

November 12-13, 2011 ~ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week of November 13, 2011

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12,15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/
Mt 25:31-46

This Week in Our Parish

Mass intentions are listed in parentheses below

M 11/14 **Weekday**
9:00 am Daily Mass (*All Souls*) - Church
6:00 pm Breakfast with Santa Planning - 4
7:30 pm Outreach - 1,2
7:30 pm Building - 3
Tu 11/15 **Weekday/St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor of the Church**
9:00 am Daily Mass (*All Souls*) - Church
7:00 pm Country Fair wrap-up - 1,2
7:30 pm Youth Ministry Core Teams - off site
W 11/16 **Weekday/St. Margaret of Scotland/
St. Gertrude, virgin**
9:00 am Daily Mass (*All Souls*) - Church
6:00 pm Folk Group - Lapointe Hall
6:50 pm CFF & Choirs: New Roman Missal - LH
7:30 pm RCIA - Church
7:30 pm Capital Campaign - Off-site
8:00 pm Adult Choir - Lapointe Hall
Th 11/17 **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious**
6:15 pm Cub Scouts 1811 - 1,2,3,4
7:00 pm Kid's Choir - Lapointe Hall
Fr 11/18 **Weekday/Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter & Paul in Rome, apostles/St. Rose
Philippine Duchesne, virgin**
Outreach sorts Thanksgiving Dinners - B
Sa 11/19 **Weekday**
10:00 am Thanksgiving Dinners due - B
12:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinners pick-up - B
4:00 pm Confessions - Pastor's office
4:30 pm Mass (*Mabel O'Rangers*) - Lapointe Hall
5:30 pm Angel Tags - 1,2
Su 11/20 **Feast of Christ the King**
Hospitality & Angel Tags - 1,2
8:00 am Mass (*Parishioners*) - Church
9:30 am Mass (*Patrick J. Kelleher*) - Lapointe Hall
10:30 am RCIA - T
11:15 am Mass (*Mary Webber*) - Lapointe Hall
4:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinners pick-up - B
6:15 pm Life Teen - 1,2,3,LH
7:00 pm Women's Group - 4

We Pray For...

Fr. Leo Tittler, Theresa Lapointe, Joan McLoughlin; Tom McLoughlin; Pat Zimmerman; Roma Duber; Doug Duber; John & Mary Pate; Dan Pelz; Shirley Prince; Carol Ladouceur; Wilbur Ford; Florence Lee; Kelly Morgan; Keith Geisinger; Cody Pugh; Thomas Dilenno; Bobbie Scott; Mary Wolfe; Ann Smithers; Craig Goldsworthy; Frank Cantrell; Soledad Elad; Michelle Harich; Barbara German; Ida Susan Ricketson; Tom Putsay; Kevin Reese; Kathy Keller Roberts; Francesca McCarter; Rev. Art Kuehn; Duane Krepps; John Pawlik; Clark Genau; Jean Ryberg; Mary Justice

About Our Prayer List

To add a name to the prayer list, please email office@stjoesbuckeystown.org or call 301-663-0907 x3022. For privacy reasons, names will be included only if they are submitted by the person requesting prayers themselves or a close relative. Names will be kept on the list for six months.

Prayer For Our Troops

*Lord, hold our troops
in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
For the selfless acts they perform
For us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Word of Life

Analyzing the risk of mental health problems for women after an abortion, a new meta-analysis of 22 studies—with a total of over 800,000 participants—found that women who aborted a child have an 81% increased risk of subsequent mental health problems compared to women who have not had an abortion. When compared to women with an “unplanned” pregnancy who gave birth, women who had an abortion have a 138% higher risk of mental health problems. ~See P.K. Coleman, “Abortion and Mental Health: Quantitative Synthesis and Analysis of Research Published 1995-2009,” *The British Journal of Psychiatry* (2011) 199: 180-86.)

