

TODAY IS THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Exodus 16:2—4, 12-15**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**Gospel:** John 6:24-35**Scripture Readings for August 9th****1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:30—5:2**Gospel:** John 6:41-51

Dear Parishioners:

This Tuesday is the feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. He so spent himself in ministering to his parish that, ten years before his death, a doctor who examined him declared that, given his physical condition and the austerity of the life he lived, “science could not explain how he remained alive.” As a young priest, he was a bit disconcerted to discover that, among the church’s thousands of saints, there was not a single parish priest. He surmised from this that there was no condition in the whole world in which sanctity was more difficult to attain, and so began his life of heroic virtue. It may seem a bit ironic that the parish priest who is revered as the holiest who ever lived twice tried to flee from his parish for the solace of a monastery! Yet, this can also serve as a consolation when we feel discouraged in our own state of life, to know that even St. John had moments when he felt unequal to the task. As with all the saints, however, his sanctity was most revealed by his humility. Despite the thousands of conversions he brought about, the countless hardened sinners he brought to repentance, and the many physical miracles he performed, he never believed for a moment he had anything to do with it. He attributed everything to St. Philomena, whose relics were enshrined in his church. Once he returned to his rectory and said, “A nice thing happened to me today. I was horribly ashamed. If I could have found a rat hole, I should have hidden it in...A woman brought me a child with a great tumor near one eye. She made me touch it and it cleared away.” Someone replied, “This time you won’t say it was St. Philomena!” The saint replied, “Ah! She probably had something to do with it.” I highly recommend reading his biography, but even more strongly recommend praying that God send the Church many more just like him.

Fr. Tim



The crowd in today’s Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. We pray that our faithful stewardship may be a sign to others that we like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a “fresh, spiritual way of thinking” in Christ.

THE MASS COUNT FOR JULY 25-26TH

5 PM – 180	7:30 AM – 163	9 AM – 184
10:30 AM – 259	12 PM – 430	Total – 1216

THE COLLECTION FOR JULY 25-26TH

Envelopes	\$14,137.01
Loose	\$1,311.11
Poor Boxes	\$471.91
Children’s	\$30.31
Missionary Cooperative	\$4,530.85

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS
of our deceased parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
especially those in hospitals – Michael Thomas
Yurkovich, Cathy Parsons and Meg Gulley.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for: Bernard Maddox, Kyla Zeilinger, Francis Mihalovic, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, Douglas Wink, Diane Madigan, John L. Bastress, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Fred Repsik, Jr., Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Cathy Parsons, Catherine Teal, Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather La Martina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Patty Kuzmak, Milton Getka, Margaret Blinke, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT’L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **NAVY** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel.

Mass Intentions



CONGRATULATIONS to the family of Lucas Corey Maciejewski who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

MASSES FOR AUGUST 3 – 9TH

MONDAY 8/3	6:30 a.m. – Marian Cummings 8:00 a.m. – Boyd Crotts
TUESDAY 8/4	6:30 a.m. – Michael Blum 8:00 a.m. – Catherine Schumann
WED. 8/5	6:30 a.m. – Elizabeth Neutze 8:00 a.m. – Rev. Jack Nissel
THURS. 8/6	6:30 a.m. – Special Intentions 8:00 a.m. – Mary & Bill Gerbig
FRIDAY 8/7	6:30 a.m. – Mr. & Mrs. Kammann 8:00 a.m. – Elaine Flanagan
SAT. 8/8	8:00 a.m. – Kathleen Gallo 5:00 p.m. – Paul J. Dietrich
SUNDAY 8/9	7:30 a.m. – Bob Wissmann 9:00 a.m. – Richard Degenhard 10:30 a.m. – Tony Vinci 12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

FLOWERS – on the Main Altar are for Doly Kiszner on her birthday, requested by a friend. To donate fresh flowers in loving memory or for a special occasion, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PATRON OF PRIESTS: Please join us Tuesday, August 4 at 7 p.m. for Vespers and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament to pray for holiness of life for our priests and for priestly vocations.

