



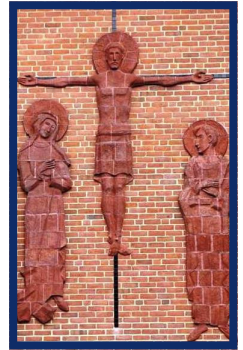
St. John the Evangelist

Roman Catholic Parish • Severna Park, MD

689 RITCHIE HIGHWAY SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

A Welcoming Community

United in Prayer | Committed in Service | Rooted in Faith



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

5:15 PM Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday:

7:30 AM Spoken Mass

9:00 AM Contemporary Choir

10:30 AM Traditional Choir

12:00 Noon Organ & Cantor

5:15 PM Youth Ensemble (Life Teen Mass)

2 PM (Third Sundays) Filipino Mass

Daily:

6:30 AM Monday - Friday

8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

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This Weekend's Scripture Readings

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job's anguish.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul, a slave to the Gospel.

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus heals and drives out demons.

February 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are the steward of the many blessings you have received.

COMMITMENT WEEKEND February 4-5



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

"ENTRUSTED WITH A STEWARDSHIP."

1 Corinthians 9:17

Archdiocese of Baltimore

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is your chance to show your thanks and give back.

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The Pastor's Pen



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we are doing our annual in-pew Commitment Weekend for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As you know, this annual archdiocesan appeal helps to fund many of the operations in the Archdiocese that enable the Church to carry out its mission in the areas of education, service to the poor, and outreach beyond the borders of our local church. Our goal this year is \$151,700; we will receive back 25% of all contributions up to the goal and 50% of all contributions over and above goal. We will designate our parish share funds equally to tuition assistance, capital repairs, Jamaica Outreach, and youth ministry.

We welcome **German Flores** to St. John's this weekend. (His first name is pronounced *Herman*, with the accent on the second syllable.) Originally from Venezuela, German has been married to his lovely wife **Hillevi** for 31 years. They have three children: Adriana (29), Andreina (26) and Adrian (19). He has been in the deacon formation program since September, 2009 and hopes to be ordained in 2013. German is spending his pastoral year here with us and is introducing himself at all the masses this weekend.

As you probably already know, the federal Department of Health and Human Services recently ruled that all employers must include coverage for contraception, abortion-inducing drugs, and sterilization in their health care insurance plans. There is only a narrow religious exemption, meaning that religiously-affiliated educational, medical, and social outreach organizations will be liable for providing such coverage. Obviously, the Catholic Church does not support any of these and we see this as an attack on religious liberty and a violation of conscience protection by forcing Catholic-affiliated schools, hospitals, and charitable organizations to fund such things. I encourage you to visit www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about the Church's position and to contact your national legislators, including the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services, and members of Congress.

Locally, Governor O'Malley has introduced legislation to legalize same-sex marriage in the state of Maryland. I encourage you to visit www.mdcathcon.org/marriage to learn more about the Church's concern that the traditional definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman be preserved. Marriage, by nature, should normally provide children with one mother and one father and same-sex marriage strongly compromises that.

Proponents of same-sex marriage legislation have recently described defenders of traditional marriage as "cowards" and "bigots." It would be cowardice to not speak to our culture in defense of marriage. Catholic teaching is clear that we are to treat all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, with dignity and respect. However, it is not bigoted to speak out in defense of the family and promote the natural notion that children are entitled to both a mother and a father. The Church will never endorse a particular candidate, but we do have a responsibility to let our voices be heard.

I ask that you keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they make their pre-Confirmation retreats this weekend and next in anticipation of receiving the sacrament in April. May they be open to receiving and unleashing the power of God's Holy Spirit in their lives!

Your brother in Christ,

WORSHIP

It's Cold and Flu Season. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are particularly encouraged, as are all worshippers, to use hand sanitizer to discourage the spread of germs. Also, if you are sick, please abstain from receiving from the chalice so as to avoid passing along one's cold to others.



Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22, beginning the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed in the context of Masses as well as shorter prayer services that day. All will be held in the church.

Masses: 6:30, 8:30, & 10:15 AM (school); 7 PM
Prayer Services: 12 Noon & 4:45 PM



Snow Closings / Weather Policy

We follow the direction of
**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



If schools are delayed or closed: The 6:30 AM Mass is cancelled, but the 8:30 AM Mass will be celebrated. All evening activities are cancelled. Call the Parish Office before visiting.

If schools dismiss early: All evening activities are cancelled and the Parish Office will be closed.

On Weekends: Masses will go on as scheduled, unless the Archbishop of Baltimore grants a general dispensation from the Sunday obligation. Visit the parish website or call the Parish Office to confirm whether Masses are being celebrated. Call the Parish Office before visiting to see if it is open.

There is no obligation to attend Mass when weather causes hazardous road conditions. Please exercise prudent judgment and do not take unnecessary risks by driving on snowy or icy roadways.

Good and gracious God, hear our prayers for the healing of all who seek your grace. Fill us with faith in your love for us and confidence in your power to provide what we need, and give us this day and every day the joy of your presence.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard Saturdays 4-5 PM and First Fridays 7 - 7:30 PM (and Wednesdays from 7 - 8 PM during Lent). Priests are also available for the sacrament by appointment.

Baptisms: Parents who wish to have their children baptized should call Jen Mayer, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, to begin the baptism preparation process. Baptisms are celebrated both during Masses and on Sunday afternoons. Please note that godparents must be at least 16 years old and confirmed, practicing Catholics. There must be at least one Catholic godparent, but other baptized Christians may serve as Christian witnesses.

Marriage: Couples planning to marry must contact one of the priests or deacons at least 6 months prior to the tentative date of marriage. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing should be administered at the beginning of a serious illness. Please notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized. If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Confirmation: The sacrament is conferred to our 8th grade and high school youth. Adults who have not been confirmed are invited to contact the Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation to make arrangements for the sacrament.

Religious Education / Youth Ministry:

Sunday 9-10:15 AM.....PK-4-Grade 8
Sunday 10:30-11:45 AM.PK-4-Grade 5 & Special needs
Tuesday 7-8:15 PM..... Grades 6-8
Tuesday 7:15-8:30 PM.....Adult Special Ed (SPRED)
Wednesday 4:30-5:45 PM..... Grades K-8
Designated Friday Nights...Middle School Youth Group
Sunday 6:30-8:30 PM.....Life Teen Program

Elementary School: St. John the Evangelist School provides education in the Roman Catholic Tradition for children in grades Pre-K4 through 8. Visit www.stjohnsp.org or call the school office for more information regarding enrollment and registration in our nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): This process is designed to prepare adults to join the Catholic Church (who may not be baptized or were baptized in another denomination) as well as to prepare those baptized as Catholics but who have never received First Communion or Confirmation. For information on this preparation process, contact Jen Mayer, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: The first Friday of each month (and each Friday during Lent) following the 8:30 AM Mass until 7 PM.

