

November 19-20, 2011 ~ Feast of Christ the King

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2011

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12,15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/
Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Sir 50:22-24/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/
Mk 13:33-37

This Week in Our Parish

Mass intentions are listed in parentheses below

M 11/21 **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00 am Daily Mass (*All Souls*) - Church
Tu 11/22 **St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr**
9:00 am Daily Mass (*All Souls*) - Church
7:00 pm Liturgy - 3
7:30 pm Renew - 4
W 11/23 **Weekday/St. Clement I, pope & martyr/
St. Columban, abbot/Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro,
priest & martyr**
9:00 am Daily Mass (*Deceased members of the Foody
Family*) - Church
6:00 pm Folk Group - Lapointe Hall
7:30 pm Adult Choir - Lapointe Hall
Th 11/24 **St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest & martyr, and
his companions, martyrs**
9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass - Church
Offices closed
Fr 11/25 **Weekday/St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin
and martyr**
Offices closed
Sa 11/26 **Weekday**
4:00 pm Confessions - Pastor's office
4:30 pm Mass (*Rita Ploch*) - Lapointe Hall
Su 11/27 **First Sunday of Advent**
8:00 am Mass (*Harry Murphy*) - Church
9:30 am Mass (*Parishioners*) - Lapointe Hall
10:30 am RCIA - T
11:15 am Mass (*Jim & Norma Schad, special*) - LH

Next weekend's **Poor Box** collection benefits:
Birthright of Frederick County

Birthright provides support, counseling and direct assistance to any women facing a problem pregnancy who wants to keep her baby.

Sponsor Forms

Have you been invited to be a Godparent or a Confirmation Sponsor? Congratulations! If the Sacrament is taking place in *another* parish, you'll need a **sponsor form** from your home parish. Please call the office (x3022), and we'll be happy to help!

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

These witnesses [young people with severe disabilities] speak to us, first and foremost, of the dignity of all human life, created in the image of God. No suffering can efface this divine image imprinted in the depths of our humanity. But there is more: because the Son of God wanted freely to embrace suffering and death, we are also capable of seeing God's image in the face of those who suffer. Dear friends, our society, which all too often questions the inestimable value of life, of every life, needs you: in a decisive way you help to build the civilization of love.

~ Pope Benedict XVI - visit to San José Foundation for disabled youth. Madrid, August 20, 2011

Social Justice - Global Climate Change

Each of us should carefully consider our choices and lifestyles. We live in a culture that prizes the consumption of material goods. While the poor often have too little, many of us can be easily caught up in a frenzy of wanting more and more—a bigger home, a larger car, etc. Even though energy resources literally fuel our economy and provide a good quality of life, we need to ask about ways we can conserve energy, prevent pollution, and live more simply. ~*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 12-13:

Regular Offertory (including auto-giving)
\$8,290.15

New Church Gifts (including auto-giving)
\$ 711.67

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 this week's collection more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.



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.

Congratulations!

Pope Benedict has honored one of our parishioners: Maria-Teresa D'Orazio has been awarded the *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* for her long standing work with the Spanish speaking community in Frederick and the Archdiocese. She will be honored and receive the *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* at a special service at 4pm on Sunday, November 20, at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Maria is an inspiration to all of us -- We join in congratulating Maria for this great honor.

Little Books for Advent

After Masses this weekend, the Liturgy Committee will be handing out "The Little Blue Book" for the Advent and Christmas Season which begins next Sunday. It is filled with six minute reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Matthew to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. It is a wonderful way during this hectic holiday season to find the opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord. Please take one per family.

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 **28** families for a total of **\$548,000**.



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.

Are You Gluten Intolerant?

If you or any member of your family is gluten intolerant we do have Archdiocese-approved low gluten hosts that can be used for the Eucharist. The amount of gluten in these altar breads is 0.01% and has been found to be safe for most people with this intolerance. If you or your family member would like to receive a low gluten host, please let the Mass Coordinator know before Mass begins and we will make a low gluten host available for you. If you have any questions, contact Janet Cugini at jcugini@comcast.net or phone her at 301-874-8416.

What is an Extraordinary Minister?

An Extraordinary Minister assists the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion not only at Mass but also to the sick and homebound. Here at St. Joseph's, we have a very active Extraordinary Ministry. If you are a Catholic in good standing, have a deep reverence for the Eucharist, and are willing to serve our parish community we really could use your help! Please contact Janet Cugini, our Extraordinary Minister Coordinator, at jcugini@comcast.net or phone her at 301-874-8416.