Social Justice - Global Climate Change

"Grateful for the gift of creation . . . we invite Catholics and men and women of good will in every walk of life to consider with us the moral issues raised by the environmental crisis. . . . These are matters of powerful urgency and major consequence. They constitute an exceptional call to conversion. As individuals, as institutions, as a people, we need a change of heart to preserve and protect the planet for our children and for generations yet unborn. ~*Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good*

On the road?

Check out www.masstimes.org for information on Mass times and locations in the area you are visiting.

Thank you for your contributions!

Weekend of November 5-6:

Regular Offertory (including auto-giving)

\$12,739.19

New Church Gifts (including auto-giving)

\$ 3,571.75

Demonstrate Your Thankfulness

St. Joseph's relies heavily on a seasonal increase in donations each year starting around Thanksgiving. These contributions help support the work of the church throughout the year. During this season, please consider showing appreciation for your own good fortune or good health by making an additional contribution, or, if you haven't done so already, by committing to a consistent giving plan. Your parish offers a convenient electronic giving option for making donations. Please contact the parish office for details.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in next week's collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

Please Support Catholic Education

You can support values-added education for children by making a gift using the monthly "Catholic Education" envelope. The Catholic school is a key factor in passing on the faith to the next generation. While there are many families who make a commitment and sacrifice to send their children to Catholic school, there are still many more who would like to. Please support Catholic Education with your prayers and your treasure so that more children may experience an education that prepares them academically and spiritually for a Christian life.

Gift Cards

In time for the holidays! We are selling Gift Cards for some of the best stores and taking orders for others every weekend through December 10-11 with final pick-up December 17-18. This is your chance to get your Christmas gift cards and support the building of our new church at the same time.

We have added new vendors to our on-hand cards! Additions include: Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Home Depot, iTunes, Kohl's, Lowe's, Outback/Carraba's/Bonefish, Red Lobster/Olive Garden/Longhorn and Red Robin.

This week's Poor Box donations - St. Vincent de Paul

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. When you give to the Poor Box, you are sharing God's extravagant love. Volunteers are also needed (301-662-4676).

Rest in Peace

Lorraine Capizzi

Mother of Philip Capizzi



The flowers in Lapointe Hall this weekend are from Ann Marie and Rich Lyons in honor of their son EM3 Daniel Lyons, US Navy, and all veterans of our armed forces.

Breakfast with Santa planning

Planning for Breakfast with Santa this year has begun. We need people to step forward to volunteer with setup on Friday, December 9, and with serving and cleanup on Saturday, December 10. In addition, elves are needed to assist Santa. Do you have a new idea that would help make this event more enjoyable for the parish community youth? Then drop by a Breakfast with Santa planning meeting in room 4 on Monday, November 14 from 6 to 8 pm. Thoughts and suggestions may be emailed to Karl P. Ivanisin at PepeLePew321@aol.com.

Hospitality Sunday

On November 20th the Outreach Committee will be featured at Hospitality Sunday. Join us after Mass for coffee and donuts in rooms 1 & 2. Social Justice will be providing Alternative Christmas gift brochures. **Angel Tags** will be available after all Masses as well. Please take a tag and bring your gift to the basement by 10 am on Saturday, December 10th.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thanksgiving Day we will celebrate Mass at 9 am in the church. We invite you to join the community in giving thanks for the many gifts God has bestowed on us. Please bring in canned food for the collection.

Reminder: The parish offices will be closed November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Building Our Community, Building Our Church

Greetings Fellow Parishioners!

This week as we had five more families step up to help make our vision of a new church a reality. To date we have received pledges from **26** families for a total of **\$518,000**.



Just a reminder that if you have been visited please pray about your sacrifice, complete your pledge form and return it as soon as possible.

I ask that you continue to pray for the success of this campaign, accept a call from myself or a fellow parishioner, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Fred Genau 301-694-6321

Respect Life Christmas Cards

Our annual Christmas Card Sale will begin the weekend of November 12-13. Cards will be available in the parish center hallway. This year we have many new and beautiful pro-life cards, so please stop by after Mass.