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Liturgical Schedule		Intentions <i>† Indicates Deceased</i>	Celebrant / Assisting <i>(subject to change)</i>	Readings
Sunday, Feb. 5	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon 5:15 PM	Our Parishioners † James William Kovolenus † Jane & Hugo Coelius † Charles Alfinito † James Cockrell	Fr. Hilgartner/Carlos Osorio Fr. Hilgartner/Deacon Ron Fr. Michael/Carlos Osorio Fr. Jim/German Flores Fr. Michael/German Flores	Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39
Monday, Feb. 6	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	† Margie Zakutansky † David Everett	Msgr. Auer/Carlos Osorio Fr. Michael	1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday, Feb. 7	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	† Jean Wisniewski South † Robert Wells, Jr.	Fr. Jim Fr. Michael	1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday, Feb. 8	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	† John & Mary Heilman † Bernie Biscotti	Fr. Jim Fr. Michael	1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23
Thursday, Feb. 9	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	† Clinton W. Isett, Jr. Kathleen & John DeMar (Living)	Fr. Jim Msgr. Auer	1 Kings 11:4-13 Mark 7:24-30
Friday, Feb. 10	6:30 AM 8:30 AM	† Eleanor Atkinson & Mark Daily † Donald Zyriek	Fr. Jim Fr. Michael/Carlos Osorio	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Mark 7:31-37
Saturday, Feb. 11	8:30 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 5:15 PM	† Anna Sofia Confirmation Retreat Mass Confessions † Joseph & Nellie Mannion	Fr. Michael Fr. Jim Fr. Michael/Msgr. Auer Fr. Michael/German Flores	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mark 8:1-10
Sunday, Feb. 12	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon 5:15 PM	† George Sigmon Our Parishioners † Dr. Richard Ellis † John & Mary Heilman † Patricia Ann Bruce	Fr. Jim/Deacon Ron Fr. Michael/Deacon Ron Fr. Jim/Deacon Dean Msgr. Auer/Deacon Dean Fr. Schulmeister/German Flores	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45

Welcome to St. John's!

If you are visiting with us today, or perhaps have been away for a while, we invite you to become an active part of our parish community. Please fill out a registration form, available at the welcome desk on weekends or at the rectory, and formally enroll as a parishioner. Parish registration is necessary when requesting eligibility forms to serve as sponsors at baptisms and confirmations. Young adults, living independently, should register in their own names. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way. If you are not Roman Catholic, know that you are most welcome. While we are unable to extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion, please feel free to come forward at Communion time, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a special blessing.



Been away from the Church for awhile? Check out this website!

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Feb. 5

9 & 10 AM Religious Education for Grades PK4-8
5 PM Filipino Prayer Group (Gathering Space Meeting Room)

Monday, Feb. 6

7 PM Catholicism - Episode 4 (Gathering Space Meeting Room)

Tuesday, Feb. 7

7 PM Religious Education for Grades 6-8
7:15 PM Adult Special Religious Education

Wednesday, Feb. 8

9 AM Senior Bible Study (Gathering Space Meeting Room)
4:30 PM Religious Education for Grades K-8
7 PM RCIA (Youth Room)
7:30 PM Catholic Men's Fellowship (Parish Center)

Thursday, Feb. 9

9:15 AM Catholicism - Episode 3 (Gathering Space Meeting Room)
7 PM Boy Scouts (Auditorium)

Friday, Feb. 10

Confirmation Retreat (Camp Wabanna)

Saturday, Feb. 11

Confirmation Retreat (Camp Wabanna)
7 AM Men's Aquinas Group (Parish Center)
11 AM St. Peregrine (Library)

New Parishioners We welcome the following new parishioners who recently registered at St. John's:

- Daniel, Sarah and Daniel Rosas**
- Marie Alma Sharp**
- Michael and Kathryn Smith**
- James, Katharine, Ava, Emerson, Declan
And Finlay Sprinkel**
- Jim, Carmen and Hailey Tate**

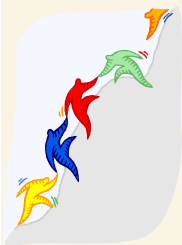
Your presence is a blessing to us. May you also be blessed as members of our parish family.

Welcome to God's Family Congratulations to the family of **Tanner John Odachowski and Rory Marion Terhune** who was baptized recently at St. John's.

For Healing We pray for the sick, especially **Linda Alcorn, Patricia Bruce, Mark Busch, Pamela Busch, Pam Lyons Bustard, Kathy Byrne, Mary Ellen Catterton, Dan Decicco, Ronald Decosmo, Fernando Desamito, Carlos Domingo, David Ehrenreich, Donnie Eisenhart, Michael Gallagher, William Hall, Dorothy Hammel, George Heck, Patricia Hoyles, Edward Hoyles, Clarence Jordan, Jennifer Koellner, Steve Lewis, Bernie Mills, Lucille Meyers, Paul Myers, Peg Stieren, Jean & Lucian Vachon, Mike Whittles, and Anna Marie Wiseman.**

May they experience God's healing touch.
*All names will remain on the sick list for one month.
Please notify the Parish Office if a name needs to remain on for longer.