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.

Outreach Holiday Dinners Schedule

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 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

Christmas Pageant

This year we are trying something new and different for our parish Christmas celebration. On Saturday, January 7 from 12–4 pm we will be celebrating Christmas in Bethlehem in the Parish Center, where we will "travel" back to Bethlehem to the time Jesus was born. This will be an opportunity to visit with the people of Bethlehem, sign the census, make gifts for those in our community in need, sing, dance and learn about what life was like 2,000 years ago. In the evening we will celebrate the birth of the Messiah with the Feast of the Magi from 5:45 - 8 pm. We will share a meal with the Holy Family and the Three Wise Men. Make your plans to enjoy a wonderful day filled with activities, fun and learning for the whole community. We need people interested in helping make this a successful event. If you would like to learn more about how you can be involved, please contact Cindy Kindl at ckindl@stjoesbuckeystown.org or Therese Ivanisin at tivanisin@stjoesbuckeystown.org.

Respect Life Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards with a pro-life message are now available in the parish center hallway. This year we have many new and beautiful pro-life cards, so please stop by after Mass.

Parish Financial Report - October 2011

Income	Total
Offertory Collections	\$40,693
Other Operating Income	\$965
Specific Operating Areas Income	\$24,668
Evangelization, Catechesis, and Other Program Income	\$1,369
Total Income	\$67,695
Expenses	
Cost of Facilities	\$8,066
Administration Expenses	\$3,414
Worship Expense	\$1,267
Specific Operating Area Expenses	\$8,770
Labor Costs	\$14,878
Employee Benefit Costs	\$5,302
Evangelization, Catechesis, and Other Programs Expenses	\$3,388
School and Archdiocesan Support	\$750
Total Expenses	\$45,836
Net Operating Income	\$21,860
Other Income	
Special Fundraising for Catholic Schools	\$380
New Church Income	\$9,537
Cemetery Endowment Donations	\$600
Archdiocesan Grant & Subsidy Income	\$240
Other Expenses	
New Church Pre-Building Expenses	\$2,275

Faith Formation

Therese Ivanisin, Director, ext. 3012

Ashley Arominski, Youth Ministry, ext. 3016

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Wednesday CFF (K-5th Grade)	6:50—8:00pm	Nov. 30, Dec. 7	Topic: Advent & Liturgical Year
Magi are coming! Planning Meeting:	12:30pm—until ?	Dec. 4	Planning has begun, sign up to help now! Let us know of your talents and see where you can contribute. Questions, Call Cindy or Therese I.
Life Teen (9 - 12th Grade)	6:15—8:15pm / Lapointe Hall	Nov 20	Roman Missal: What is with all these changes at Mass?
Edge (6 - 8th Grade)	2:30—4:30pm / Lapointe Hall	Dec. 4	Mary, the Mother of God & Advent
Faith Formation Advisory Board	7:00—9:00pm	Dec. 12	Be involved in the Faith Formation of the parish.
Saturday Generations of Faith (GoF) K - 8th Grade & Adults	6:00—9:00pm includes potluck dinner	Dec. 10	Topic: K-5 Unit 4: <i>The Church</i> Adults: <i>How Do You Recognize the Church?</i> CCC 811-870
Sunday Afternoon Generations of Faith (GoF) K - 8th Grade & Adults	12:45—2:45pm	Dec. 11	Topic: Unit 4: <i>The Church</i> Adults: <i>How Do You Recognize the Church?</i> CCC 811-870
Sunday Evening Generations of Faith (GoF) K - 5th Grade & Adults	5:30—7:30pm	**Dec. 4**	Topic: Unit 4: <i>The Church</i> Adults: <i>How Do You Recognize the Church?</i> CCC 811-870
Baptism Prep Session	7:00—8:30pm	Dec 5, 12	To register call Therese Kennedy, ext. 3022 Don't wait!
Reconciliation Prep Session	12:15pm-3:15pm	Dec 3	Parent(s) & child gather to review chap. 1-3

** dates out of usual sequence

K-5th GRADE

Generations of Faith: If you did not turn your books in please drop them off to the Faith Formation office.

Thanksgiving Tree: Ask each member to make a leaf and write on it something that they are thankful that God has given to them. See how big you can make your tree!

Register to have breakfast with Santa.



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The Confirmation Program needs one more teacher to help with this coming year's Confirmation Classes starting in January. Contact Ashley if you can help!

SACRAMENTS

Are you working on chapters 1, 2, & 3? See everyone Dec. 3rd.