Outreach Holiday Dinners Schedule

Thanksgiving dinners

Thanksgiving food drop-off dates & times

November 19: 10 am: Donations due in basement
10 am: Pack dinners

November 21: 9:30 am: Deliver dinners

Christmas dinners and gifts

November 19/20: Angel tags distributed

December 10: 10 am: Gifts due
10 am: Sort Christmas gifts

December 17: 10 am: Dinners due in basement
10 am: Pack Christmas dinners


December 19: Deliver dinners and gifts

We need lots of boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas food deliveries. Please keep your eyes open for boxes about the size of copy paper boxes. Questions? Call Mary Ann Breland at 301-695-9045 or maryabreland@comcast.net or Lisa Caponiti at 301-874-1680 or lisa.caponiti@comcast.net

Children's Choir for Christmas Eve

The Children's Choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, November 17 at 7 pm in Lapointe Hall. All children in first grade and up are invited to participate. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings throughout December from 7-8 pm. For more information, contact Cindy Kindl at 301-663-0907 x3017 or ckindl@stjoesbuckeystown.org.

Save the Date – Breakfast with Santa!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 10th for our annual Breakfast with Santa. More information on Santa's visit to St. Joseph's will  coming soon.

The Town of Bethlehem and the Magi are coming to St. Joseph's, Saturday, January 7, 2012

Have you heard? It's new and it's replacing our traditional Christmas Pageant. There will be food, decorating, actors, crafters, singing, storytelling and much more...Come to a meeting on Sunday, November 13 from 12:30-2 pm and learn more. Help plan the Feast of the Magi! Call 301-663-0907 for Cindy (x 3017) or Therese Ivanisin (x 3012) with any questions.

Christmas Flowers

Those wishing to make a donation toward the parish Christmas flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one are welcome to do so. Please use the envelope in your packet, or mark a regular envelope with 'Christmas Flowers' and return it to the office by Friday, December 9th.



Baptism Prep Class

Our Baptism Preparation program has changed. First time parents will now attend two sessions, one week apart before a baptism will be scheduled.

Repeating parents must have attended a Baptismal Preparation Class within the past 4 years before a baptism will be scheduled. If not they will take Session I of the program.

The next **Baptism Preparation Session I** will be held **Monday, December 5 at 7 pm; Session II** will be held on **Monday, December 12**, both in Room 3 of the Parish Center. Although there is no fee for these classes, **registration is required**. To register please contact Therese Kennedy at 301-663-0907 x3022 or email office@stjoesbuckeystown.org.

You are encouraged to sign up for the preparation classes before your delivery date. Please note that baptisms are not scheduled during Lent.

St. Joseph's Women's Group

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, **November 20th**, at 7 pm in Parish Center Room 4. The Women's Group is designed to nurture bonds, create friendships, and explore ways to get our families more involved in our parish community. **All women of the parish are welcome!** Contact Cassie Hintermister at chintermister@comcast.net or (301) 846-7710 with any questions.

Hospital Admittances

Fr. John Lesnick from St. John the Evangelist in charge of the hospital ministry at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Representatives with this ministry are available on a daily basis FMH. If you would like the representative visit or bring you communion please let the hospital know when you are admitted.

Recycling at St. Joseph's

We now have recycle containers in the Parish Center and trailer! Just as at home, paper, empty bottles and cans may be placed in these blue bins. Please, no food waste (plates, utensils, cups, napkins, etc.) Let's work together to be good caretakers of our environment. This approach also saves the parish money and helps us be responsible stewards of our finances, too.

Notary Public on Parish Staff

If you need the services of a notary public, please call the parish office at 301-663-0907 x3010 to schedule an appointment with Janette Collins. There is no charge for this service.

Need information from a past bulletin? Out of town last weekend?

Check out the new look of our website www.stjoesbuckeystown.org for previous bulletins and other parish news! You can also sign up to receive e-news from the parish.

