

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 2009

THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

Sunday	November 8	1 Kings 17:10-16	Psalm 146:7-10	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Monday	November 9	Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12	Psalm 46	1 Cor 3:9-11,161-7	John 2:13-22
Tuesday	November 10	Wisdom 2:23-3:9	Psalm 34		Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	November 11	Wisdom 6:1-11	Psalm 82:3-7		Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	November 12	Wisdom 7:22-8:1	Psalm 119:89-91,130,135,175		Luke 17:20-25
Friday	November 13	Wisdom 13:1-9	Psalm 19:2-5		Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	November 14	Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9	Psalm 105		Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	November 15	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14,18	Mark 13:24-32

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Recently I saw a Catholic Update entitled, "Five Virtues for Hard Economic Times," written by a seminary classmate, Fr. Richard Gula, S.S. The catchy title and my knowledge of the author enticed me to read on and see what virtues Fr. Gula would recommend: they are gratitude, generosity, solidarity, courage, and hope.

Gratitude opens our spirit to appreciate that *all* is grace from God. We practice gratitude by seeing ourselves as blessed when we make daily choices. A documentary I saw portrayed this dramatically: a young man, attacked by a shark while surf fishing, fended off the shark but lost his leg as a result. During recovery and rehabilitation, with a prosthetic leg, he resolved to live the gift of life more fully. He was so grateful that his life had been saved that there was no room for self-pity.

Generosity, Fr. Gula points out, flows from gratitude: "When grace has the first word and 'thanks' the second, then our whole life becomes an exchange of gifts, a living dynamic of receiving and giving with grateful hearts." Even in difficult economic times, we imitate our Lord - who gave Himself for us - by giving of ourselves.

Solidarity is more discussed in Europe and developing countries than here, where our culture has idolized the rugged individual. The virtue of solidarity moves us to see ourselves essentially bound to others, all creation, and God. Solidarity helps us overcome selfishness and self-centeredness by moving us to reach out to the other, to understand others' needs, and to work together to provide for the common good. As Fr. Gula puts it, "we know human life is a shared life and that give-and-take is better than grab-and-go."

"Courage is the ability to hang in there, to face danger, to withstand hardships with dignity, to risk rejection and to persevere with patient endurance," Fr. Gula writes. Courage is imitating Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, facing the passion and crucifixion.

Hope is the virtue that sees us through hard times with courage. It allows us to believe that "The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent, . . . so great is his faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Hope allows us to see through faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God, who brings life from death. "Nothing therefore can come between us and

the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes or being threatened or even attacked. . . . These are the trials through which we triumph, the power of him who loved us" (Romans 8:35, 37).

I must agree with my more famous classmate that these are indeed important virtues for "Hard Economic Times" and for all time.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dick

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

In Baptism:

Garrett Michael Lowery, Child of Jason & Jennifer Lowery

Kimberly Sarai Alvarado, Child of Vicente Alvarado & Maria Lorena DeAlvarado

Alexander Gabriel Chavez Salguero, Child of Jose E. Chavez Ramos & Flor de Maria Salguero Carias

Cristan Joshep Salvador Lopez, Child of Cesar Salvador Serrano & Maria Rosibel Lopez Romero

Yolanda & Fernando Robles, Children of Marco Antonio Robles & Patricia Barahona

Genesis Guadalupe Serrano, Child of Epifanio Serrano & Maria Perez

In Marriage:

Pamela Hayes & Michael Buzard

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS: This weekend **November 7th & 8th**, after the **5:00 PM** Mass and the **6:00 PM** Spanish Mass on Saturday, and after the **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM** Masses on Sunday, in the Parish Nursing Office on the first floor of the Community Center.

ADD/ADHD SUPPORT GROUP: Come join St. John's ADD/ADHD Support Group, **Monday, November 9th, 7:00 PM**, in the Bishop Murphy Conference Room at the Parish Center. We will discuss study habits, dealing with schools, homework, and how they relate with the ADHD

student and family. This is not a counseling group, but a faith-based support group for parents and family members dealing with children or relatives who have ADD/ADHD. For more info, call Bob Krajewski, 301-695-9070.

