

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**  
*December 27, 2009*

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	Sirach 3:2-7,12-14	Psalm 128:1-5	Colossians 3:12-21	Luke 2:41-52
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	1 John 1:5-2:2	Psalm 124		Matthew 2:13-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 29</b>	1 John 2:3-11	Psalm 96:1-6		Luke 2:22-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>	1 John 2:12-17	Psalm 96:7-10		Luke 2:36-40
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 31</b>	1 John 2:18-21	Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13		John 1:1-18
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	Numbers 6:22-27	Psalm 67	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 2</b>	1 John 2:22-28	Psalm 98:1-4		John 1:19-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12

*FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*

Dear Friends,

I want to thank all the parishioners who worked to prepare for our inspirational Christmas celebrations: Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Organist, Choirs, Cantors, Musicians, Deacons, Liturgy Committee members, and Church, Hall, and Hood College Cleaners and Decorators.

But all of these people's efforts can only reach fruition when our community and visitors gather to celebrate the liturgy. And so, I thank all those who joined us to worship the Lord on His birthday.

Furthermore, worshipping the Lord is united with our caring for each other, because Jesus Himself told us, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me." My special thanks to all who organized and contributed to our efforts to share love and concern with the people of St. Gregory Parish in Baltimore, St. Joseph Parish in Midland, and St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Lonaconing.



**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

(All in the Church)

**December 31, 2009**

7:30 PM, Vigil

**January 1, 2010**

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon (Spanish)

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

**In Their Passage to Eternal Life:**

Raymond Myer

Lucy Ferri, mother of Fr. Greg Ferri

Gerald "Jerry" Falibota, husband of Janet Falibota

**THE NURSERY will be closed Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**CHRISTMAS WINE & CHEESE GATHERING, Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00 PM,** at the home of Hospitality/Fellowship member Becky Oden. All parishioners are most welcome and urged to join in the holiday festivities. Please bring your favorite holiday treat to share and a bottle of cheer. For more details and directions, please call Becky, 301-698-0321.

**CANDLELIGHT TOUR of the Historic Houses of Worship, Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-9:00 PM.** Please drop off your donations of cookies and brownies in the Atrium. Thank you for all your support.

**CHOCOLATE RETREAT!** A women's retreat is planned for **January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** 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. There are still a few spaces available. If you would like to give the gift of a Chocolate Retreat to a special woman in your life, contact Amy Spessard for details and gift certificates, 301-662-8288 x1102. The

registration forms with full details are available at the parish office or on our website, [www.stjohn-frederick.org](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org). Contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

**WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?** Our next session of the Virtuous Family Fairy Tales on temperance will be held **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. All families are invited to join us as we look for this virtue in Fairy Tales and Catholicism. Contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103, for more details.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus **next Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses**. Please join fellow parishioners in the Community Center cafeteria for food and fellowship.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Father/Daughter Dance, **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM**, in the Community Center Hall. Event sponsored by the St. John Girl Scout Troop 81397. For more details, contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102, or [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 Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105 for more info.

**PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**      **December 2009**  
*"You are well acquainted with the favor shown you by our Lord Jesus Christ: how for your sake he made himself poor though he was rich, so that you might become rich by his poverty . . ."*  
2 Corinthians 8:9

Consider gifts that keep on giving – gifts that make a difference. Ideas from Catholic Relief Services: A gift basket of projects is a simple way to honor the ones you love most by giving hope to people in tremendous need - see [gifts.crs.org](http://gifts.crs.org). Buying fair trade products is a way to bring the values of our faith to bear in the marketplace and to make consumer choices that help lift our brothers and sisters around the world out of poverty – see [www.crsfairtrade.org](http://www.crsfairtrade.org).

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

**Merry Christmas** from St. John's Respect Life Committee! May God bless you in the New Year and shine upon your efforts to protect His children: the unborn, the aged, and the crushed in spirit. Among the most crushed in spirit are the many women who have had an abortion in the past and need healing. Please refer them to Project Rachel, which deals daily with women suffering from post-abortion syndrome. Call **Project Rachel, 1-800-286-4224**.

**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).

**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. **Congratulations** to St. John's Boy Scout Troop 1274 on their one year anniversary! You have achieved amazing results in your first year.

**Troop 1274** held their winter Court of Honor last week. Congratulations to the following boys for achieving rank: Andrew Giacco-2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Alosha Tobias-2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Holden Salisbury-Scout, and Lane Salisbury-Scout.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Elizabeth Ann Seton #278 will be holding their annual Blood Drive, **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, in the Community Center Hall. Sign-ups will be held Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in the Community Center cafeteria, the Atrium, and outside the Church (weather permitting). For more details, call Clarice, 240-490-7085.