Faith Formation

Therese Ivanisin, Director, ext. 3012



Ashley Arominski, Youth Ministry, ext. 3016

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR			
Wednesday CFF (K-5)	6:50—8:00pm	Nov 16	Topic: Roman Missal
The town of Bethlehem and the Magi are coming to St. Joseph's, Planning Meeting: Saturday, January 7, 2012 <i>Be in on it!</i>	12:30pm-2:00pm	Nov 13	The first meeting - Basic planning has begun now we need input and help from everyone. Attend the meeting and help plan the feast of the Magi. Questions, Call Cindy or Therese I.
Life Teen (gr 9 - 12)	6:15—8:15pm	Nov 20	
Edge (gr 6 - 8)	2:30—4:30pm	Nov 13	
FAB (Faith Advisory Board)	7:00—9:00pm	Dec. 12	Become involved in the overall way we nourish and share our faith in the various programs.
Saturday Generations of Faith (GoF) K - 8th gr and adults	6:00—9:00pm includes potluck dinner	Nov. 12	Topic: <i>Roman Missal</i> —Now that we have begun the new prayers/responses has anything really changed?
Sunday Afternoon Generations of Faith (GoF) K - 8th grade and adults	12:45—2:45pm	Dec. 11	Topic: Church, Unit 4
Sunday Evening Generations of Faith (GoF) K - 5th grade and adults	5:30—7:30pm	**Nov 13**	Topic: <i>Roman Missal</i> —Now that we have begun the new prayers/responses has anything really changed?
Baptism Prep Session	7:00—8:30pm	Dec 5, 12	To register for classes. Call Therese Kennedy, ext. 3022 Don't wait! Call early.
Reconciliation Prep Session	12:15pm-3:15pm	Dec 3	Parent(s) & child gather to review ch. 1-3
** dates out of usual sequence			

Living the Eucharist

The parish-based program is called to foster spiritual growth and discipleship among all active and inactive parishioners.

The following areas need team planners and members to help coordinate the entire program. All materials are supplied and time committee is limited not long range. Where might you be able to help?

- Communications Coordinator
- Prayer Coordinator—Adoration Sub-Committee
- Youth Ministry Coordinator
- Family Coordinator
- Small Group Coordinator
- Liturgical Ministers Coordinator
- Catholic School Coordinator

Interested in being part of the planning team?
Call Therese Ivanisin, ext 3012.

CFF Cancellation Procedures ~

WEDNESDAY CFF ~ If Frederick schools are cancelled then CFF is also cancelled

NEW ROMAN MISSAL CLASSES (6th-12th)

Are your kids confused on the changes in the Mass? Do you as a parent not understand the changes either? All youth & parents are welcomed to come to either Edge or Life Teen with your child to learn why these changes happened.

Edge (6th-8th) - Nov. 13th at 2:30-4:30pm
Life Teen (9th-12th) - Nov. 20th at 6:15-8:15pm

CLOW = Children's Liturgy of the Word

Adults are needed for **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. Call Therese (Mrs. I.) with questions or to sign up to help.

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The Confirmation Program needs one more teacher to help with this coming year's Confirmation Class starting in January. If you would like to help please contact Ashley.

Take the STAND training now so you can volunteer as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, or Children's Liturgy Leader. There's lots of ways to serve! **For more information contact Jeanne, 301-663-0907, ext. 3018.**



THE MOST SACRED OF ALL PROPERTY: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND

November 2011

Introduction

The Bishops of Maryland have written a statement on religious liberty which reviews the history and role of religious freedom in our society, highlights present-day threats to this freedom, and offers ways to get involved.

Copies of the complete statement are available at your parish, on diocesan websites and on the Maryland Catholic Conference website at www.mdccathcon.org.

The Greater Baltimore Center for Pregnancy Concerns has a simple mission: to help expectant mothers in need, assisting over 1,000 women each year with support, parenting classes, furniture, and more.

The Center is the kind of charitable organization that public officials should promote. Yet Baltimore tried to curtail its mission and free speech rights simply because it is pro-life. No similar restrictions were placed on abortion clinics.

Efforts to restrict the rights of individuals and institutions because of their religious or moral beliefs are on the rise here in Maryland and around the nation. Religious liberty – a right rooted in our human dignity and protected by the First Amendment – is being silently and subtly eroded.