MEMORIAL MASS: Please join us for our 9th Annual Memorial Mass, here at St. John's, **Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00 PM.** This Mass will commemorate children lost to miscarriage, SIDS, abortion, accident or through military services. This will be a wonderful opportunity for further healing in the grief journey. There will be a reception following the Mass. Free info on grief will be available. For more details, call Karen, 301-471-7159.

"Care of the Sick and Dying," Thursday, November 19th, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the Community Center Hall. This is the second in the series of presentations on the *Social Teachings of the Church – What We Believe and How We Live it!* Panel members, P. Gregory Rausch, M.D., FACP, Rev. Fr. J. Dan Mindling, O.F.M., Cap, and Maura Fisher, J.D., will discuss medical concerns that patients and families face with end-of-life health care; Catholic teachings on end-of-life decisions; and legal aspects, including advanced directives and durable power of attorney. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. Fr. Mindling is the primary author of *Comfort and Consolation: Care of the Sick and Dying*, the Maryland Bishops' Pastoral Letter based on both Catholic teachings and Maryland law on advanced directives. Free copies of the Letter will be available to registered participants. For more info or to register, call 301-662-8288 x1007 or x1504 or visit our website, www.stjohn-frederick.org.

VIRTUOUS FAMILY FAIRY TALES: All families are welcomed to join us for our next session on *Hope*, **Sunday, November 15th, 2:00-4:00 PM,** in the Hall. Our monthly family sessions are an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, and have some fun with your family in the parish community.

ADVENT CALENDARS are coming **November 14th & 15th.** Boy Scout Troop 1274 will be selling Advent calendars after all Masses; there will be several different varieties and sizes available. Prices range from \$3-\$11.

POINSETTIA FLOWER SALE: Boy Scout Troop 1274 will be taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias after all Masses **November 14th & 15th and 21st & 22nd.** Orders will be picked up December 12th, 9:00 AM-12 Noon. Order forms will be available in next weekend's bulletin. All proceeds will be used to purchase much needed tents. We appreciate your continued support of our Scouts.

CHOCOLATE RETREAT! A women's retreat is planned for **January 15th & 16th** at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown. Join us as we connect the extravagance of chocolate with the extravagance of God's love and grace. The registration forms with full details are available at the parish office or on our website, www.stjohn-frederick.org.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE **November 2009**

"Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveler who has been attacked. It is justice's role to prevent the attacks." Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Founder, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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.

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).

Troop 1274 is looking for a burn barrel to be used for flag retiring ceremonies and on camp-outs. If you can help, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

The **40 Days for Life** came to a joyous close at St. Timothy's last Sunday night, November 1st. Thank you to all who participated but could not be there. Don't forget that the weekly Friday morning vigil at the abortion site on Toll House Avenue continues throughout the entire year. We'd love to see you there. Call Joanne, 301-662-0471, for time.

We regret that the Respect Life Committee will NOT be offering Christmas cards for sale this year.

Keep your eyes open for information on a bus leaving for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. The march will be held on January 22, 2010. It has now been 36 years since the Supreme Court Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion. Mark your calendars now and remember to pray for the unborn.

PARISHIONERS NEEDED: Building Utilization Committee. We are in the process of developing a Building Utilization Committee to study the effective use of each parish building for the next one, five, and ten years. Committee members will walk through each building, review its current and potential uses, and learn about related expenses. We would like the committee to report their results to the parish by January 10, 2010. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, November 11th, 7:00 PM,** in the Parish Center. Fr. Dick will lead the meeting. With questions or to register, please call Sue, 301-662-8288 x1010 or sue.swiss@stjohn-frederick.org.

WOLFGANG CANDY SALES: The Catholic Daughters are selling Wolfgang candy, nuts, cookie dough, cheese, beef sticks, candles, and wrapping paper to benefit local charities. 1st order due **Nov. 12th,** delivery Nov. 27th. 2nd order due **Dec. 7th,** delivery in several days. To get a Christmas candy book, call Joanne, 301-663-5655.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FIRST RECONCILIATION FAMILY DAYS will be held **November 7th & 14th from 9:30-11:30 AM** in the Community Center Hall. Families preparing their children for First Reconciliation should plan to attend **one** of the sessions.