Reconciliation Families

If you have chosen your date for First Eucharist please turn it in to Therese. The group is filling up!

6th-12th GRADE

Youth Ministry Support Team

Any parents/adults that would like to be apart of the Youth Ministry Support Team please contact Ashley ASAP we will have our first meeting soon. This team will help plan fundraisers, outings, and outreach for our parish youth (6th-8th grade)

Saturday GoF: Keep working on the prayers - think candy.

ADULTS & FAMILIES

Advent Begins: Does your family have a wreath? If not make one out of evergreens. You need a circle, 4 candles (3 purple) and (1pink).

GoF: Do not forget to look in your family folders for your child's book.

December 3, 5:30p-8:30p. We watch the kids! Go and enjoy a holiday date! See website for more details & registrations. Questions or interested in helping: call Ashley or Therese.

December 10th: Breakfast with Santa

Living the Eucharist: Coming this Lent

Your family is invited to

 *Breakfast with Santa* 

Saturday, December 10, 2011

Event: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Buffet Served: 9:00am - 11:00 am

Location: Saint Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor Parish Center

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Pancakes	Sausage	Eggs	Potatoes		
Cereal	Fruit	Coffee	Tea	Milk	Juice

Adults: **\$7.00**

Children (5-12 YRS): **\$4.00**

Children Under 5: **FREE**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th!**

Contact: Al Lopez 301-473-7821 or email: 1alopez@comcast.net, or
Jim Schad 301-874-1681

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name, Phone Number, Number of Adults,
Number and Ages of Children

***Goodie Bags!! Candy Canes!!
Bring Your Camera to Take Pictures of Santa!
Santa Arrives at 10:00am!***

Saint Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor Catholic Church
5843 Manor Woods Road, Frederick, Maryland



Advent (“ad-venio” in Latin or “to come to”) is the start of the Church’s liturgical year, and this is appropriate as our Christian life begins with the coming of Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of special preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent devotions include the lighting of the Advent wreath; the Advent calendar which helps remind us of the season with daily thoughts and activities; Advent prayers that prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

THE ADVENT WREATH

An Advent wreath symbolizes our longing for the coming of Christ. The wreath is a circle of evergreen branches into which are set four candles. Traditionally, three candles are violet and one is rose, but four violet or four white candles may be used.

The wreath symbolizes many things. Evergreens signify God’s enduring promise of redemption, evident like green branches in the midst of snow. The circle signifies our hope for the return of Christ, whose kingdom will have no end. The colors of the candles match the traditional colors of the vesture for the Sundays of Advent. Violet garments signify our penitent hope for salvation. The rose color, which may be worn on Advent’s Third Sunday, signals that the season is nearly over—joy is at hand!!!

The wreath’s most luminous symbol is its growing light. One candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent, two on the Second, three on the Third and all four on the Fourth. In the northern hemisphere, Advent comes at a time when the days decrease to their shortest length. As the hours of darkness increase, we light more candles on the wreath. The wreath, which symbolizes the coming of Christ, grows in intensity as the anniversary of Jesus’ birth draws near.

The Advent wreath may be used at home or at church. It should be blessed on the First Sunday of Advent at Mass, at Evening Prayer Saturday night, or during a prayer service that may include biblical readings and Advent songs. At home, the wreath could be blessed by a family member and lit during the evening meal to remind everyone of the true meaning of this holy season.

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You can create your own Advent wreath at home with four candles surrounded by some simple greens on your dining room table. This is a wonderful way to remind yourself and your family of Advent and the expected coming of Jesus Christ. Prayers for the blessing of your wreath and lighting of the candles are on the opposite side.

Advent Wreath Prayers for the Home

The blessing ceremony is simple. It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath. The head of the household should say the prayers, following which, various members of the family light the candles as appropriate.

For blessing the wreath the following may be used:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessings upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the lighting of the candles each week either of the following may be used:

Lord God,
Our family joyfully awaits the coming of Your Son, our Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Bless us, we pray, as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Or:

Lord our God,
We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ,
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
Let your blessing come upon our family as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its' light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he bless us and comfort us and keep us safe.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For Christmas Day and Christmastide - Replace all four candles with white candles and light with the following prayer:

God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us faithful to Your Word that we may bring Your life to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From: The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing Co.





HOLIDAY Childcare



Parents do you need some time away from your kids? The teens of St. Joseph's understand.

They are offering you the opportunity to have that quiet time.