We know that religious liberty is a foundational element of a vibrant democracy and helps guarantee those other precious freedoms we Americans enjoy. The only way to preserve it, is through the vigilance of concerned citizens and their willingness to stand up for this right.

History

Religious liberty began in the New World with the founding of Maryland. It is one of our state's greatest

contributions to the nation and the world.

In 1634, settlers arrived at St. Clement's Island in Southern Maryland at the invitation of the Catholic Lord Baltimore, who had been granted Maryland by the Protestant King Charles I of England. While Catholics and Protestants were killing each other in Europe, Lord Baltimore imagined Maryland as a society where people of different faiths could live together peacefully.

But Maryland's early history teaches us that, like any freedom, religious liberty requires constant vigilance and protection, or it will disappear.

Maryland's experiment in religious toleration ended within a few decades. The royal charter was revoked and the Church of England became the established religion. Discriminatory laws, including the loss of political rights, were enacted against those who refused to conform. Catholic chapels were closed. The Catholic community lived under these conditions until the American Revolution.

When the framers of our Constitution adopted a Bill of Rights, religious freedom was given the distinction of being at the forefront of the First Amendment, which guarantees that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This amendment provides the foundation for our pluralistic society, in which people of different faiths and beliefs can live and worship in peace.

A Natural Right

Religious freedom is not merely a civil right afforded us by our government, but, more fundamentally, it is a natural right due each person because of his human dignity.

Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. He offers us His love

but He does not force us to accept it. The Lord respects our freedom to accept Him or to reject Him; so too must government and society.

Religious freedom is an essential element of the human person and a basic human right. It protects the ability to practice any faith or no faith. It preserves the right to follow one's conscience, in acts both internal and external, in private and public, as an individual and as a member of a community.

A Contribution to the Common Good

Religious freedom is so fundamental to our nature that not only does it uphold individual human dignity, but it is also integral to the establishment of a good and just society. Individuals who are free to exercise religious liberty are free to live out their faith in service to others and to build up the common good.

Faith groups and religious organizations often are the largest providers of private social services, including hospitals and health clinics, schools and universities, shelters and food pantries.

Religious liberty also enables religious groups to provide a voice for the voiceless. At the dawn of our nation, the Quakers led the charge in publicly challenging our new national government to abolish slavery.

Religious individuals and groups have played a key role in reminding society of their intrinsic value and worth. Those who suffer from mental or physical disabilities are often ignored or, at times, even outright rejected by society. The Church here in Maryland was a leader in successful efforts in 1989 to ban the execution of those with an intellectual disability.

But perhaps the most striking example of the good fruits of religious liberty is

the civil rights movement. Led by a Baptist minister, it expressed an explicitly religious call for the equal treatment of African Americans. It is in this context that Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote from a Birmingham jail to his fellow ministers about the difference between just and unjust laws – a concept that presupposes a higher law. While Rev. King argued that there is a legal and moral responsibility to obey just laws, he cited St. Augustine for the principle that “an unjust law is no law at all.”

Subtle Threats

Americans are blessed to enjoy freedoms for which many in our world can only hope. But in recent years there has been a subtle promotion of the idea that religious liberty should be restricted to Sunday morning worship. The right to exercise our faith and follow our conscience in all aspects of our lives are rights that are increasingly viewed with hostility.

A healthy democracy can function only when its citizens are able to freely engage in public debate. That includes the freedom to approach the public debate through the lens of faith and moral values.

Sadly, some view the Church’s very presence in the public square as an act of imposition. They claim that our identification as persons of faith disqualifies us from participation in the public debate.

Conscience Rights of Health Care Workers: Luke Vander Bleek owns a small-town pharmacy in Illinois that sells almost every drug – except the “morning after pill,” to which he has religious objections. Though a public hospital just a few blocks away sells it, the state of Illinois threatened to close his business and end his career. Mr. Vander Bleek was forced to retain an attorney and sue for his right to practice his profession in accordance with his religious beliefs. Thankfully, an Illinois trial court ruled in Mr. Vander Bleek’s favor.

