

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 22, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	Aug. 22	Isaiah 66:18-21	Psalm 117:1-2	Heb. 12:5-7,11-13	Luke 13:22-30
Monday	Aug. 23	2 Thes. 1:1-5,11-12	Psalm 96:1-5		Mt. 23:13-22
Tuesday	Aug. 24	Rev. 21:9-14	Psalm 145:10-13,17-18		John 1:45-51
Wednesday	Aug. 25	2 Thes. 3:6-10,16-18	Psalm 128:1-2,4-5		Mt. 23:27-32
Thursday	Aug. 26	1 Cor. 1:1-9	Psalm 145:2-7		Mt. 24:42-51
Friday	Aug. 27	1 Cor. 1:17-25	Psalm 33:1-5,10-11		Mt. 25:1-13
Saturday	Aug. 28	1 Cor. 1:26-31	Psalm 33:12-13,18-21		Mt. 25:14-30
Sunday	Aug. 29	Sir. 3:17-18,20,28-29	Psalm 68:4-7,10-11	Heb. 12:18-19,22-24	Luke 14:1,7-14

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to thank all who have doubled or increased their weekly contributions or given a special donation to help pay for the repairs to our air conditioning. This Sunday's Special Second Collection will provide an opportunity for anyone who has not yet contributed to this effort to do so.

This costly but unanticipated repair has dramatized our need for a maintenance committee to assist Sue Swiss, our Business Manager, and me in establishing priorities for ongoing maintenance projects and for capital repairs. The recommendations of the maintenance committee will help the finance committee budget for both repairs and capital projects.

Accordingly, I am asking parishioners with experience in facility management, HVAC, plumbing, electricity, painting, technology, and other fields: Please consider whether you could offer your services to help us assess the condition of our plant and establish a schedule for future maintenance projects. Our plant, includes the Church building itself, Outreach Center, Community Center, Parish Center, Convent, and Rectory.

If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please call Sue Swiss, ext. 1010, or me, ext. 1006, and plan to attend a meeting on Monday, September 13th, 7:00 PM, in the Bishop Murphy Room at the Parish. Center.

Mary Dick



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY
are placed in Memory of
Nicholas B. Jarvis
8/11/94 – 8/23/03
The Jarvis and Manley Family

Questions for Reflection: Next Sunday's Readings

(see box above)

1. In the First Reading we are advised to act humbly so that we will find favor with God. St. Augustine called humility the "royal road," the way God came to us, and, therefore, the only way back to Him. When does humility play a role in your life? Does the word "humble" have a positive connotation in everyday conversation?
2. The Psalm calls God the defender of the forsaken, orphans, widows, and the poor and needy. In fact, when Christ came on earth, he did not appear to the rich and powerful, but to the lowly and society's outcasts. Have you tried to follow in Christ's footsteps? Whose company do you tend to seek? Why?
3. The Second Reading suggests that unlike the Israelites, to whom God spoke in storms and fire, we can approach God directly in the Sacraments and in our prayer. In fact, we have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, and we can receive Christ in the Eucharist every time we go to Mass. How can you prepare for Mass so that you feel part of a "festive gathering" rather than lost in "gloomy darkness"? Think about how the new covenant makes a difference in your understanding of "God the judge of all."
4. Today's Gospel gives us an important lesson in personal humility. Someone has said that humility does not consist in thinking less of ourselves, but in thinking of ourselves less often. What can you do to make the Lord more central at school or work, and to make yourself less the center of your day? When we think of ourselves less often, we are better able to serve those not as fortunate as we are. In what new, innovative ways you could and other parishioners work to reach out to the poor and needy?

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

In Baptism:

Lesley Ann Brown, Child of
Andrew & Denise Brown
Colette Marie Kolobow, Child of
Christopher & Colleen Kolobow
Kyle Joseph McGann, Child of
Timothy & Laura McGann
Elsie Lynne McLaughlin, Child of
Michael McLaughlin & Christina Radice
Luke Christopher Scarzello, Child of
Paul & Celeste Scarzello
Anthony Daniel Unigarro
Madelynn Rose Unigarro

Kassandra Lin Unigarro, Children of
Daniel & Heather Unigarro

In Their Passage to Eternal Life

Salvatore Cremona, father of Mike Cremona
John "Jack" Piontek
Paul Sigman
Theodore "Ted" Mucha

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS this weekend **August 21st & 22nd**, at all Masses. School starts this Monday, August 23rd!!

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group will begin a 34-week journey through the Old and New Testaments with an emphasis on the wholeness of the revelation that is found in Scripture. We will meet in the Notre Dame Room at the Parish Office **every Monday, 9:00-11:00 AM**. Each participant must have a workbook and Bible. The fee is \$35. For more details and to register, please contact Amy Spessard, ext. 1102.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY, the 2nd and 4th 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. **The next gathering is August 26th**.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): We are looking forward to meeting those interested in the development of their faith journeys through RCIA this year. Those interested please call Elaine, 301-662-8288 x1101, to register. Classes begin **Wednesday, September 8th, 7:30-9:00 PM**.