 <p>Saturday, December 3, 2011 5:30-8:30pm St. Joseph's Parish Center <u>Cost:</u> Any monetary donation towards St. Joseph's Youth Ministry for retreats and summer trips.</p> 

Drop the kids off for us to watch and you plan on sleeping, shopping, cleaning, going out to dinner, see a movie or whatever you need **the time is yours!**



A brown bag dinner will be offered from 5:30 -6:00pm
Dinner will include a hotdog, chips, apples and juice.

We will also offer activities for your child:
Christmas movies, stories, songs, coloring, games and more.

Teens or adults who would like to volunteer to help
with the children? Let us know.

Call or email Ashley: (301) 663-0907 ext. 3016

AArominski@stjoesbuckeyestown.org



Please RSVP with the following information by Friday, December 2nd.
If more than one child please list on a separate paper name, allergies of each child.

Complete the information and return this section by Friday, December 2nd to the Formation office.

CHILD'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____ M / F

ALLERGIES: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ CELL # _____

Community Bulletin Board

St. John Regional Catholic School News

New "Little Treasure Pre-school" at St. John will include not only our existing four year old, half and full day program, but a three year old program starting next school year. Whether you are looking for a three day, five day, half or full day program we can meet your needs. SJRCS offers before and after care for working parents. Find out more online at www.sjracs.org/littletreasures

New Bus Service - Due to parent interest, bus service is slated to begin in the following areas starting after Christmas break; Charlestown, Brunswick, Jefferson, and Middletown. The bus will stop at SJCP and SJRCS. This service will be in addition to SJCP existing service so the current service will go on as in the past. If you are interested do not delay, we need at least 15 students to sign up before December 1st in order to extend this service. For more information please contact Sheila Evers 301-662-6722.

Story Time Tots- "Happy Birthday Jesus" free story time for 2, 3, and 4 year olds will be held on Monday, December 12 at 8:30 am. Please join us and bring a friend. For more information contact Sheila Evers 301-662-6722.

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

St. John's Catholic Prep, Saturday, December 10, 8:30 am registration; 9 am testing; \$30 testing fee. St. John's is a Catholic, co-educational college preparatory high school located at 889 Butterfly Lane in Frederick. Students currently enrolled in an Archdiocese of Washington school take the high school placement test at their middle school. Students do not need to take both tests. All other interested 8th grade students are required to take this placement test. Prospective students can also visit www.saintjohnsprep.org or call 301-662-4210.

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.

Christmas Craft Fair

Friday, December 2, 11 am - 7 pm and Saturday, December 3, 9 am - 3 pm; St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg. Crafts, Food, Baked Goods. Sponsored By St. Joseph's Sodality. For more information contact Jane at 717-642-1247 or qjerde@embarqmail.com

At Heartly House we know that domestic violence does not take a holiday. Our 24-hour hotline is always available, so if you or a loved one needs support please do not hesitate to call us at 301-662-8800.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Family

We bless your name, O Lord,
For sending your own incarnate Son,
To become part of a family,
So that, as he lived its life,
He would have experienced its worries and joys.
We ask you, Lord,
To protect and watch over this family,
So that in the strength of your grace
Its members may enjoy prosperity,
And, as the Church alive in the home,
Bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

~(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition)

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

The next regular meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, November 28, at 7 pm in the Parish Center's Notre Dame room of St. John the Evangelist Church in Frederick. We urge all members to attend.

What does religious freedom mean in America today?

Have you read recently about religious professionals forced to choose between their jobs and their moral convictions? Are you curious what religious freedom means for Americans today? Maryland's Catholic bishops invite you to read and reflect upon their new statement. "The Most Sacred of All Property: Religious Freedom and the People of Maryland." The document reviews the history and role of religious freedom in our society, highlights present-day threats to this freedom, and offers ways to get involved. Visit www.mdcathcon.org to view the full statement.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Is Jesus the Shepherd in our marriage? Do we know what He asks of us in our Sacrament of Marriage? 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 our website at: wwme.net, or call 410-665-5700, or email meinfo@verizon.net.

Lending Library for the Blind

Xavier Society for the Blind has a large lending library of books in Braille, large print and audio CD's. They record ten periodicals, and provide the Mass readings for Sundays and feast days in all three formats. Mailing is free to and from people certified as blind (which can also include having partial vision or having difficulty dealing with traditional print because of other physical ailments, dyslexia or other impediments). For more information call 800-637-9193, email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org or visit www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org.

**Crisis pregnancy?
Suffering after abortion?**

**Call 800-492-5530
Call 410-354-6900**