Conscience Rights in Health Care Debate: As part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services efforts to enact the *2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, the department is mandating that all private health insurance plans cover surgical sterilization procedures and birth control, including IUD, ‘morning-after’ pills and abortion-inducing drugs, in addition to ‘education and counseling’ for women and girls of reproductive age. What is missing is any genuine exemption for the Catholic Church and other religious institutions to not offer health insurance with these mandates. Furthermore, individuals are given no protection against contributing to these procedures.

Same-Sex Marriage: Religious institutions and society in general are not the only ones at risk if same-sex marriage passes in Maryland. Religious business owners like florists, bakers, and musicians would be forced to work at same-sex marriage ceremonies. This violation is not hypothetical. A Christian photographer in New Mexico was found to have engaged in illegal discrimination after the company declined to photograph a same-sex ceremony. A Methodist church in New Jersey lost its tax-exempt status for declining to allow a same-sex couple to marry in a pavilion it owned.

Defending Religious Freedom

What do we do to preserve and strengthen the great gift of religious liberty?

Prayer: Prayer is the most powerful tool we have. Conversation with Our Lord opens up wellsprings of grace that enable us to become effective instruments in His hands and that assist others in making prudent decisions.

Education: Religious liberty and the right of conscience will be further eroded unless the Catholic community stays informed about the challenges these rights face and the reasons why they are integral to a just society.

Action: The most basic way for us to participate in the political process is through our votes in local, state, and federal elections. Our Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network, run by the Maryland Catholic Conference,

provides updates on public policy issues and provides pre-drafted e-mails to send to lawmakers. Register online at www.mdccathcon.org. There are also opportunities to advocate for religious liberty in person.

We call on all Marylanders to reaffirm the basic, foundational principles upon which our democratic society is built. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religious belief. No one should be subject to coercion because of those beliefs.

These are the principles that those first Marylanders brought with them. These are the principles embraced by our founding fathers and by our Church. These are the principles that are indeed the most sacred of all property.

Our call as Christians

Conscience is the most sacred of all property; other property depending in part on positive law, the exercise of that, being a natural and unalienable right.

– James Madison, 1792

Our rulers can have authority over such natural rights only as we have submitted to them. The rights of conscience we never submitted, we could not submit.

– Thomas Jefferson,

Notes on Virginia

Religious freedom expresses what is unique about the human person, for it allows us to direct our personal and social life to God, in whose light the identity, meaning and purpose of the person are fully understood.

– Pope Benedict XVI,

Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2011

Food Basket - Full Meal for a Family of 4

1 turkey (12-20 lbs) or ham (for Christmas) or \$15 gift card for the turkey or ham
5 or 10 pound bag of potatoes

Canned / Boxed items

Vegetables (assorted)
Cranberry Sauce
Potato (box)
Pasta mix
Rice
Cereal and Pancake mix w/syrup
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Fruit Juice
Stuffing (box/bag)
Dessert item (one that does **not** require refrigeration)

If for **Thanksgiving**, please bring food by **10:00am, Saturday, November 19, 2011.**

If for **Christmas**, please bring food by **10:00am, Saturday, December 17, 2011.**

Any other items you think a family would enjoy.

Please contact the following with any questions or concerns you have:

Mary Ann Breland 301-695-9045

Lisa Caponiti 301-874-1680

Thank you for your generosity, Outreach Ministry

Thanksgiving dinners

November 19: pack Thanksgiving dinners (church basement) - 10am

November 19: 12-3 pm and November 20: 4-6 pm family pick ups

November 21: deliver dinners (church basement) - 9:30am

Christmas dinners and Angel Tree

December 17: pack Christmas dinners (church basement) -10am

December 17: 12-3 pm and December 18: 4-6 pm family pick-up dinners/gifts

December 19: deliver dinners and gifts (church basement) - 9:30am

Please drop this section in the collection basket at Mass, mail in or leave in the Outreach mailbox in the parish office.