PARISH COOK BOOK: Recipes and preorders are being collected for the St. John Parish Cook Book. Both forms are available on the parish website and at the Parish Office. **All recipes must be submitted by September 13th!!** Price for the books is \$10 before September 13th; \$12 after September 13th. Books will be available for pick-up the weekend of November 20th & 21st after all Masses, and in the Parish Office the following week.

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR: Mark Your Calendars Now! The Parish Ministry fair will be held **September 18th & 19th** 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.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Coordinators are needed for the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses each Sunday. Please contact Julie St. Croix, ext. 1103, if you are interested in this wonderful and rewarding ministry!

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

August 2010

"Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas." Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1998.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

Are You Coming to the Ministry Fair on September 18th & 19th? If so, please stop by the Respect Life table and see what we are up to. Planning has already begun for the upcoming Forty Days for Life Campaign which starts in late September. A sign-up sheet will be available. Also ahead, the Life Chain in early October and, believe it or not, we have already hired a bus for the March for Life to be held in Washington, D.C. in January 2011! Come by; we would love to meet you!

COMMUNITY CENTER FOYER RENOVATION: Hi! My name is Vincent and my Boy Scout Eagle Project will revitalize the vestibule, foyer, and main stairway of the Community Center early this fall. Donations are needed to cover the cost of supplies of paint, caulking, etc. The project needs at least 30 gallons of paint! If you would like to contribute to my project, please send checks made payable to St. John the Evangelist Church. This is tax deductible!! You can place donations in the collection, drop them off at the Parish Office, or mail to the attention of Sue. If you have questions, please call Sue Swiss, ext. 1010. Thank you.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, will be held **next Saturday, August 28th, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM**, at the Community Center, 116 E. 2nd Street. **Sign-ups** for the blood drive will be held after all Masses this weekend **August 21st & 22nd**. Or contact Clarice, 240-490-7085, or Judy, 301-695-5201, to schedule your life-saving donation.

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 26th, 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, for more details.

YOUTH CHOIR STARTING SOON! St. John's Youth Choir, open to all boys and girls 4th grade through high school, will start rehearsals soon. No audition required. We rehearse on **Thursday evenings**, in the

Church choir loft, from **6:30-7:30 PM**, and we sing at the 11:00 AM Mass one Sunday a month. **First rehearsal is September 2nd**. For more details, please call Mrs. Peggy Frazier, 301-620-2288.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATIONS: If you have not yet registered your children for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry for this fall, please go online or stop by the Parish Office to fill out the forms as soon as possible. For questions, please contact Julie St. Croix (Elementary), ext. 1103, or Wendi Cole (Middle and High School), ext. 1104.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETINGS will be held on **Tuesday, September 28th, 7:00-9:00 PM, and on Saturday, October 2nd, 9:30-11:30 AM**. Please plan to attend one of these meetings. For more details, please contact Julie St. Croix, ext. 1103.

HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF SOCIAL: Mark your calendars now!! We will be going to the **Moonlight Corn Maze** in Thurmont, **Sunday, September 19th, 6:30-9:00 PM**. Cost of \$5 covers a bonfire, snacks, and navigating through the maze (which is their biggest ever). Watch for flyer and permission slip in next week's bulletin. Registration deadline is September 9th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL KICK-OFF SOCIAL: Mark your calendars now!! We will be going to **Shadowland** in the FSK Mall, **Monday, September 20th, 6:30-8:00 PM**. \$13.50 covers two games of laser tag. We will have the whole place to ourselves, so plenty of places to hide! Watch for flyer and permission slip in next week's bulletin. Registration deadline is September 9th.

STEAM CLEANING NEEDED: The Youth Room's carpet and sofas/chairs are in dire need of deep cleaning. If you have a steam cleaner, cleaning resource, or experience with this, PLEASE contact Wendi Cole, ext. 1104. We would like to have the room cleaned before the teens start using it on September 19th.

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

THERE ARE STILL some openings in certain grades for the 2010-2011 school year. Call Admissions, 301-695-9358, to inquire or arrange for a tour. Regional parishioners receive reduced tuition rates. Download registration forms at www.sjrscs.org. **School begins August 23rd for grades 1-8 and August 30th for Pre-K and Kindergarten.**

THE 13TH ANNUAL MSGR. ECHLE MEMORIAL Golf Tournament to benefit SRCS is scheduled for **October 4th**, at Musket Ridge Golf Club. Corporate and individual

sponsorships are being accepted. To register a foursome, contact Susie Coughlin, 301-620-2314, or susie.coughlin@gmail.com.