CONFIRMATION:

PARENTS, Please contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105, to schedule your Confirmation interview.

STUDENTS, Please check out www.stjohne.com for ideas on choosing a Confirmation saint's name and service project ideas.

HSYM, Sunday, November 8th: Global Village. We will explore the social dimensions of the 4th & 5th Commandments. The goal is for the teens to be aware of the factors that destroy the culture of life on the global level. Finally, we will show how acting locally can have a global impact.

MSYM, Monday, November 9th: Praise & Worship. We will learn that there is an external expression of prayer as well as an internal expression, and we will have the opportunity to offer our praise and worship to God. We will have a special band to help with experiencing praise and worship!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: There will be a Lock-In on **Saturday, December 5th**, here at St. John's. We will start with Mass at 7:00 PM in the Church, followed by dinner in the cafeteria, leading into an awesome night of games, movies, and our ever-popular game, *Ghost in the Graveyard*, at midnight. Permission slips are available on www.stjohne.com.

XLT in Archbalt! XLT is an evening, for high school students, of praise and worship with adoration. Currently, this is being held at St. Joe's Fullerton on every 2nd Saturday from 6:00-7:30 PM, optional Mass at 4:40 PM, pizza to be served after Mass. Any high school students interested in attending, email Joe and grab a permission slip from www.stjohne.com.

WE ARE LOOKING for a few adults who would like to join our Middle or High School Core Team. As a team, we minister to the lives of adolescents in our parish community. Your presence will change the life of many teenagers, and, in turn, you will find your life changes as well. Please contact Joe, 301-662-8288 x1104.

ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

Come to our **Open House, November 11th, 9:00-11:00 AM** and at **7:00 PM** (please note new morning hours). Applications for Pre-K through 8th grade will be accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. Call the Admissions Office for a private tour, 301-695-9358. Financial aid and aftercare are available.

The SJRCS **"It's a Blue Ribbon Christmas"** Shopping

Social fundraiser will be held **Friday, November 20th, 6:00-10:00 PM**, at the school. Join us for an evening of holiday shopping!

STORY-TIME TOTS: Calling all 3- and 4-year-olds! Join us on **Monday, November 16th, 8:45 AM**. This month's theme is *Turkey Feathers*. Stories, craft activity, and refreshments are provided. RSVP to Jean Wright, 301-695-9358 or jwright@sjrcs.org.

SPANISH COMMUNITY

EXAMEN DE LA PRESION:

El sábado 7, de Noviembre /09 después de la Misa de las 6.00 PM en el Centro Comunitario Edificio 114, se estará tomando examen de la presión. Todos son bienvenidos.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 11-01-2009

Envelope Users (501)	\$18,269.00
Non-Envelope Users	\$ 4,257.71
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$22,526.71
Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed	\$28,251.00
Second Collection: School	\$ 3,415.17
St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund)	\$ 1,052.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

2nd Collection, November 14th & 15th: Emergency Assistance to Asia-Pacific Region, to assist our brothers and sisters devastated by the recent natural disasters – typhoons, earthquakes, tsunami, floods, and landslides in regions including the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Samoa, and American Samoa. The collection will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services, whose teams are in the affected areas helping rebuild communities and infrastructures, and providing support to families who have lost everything. Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

"SP" = Mass in Spanish

Day	Time	Intention
Monday November 9	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Poor Souls
Tuesday November 10	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Marie L. Walton (Anniv.) Poor Souls
Wednesday November 11	6:30 AM 8:00 AM Golden Living 6:30 PM (SP)	Deacon J. Michael Zusi Poor Souls Anna F. Grove William E. Baer & Family
Thursday November 12	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Poor Souls James Grove
Friday November 13	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Noreen Grove Poor Souls
Saturday November 14	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM	Poor Souls People of the Parish Victor Caceres Joseph Greulich
Sunday November 15	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	Joan Henwood Odette Lopez Pola Kasprzak Ints. Erna Nacpil Poor Souls Lois Stitely