Your Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Can help with pick ups: Nov 19 _____ Nov 20 _____ Dec 17 _____ Dec 18 _____

Can help deliver: Nov 21 _____ Dec 19 _____

Please circle what meal you can provide (one/both):
Thanksgiving
Christmas

Community Bulletin Board

St. John Regional Catholic School News

Christmas Shopping Social: November 18, from 6 to 9 pm. Shop with over 25 vendors, and escape on Christmas Island to get a jump start on your holiday shopping. Vendors opportunities available! Email RobinCsiszar@gmail.com or call Sheila Evers at 301-662-6722 for more information.

Story Time Tots: "Thank you God for Fall" free story time will be held on Monday, November 14 starting at 8:30 am for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. Please join us and bring a friend. For more information please contact Sheila Evers 301-662-6722.

Mother Seton School

Open House - Tuesday, November 15: 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 8 pm. Mother Seton School (100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg) is a vibrant Christ-centered community that seeks to inspire students, pre-k through grade 8, to strive for academic excellence. Financial aid, bus transportation, and before & after care is available. Time not convenient? Call 301-447-3161 to schedule a tour and receive school information. or visit www.mothersetonschool.org

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus award several scholarships each year for both college and high school students. For information on scholarships available, please write to: Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, 10915 Stand Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117, or visit www.kofc-md.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is February 1, 2012.

Rosary Crusade

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!

"Everything begins with prayer" Mother Teresa Saturday, November 19th, at 10:30 am at the Gazebo in Baker Park. Bring your family, (lawn chairs) and invite others to peacefully pray with Our Mother of Hope and us! Come rain or shine! Questions: Call Pat Oliver at 301-845-8253 Next Rosary Crusade date: December 10th, 2011 at 10:30 am. Organized by: Frederick, Lay Missionaries of Charity, Co-Workers and the Knights of Columbus.

Taizé Prayer

Join us on Friday, December 2 for an evening of quiet prayer, scripture reading and songs as we enter the Advent season. People of all ages from all over and from different faith traditions can come together to participate in a community of prayer that is meditative and easily accessible for all. The evening begins with light refreshments at 6 pm, followed by the prayer service at 7 in the Chapel. Although there is no fee for this event, we ask you to register. Call (410) 442-3120 for more information or to register. A free will offering is invited. Bon Secours Spiritual Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville MD 21104.

Single Again - Frederick County

A support group for individuals, who are separated, divorced or widowed, will meet from 10 am to noon, Saturday, November 19th at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 8651 Biggs Ford Road, Walkersville. Adults from all area parishes are welcome. Childcare will not be provided. For information, contact Andrea at 301-695-9156 or Joanne at 301-302-7100.

Knights of Columbus

Imagine being a part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their church. Being a Knight is more than fraternity; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your parish, while enhancing your own faith. Come see what it is all about and take the first step to enhance your personal life. Council 1622 invites you to learn more on Sunday afternoon, November 20 at 12:30 pm in room 10 of St. John the Evangelist Community Center. All family members are invited to attend this short, informative presentation. Contact: Jose Rector, Grand Knight, 1622; www.kofc1622.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unending prize." Do we value the prize we have in our spouse enough to take time to enjoy it? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 17 - 19, 2012. An early application is highly recommended. For more information and to apply online visit wwme.net, or call 410-665-5700, or email meinfo@verizon.net.

Catholic Charities Hunger Free Communities

Have you been laid off? Having trouble making ends meet? If your income is low think of Food Stamps as insurance into which you've already paid and can now provide help. Catholic Charities' Hunger-Free Communities Partnership offers application assistance for Food Stamps, which now distributes benefits on a plastic card, similar to a bank card. Appointments for eligibility screening and application assistance are scheduled directly with the counselor. To learn more about the Hunger-Free Communities Partnership or to schedule an appointment, contact the Outreach Worker at (443) 939- 6031.

Pregnant, Need Help?

Call the Gabriel Network - 1-800-ANGEL-OK

Suffering Post-Abortion Syndrome?

Call Project Rachel - 1-800-286-4224