTENTION GOLFERS!** Save this date, **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Msgr. Echle Golf Tournament to be held at Musket Ridge Golf Club. Look for more details in August!



<b>STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES</b>	
<b>07-25-2010</b>	
Envelope Users (441).....	\$16,177.00
Non-Envelope Users .....	\$ 4,803.80
EFT Bimonthly Giving 07-20-2010 .....	\$ 8,661.51
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$29,642.31
<b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....</b>	<b>\$28,251.00</b>
Second Collection: Debt Reduction.....	\$ 4,578.25
Total Debt Payment Due July 2010.....	\$ 8,662.33
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund).....	\$ 1,272.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

<b>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</b>		
<b>"SP" = Mass in Spanish</b>		
Monday August 2	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Communion Service Only Communion Service Only
Tuesday August 3	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Summer Joyce Olivares J. Harry Grove
Wednesday August 4	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Edenton 6:30 PM (SP)	Ints. Lisa M. Chavez Sylvia O. Hammond Communion Service Only Special Intention
Thursday August 5	8:00 AM	Leah Fay Rousseau
Friday August 6	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Karl Williams Brenda J. Ogg
Saturday August 7	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM (SP)	Mary Jane Fanning Eleanor Torti Ints. Fr. John Moore
Sunday August 8	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 Ints. Kemi Adeyemi Helen D'Amore Cpl. Kurt Shea Special Intention

**HOW TO ADVERTISE on the Outdoor Display Boards:**

- Submit all print material to Amy Spessard in the Parish Office by **12 Noon on Friday**, at least **the week before** your advertisement is to be displayed.
- Advertising will be displayed based on **available space**.
- Ministries are responsible for making the **3 copies needed**. Color is best!
- Poster size **cannot** exceed 18" x 24".
- Posters and fliers **will be discarded** the week after the event unless you make other arrangements.

# ***Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus***

***41<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Raffle  
Benefit of the Charity and Scholarship Programs***



***Grand Prize: 2011 Ford Mustang***

***Drawing, Saturday October 9, 2010***

***Tickets available August 1<sup>st</sup> after all Masses***

***\$1.00 per ticket***

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***Contributions, Gifts, etc. paid to Maryland State Council-K.C.  
are not deductible as charitable contributions. MVA Fees, Tags, etc additional.***



**St. John the Evangelist Parish invites you  
to the 2010 Men's Day Retreat**

***Breathe, Just Breathe***

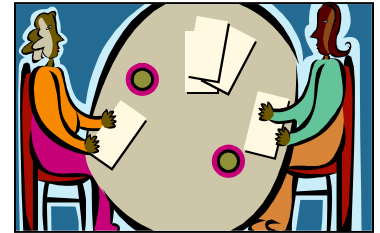
Come away from the chaos in your life and refocus your sights  
and your vision.

**Saturday October 23, 2010  
8:30am-3:00pm**

Bishop Claggett Center, Buckeystown, MD.  
**Facilitator:** Mr. Joe Swiss

**Fee:** \$45 includes lunch.  
Scholarships are available.

Contact Amy Spessard for more information  
amy.spessard@stjohn-frederick.org or  
301-662-8288 x1102



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**Registration form for 2010 Men's retreat**

Please return form and payment to:

St John Parish

112 East 2nd Street, Frederick, Md. 21701

Attn: Amy Spessard

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h): \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: October 6, 2010**