**SPONSOR COUPLES NEEDED:** St. John's is looking for Sponsor Couples to help prepare engaged couples for marriage. If you feel called as a couple to share the gift of your Sacrament of Marriage, please contact Amy Spessard for details, 301-662-8288 x1102.

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES or YOUTH MINISTRY CLASSES** from December 20<sup>th</sup> through **January 4, 2010** for Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

### CONFIRMATION:

**Parents:** Please schedule a Confirmation interview with Erica May for January. Call 301-662-8288 x1105.

**Parishioners:** Please pray for all the high school students preparing for the Confirmation Retreats in January and the Peer Ministers who will be directing the retreats.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND:** Ever wanted to do something more than just play music? Come to our *Meet and Greet* session on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in Youth Ministry Room 6. The Praise and Worship Band is open to all high schoolers and adults interested in being involved.

**SNOW TUBING:** Middle School students (grades 6-8) involved with MSYM are invited to an afternoon of snow tubing at Ski Liberty on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 PM. Each student may bring a friend, cost is \$36 per person which includes two hours of tubing and lunch. Parent/guardian must provide transportation and are

welcome to stay with the chaperones. Permission slips are available at [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com).

**MARCH FOR LIFE, January 21<sup>st</sup> \$ 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We will depart fro St. John's at 2:00 PM via of a charter bus, Thursday, and return by 5:00 PM on Friday. We will attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Salesian Vigil for Life on Thursday night with 300+ students from across the country. On Friday, experience a youth rally in the Verizon Center with 20,000other young people. Then, be one of 100,000+ other Americans who will be counted as respecting life from natural conception to natural death as we march through Washington, D.C. Cost is \$30 per student, space is limited. Visit [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com) for more details.

## 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.

## ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

**BEST WISHES for a Blessed and Happy New Year** to our regional parishioners from the faculty and staff at SJRCS.

**APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2010-2011 school year. For more details or to schedule a tour of the school, call Admissions, 301-695-9358 or visit [www.sjrscs.org](http://www.sjrscs.org). Tours are conducted daily from 9:00-11:00 AM. The next **Open House** will be held **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** "Dividends for Life" will be the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2010. The celebration begins January 30<sup>th</sup> with a concert and performances at FSK Mall and continues through February 5<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.

## HELP WANTED

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH** in Libertytown needs help with their Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, held at the Church, for 2:00 PM on Monday afternoons, 12 midnight Monday into Tuesday, and 4:00 AM early Saturdays. Please call Linda, 301-829-2888, or Diane, 301-898-0833, if you are interested.

## BEYOND THE PARISH

**MAKE-UP High School Placement Test (HSPT), Saturday, January 9, 2010,** at St. John's Catholic Prep High School located at 889 Butterfly Lane here in Frederick. Registration is at 8:30 AM; testing begins 9:00 AM. \$30 testing fee. Space limited, call the Admissions Office, 301-662-4210, to register.

## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES – 12/20/2009

Because of the Christmas Holiday, this bulletin had to be printed early. The finances for the weekend of December 20, 2009 will appear in the bulletin for January 3, 2010.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

Monday December 28	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Special Intention Msgr. Edward V. Echle
Tuesday December 29	6:30 AM 8:00 AM	Juan Carlos Storer Jane James
Wednesday December 30	6:30 AM 8:00 AM  6:30 PM (SP)	Richard Sohm Barbara & Kazimierz Kasprzak Corinne Callahan
Thursday December 31	6:30 AM 8:00 AM 7:30 PM	Alex Keepers (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Mary Lou Engert Anne Kathleen McGowan
Friday January 1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM (SP)	Joseph Bauer Robert Dutrow Special Intention
Saturday January 2	8:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM (SP)  7:00 PM	Ints. Lois Edwards Edward Lattanzi Ints. John McGowan and Family Sara McMurray Greenwell
Sunday January 3	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Ch 11:00 AM Hall 1:00 PM 5:00 PM (SP)	John O'Donoghue Nancy Hicken Richard Sohm People of the Parish Albert William Manhollan Corinne Callahan

## SVDP REPORT

**During October 2009,** the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) provided assistance to 65 people with housing expenses, 45 with medical expenses, 33 with legal expenses, 2 with travel expenses, 1 with childcare expenses, and 162 with utility expenses, for a total of 308 clients.

**During November 2009,** SVDP provided assistance to 60 with housing expenses, 4 with hotel expenses, 2 with fuel expenses, 45 with medical expenses, 22 with legal expenses, 1 with travel expenses, 1 with childcare expenses, 3 with auto insurance, and 150 with utility expenses, for a total of 287 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.