BEYOND THE PARISH

THE VISITATION ACADEMY is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Paula Redman as our new school principal. Mrs. Redman, a veteran Catholic school educator and administrator, is committed to continuing academic excellence based in the Catholic tradition – the hallmark of our academy for girls. She welcomes the entire St. John community to come next door and visit our historic campus. Rolling admissions are available for many of our grades Pre-K through 8th grade. For additional information, please call 301-662-2814 or visit www.thevisitationacademy.org.

A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES: Retrouvaille (Re-tro-vi), *A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages*, helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 12th, call 301-468-6764 or 410-647-0350, or visit www.helpourmarriage.com.



STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES	
08-15-2010	
Envelope Users (489).....	\$18,583.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 3,723.82
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$22,306.82
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed.....	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: Debt Reduction.....	\$ 7,115.23
Total Debt Payment Due August 2010.....	\$ 8,662.33
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund).....	\$ 940.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
"SP" = Mass in Spanish		
Monday August 23	6:30 AM	Special Intention
Tuesday August 24	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Country Meadows	James T. O'Connor Thelma Miller M. J. Grove
Wednesday August 25	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Edenton 6:30 PM (SP)	James Grove Ints. Justin Myers Thomas Millie Deidre King
Thursday August 26	8:00 AM	Sabino Jackson
Friday August 27	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Ints. Teresa Black Ints. Michael Harrison
Saturday August 28	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM (SP)	Harry C. Jacobson Noella Pontbriand Special Intention
Sunday August 29	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM H 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Margaret Hamill Odette Lopez Carlos Rojas & Abelardo Pontigo (No Mass) Cpl. Kurt Shea Ints. Etzik Hazan



August 2010 Newsletter

St. John Regional Catholic School is your parish school!
Our students are from the parishes of St. John the Evangelist, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Peter, Holy Family, St. Timothy, St. Joseph, St. Ignatius, St. Francis/St. Mary, and the Catholic community of Fort Detrick.
We want you to know more about St. John and our students' accomplishments.
This newsletter appears monthly in your church bulletin.

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**2009 National Blue Ribbon School
Of Excellence**
www.sjrsc.org
301-662-6722/ 301-695-9358 Admissions

**Accepting applications for Pre-K – 8th
Call for a tour of the school.**

School starts:
Aug. 23, Gr. 1-8; Aug. 30, Pre-K / K

Story-time Tots
September 20, 8:45 a.m.

Msgr. Echle Golf Tournament
October 4, Musket Ridge

St. John Regional Catholic School Mission Statement

St. John Regional Catholic School provides and supports quality education in the tradition of the Catholic Church for all who seek it. The faith community is dedicated to the development of the whole person – spiritually, academically, creatively, physically, emotionally, and socially – all through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

We are Sowers of God's Peace

This year's school-wide theme, Sowers of God's Peace, evokes the image of sowing seeds of brotherhood, tolerance, and acceptance. Being peacemakers and cultivating an environment of comfort and safety for our students will be an all encompassing theme at St. John's and will remind us of the importance of being kind to one another as we journey through the new school year.

Story-time Tots Back for Third Year

Calling all three and four year olds! For the stay at home mom (or dad) looking for a unique reading activity for their children! Small group story-time and activities for three and four year olds is being offered to children from the Frederick community every third Monday of the month at 8:45 a.m., and will feature a different theme. September's theme is *Farms and Fairs*. Mrs. Cutchin, Quest enrichment teacher, will read to the children and include a related activity. Refreshments follow! Seating is limited! Please RSVP to Jean Wright at the school at 301-695-9358 or jwright@sjrsc.org. Upcoming Story-time Tots themes and dates for 2010 -11 are listed below:

September 20 – *Farms and Fairs*; October 18 – *Fall Friends*; November 15 – *Giving Thanks*; December 20 – *Happy Birthday Jesus*; January 24 – *Winter Wonders*; February 28 – *Hats & Hearts*; March 21 – *Dr. Seuss Day*; April 18 – *Plant Me A Garden*; May 16 – *Eric Carle Day*

Welcome New Faculty

Four new faculty members will join St. John's for the new school year. Mrs. Nicole Murray, formerly of Ascension School in Halethorpe, will teach first grade. Mr. Brendan Flanagan, who recently received his Masters Degree in Elementary Ed. from Mt. St. Mary's University, will teach fourth grade. Mrs. Mary Johnston, an SJRCS alum who recently relocated to Frederick after receiving a Master's Degree in Theology and Christian Ministry and taught in Catholic Schools in Virginia and Ohio, will teach 5th & 6th grade religion. We are also privileged to welcome Mr. Nick Diaz, a retired FCPS teacher who recently taught at the Barnesville School, and will now teach 7th and 8th grade math at SJRCS.

Summer Celebration Picnic!



Sunday, September 12, 2010

*Let's share a day enjoying the
Holy Eucharist, food, games,
raffles and fun. Bring a dish to share.*

Time: 1:00 p.m. (o' clock!)

Place: Ballenger Creek Park (Shelter #2)



ST. JOHN
the Evangelist
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