Year for Priests – June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010

FAMILY ROSARY – As Wednesday, August 5th, is the eve of the Feast of the Transfiguration, we will be praying the Luminous Mysteries at 6:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome! After Family Rosary, please join us at Opie's for snowballs.



OPEN GYM AND YOUTH NIGHT– Wednesdays 7- 9 pm, August 5 & 12. All high school youth are invited! Join us for basketball, food, fun, and a talk by Fr. Tim. Tennis shoes only. Guys should bring drinks and ladies snacks.

CONFESSIONS will be heard this Thursday, August 6th at 4:30 pm in preparation for First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES will be held this Friday, August 7th at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR will be held this Friday, August 7th, from 7 to 8 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration follows until 8 a.m. Saturday. Besides our personal prayers, we are asking for everyone to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for peace in our world. Allow the *real* presence of Jesus to speak to your heart. Sign-up sheets can be found in the front of Church.



DAILY READINGS

Monday 8/3	Weekday Reading: Numbers 11:4b-15 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday 8/4	St. John Mary Vianney Reading: Numbers 12:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday 8/5	Dedication of St. Mary Major Read: Numb.13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday 8/6	Transfiguration of the Lord Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10
Friday 8/7	St. Sixtus II Read: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday 8/8	St. Dominic Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: Our Saturday Confession times have been extended. Confessions will be heard from 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. each Saturday afternoon.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 – FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

All St. Agnes parishioners are invited to join our youth group for Family Faith Night with the Aberdeen IronBirds! Sunday, August 2, Ripken stadium is hosting an incredible event! \$12 gets you your ticket, parking, program, hat and Christian concert! One lucky member of our group will even throw the first pitch! Call Brian at Ripken Stadium at 1.410.297.9292 to purchase your tickets! Remember to tell Brian you're with St. Agnes.

OUR 4th ANNUAL PARISH CRAB FEAST will be held Friday, September 4th in our new Activity Center!! Proceeds will benefit the building fund. For your tickets, please call Sue Bianco at 410.788.3537 or suebianco@yahoo.com.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE to buy crab feast raffle chances from the MEN'S CLUB. Win 2 bushels of steamed crabs, 1 bushel of corn, beer and soda. \$1 per chance; 6 chances for \$5 and 15 chances for \$10. Winner drawn August 19th. Call Mike D. at 410-788-6822. Please help support our parish youth athletic program.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: On Saturday, August 15, join the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Martin's Home, for a candlelit procession in honor of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Little Sisters are in need of volunteers to help set up and assist residents during the procession. Please call Sr. Lawrence Mary, Volunteer Coordinator, at 410-744-9367, ext. 124, for more details.

FOOD CERTIFICATES: Before you go to the store, stop by the Food Certificate table after Mass and purchase a \$20, \$50 or \$100 food certificate to put toward your groceries at Giant or Shoppers. You get dollar for dollar value, and St. Agnes School will receive 5% of your grocery bill -- at no cost to you! Thank You!

LOAVES & FISHES: Non perishable food items are needed to help fill the pantries at CEFM and My Brother's Keeper. Hunger does not take a summer vacation. Items may be brought to the Church and placed in the sacristy before or after Mass. Thank you!

ST. AGNES SCHOOL is accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information and to schedule a tour, please call 410-747-4070. Please visit our website at www.stagnesschool.net.

SCHOOL NEWS – The summer hours for St. Agnes School are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The 2009 / 2010 school calendar is available from the school website www.stagnesschool.net.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is an international program committed to preparing couples for the Sacrament of marriage. Engaged couples attend a weekend retreat that fosters openness and communication through a series of presentations, private reflection and dialog time. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Upcoming weekends are Aug. 7-9 and Oct. 9-11. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.mdcee.org or call 410.439.4217.



A RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Faulkner, MD, September 2-4, 2009 and Sparks, MD, October 30-November 1, 2009. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel at 1-800-286-4224. Please visit www.project-rachel.net and www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Suffering Post-Abortion Stress?
Call Project Rachel: 1-800-286-4224

Pregnant, Need Help?
Call the Gabriel Network: 1-800-ANGEL-OK

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES call 1-410-676-6000, or visit the web at www.masstimes.org.

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 6:35

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."