Rest in Peace We pray for the repose of the souls of **Breanna Franco, Peter Guilday,** all who have died, as well as for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.



Please help a family in need. A family from our parish has suffered a great loss due to a house fire and is currently in need of our support. If you would like to help please email

Sue Hoban at shoban@stjohnsp.org or call her 443-510-7646.

COMMUNITY LIFE



Parish Lenten Mission - Save the date! Plan now to join us as we welcome **Fr. Austin Murphy**, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese for this year's Lenten Mission, Feb. 26-28. Fr. Austin will be preaching at all the weekend Masses, with an evening session at 7:15 PM. He will be preaching on the theme *Called to Journey in the Desert: Who We are Called to Be and How the Church Nourishes us Through the Sacraments*. Plan now to attend. Young people are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Help Wanted We need your creative ideas and help for this fall's Gala. It is the largest fundraiser of the year benefitting the parish, the school and religious education. Anyone interested in finding out more should come to a meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Bring a friend, your ideas and get involved. It is time to start planning to make this event another successful one.

Cancer Prayer/Support Group The Cancer Prayer and Support Group continues it's nine-week Winter Novena to St. Peregrine, Patron of Cancer Patients. The group meets on Saturdays in the Church Library at 11 AM. It will continue through Mar. 3. If you would like to pray for those suffering with cancer please join us. Call Barbara at 410-647-3040.

Canceled To all the Ministers to the Sick and Homebound...The meeting on Feb. 11 has been canceled. Please go to the Couples Retreat if you need something for February.

Listen....Do you hear your name? Lent is coming. Are you being called to do something special?



Our Sick and Homebound need your visit...can/would you like to bring them communion? Is that what God is asking of you this Lent? A great gift to give for Lent is to visit one of our assisted living, nursing homes (Once or twice a month = 2 hours) or private homes (every week or two = 1.25 hours). God says can you do this for My people? He hopes you can. Please call Sr. Maureen Kelly with a response at 410-647-2041 between 4:15 - 8:30 PM or leave a message at the parish office at 410-647-4884. Thanks so much.

February Vocations Calendars Pick up a calendar at any of the entrances to church. Pray for all those who so faithfully serve us each day. They really count on our prayers.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



The CATHOLICISM Project Continues!

Join us this week for Episode 4: "Mary: Mother of God" In this episode, Father Barron masterfully correlates the Catholic Faith's testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the vivid practices of reverence offered to his Mother. Mary is explained as "an on-going presence, an actor in the life of the Church. Father Barron journeys to the humble remains of Mary's house in Nazareth, to the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe to explain the Church's teachings about Mary as the Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception and the dogma of the Assumption. Episodes will also be shown monthly on the third Sunday of the month, at 6:30 PM, beginning with Episode 2 on Feb. 19. Visit www.stjohnsp.org/catholicism to see clips previewing each week's episode and join our on-line discussion.

Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) The St. John's CMF meets at 7:30 PM every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 8. We are also planning a service project soon to help out at a soup kitchen. For info, call Paul at 410-421-5463.

Cornerstone Retreat for Men, March 3-4 THERE ARE STILL SPACES. REGISTER TODAY! Cornerstone is a 26-hour overnight retreat for spiritual renewal with ordinary people in a casual atmosphere to contemplate about those things that matter most to you – God, family and others in your life. It is hosted at the relaxing Bon Secours Spiritual Center. Carpools will leave St. John's by 1:30 PM Saturday, Mar. 3 and the retreat will end around 6:00 PM Sunday, March 4. The cost is \$130 for lodging, meals and all materials. Contact Paul at 410-421-5463 for registration forms and more info.



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

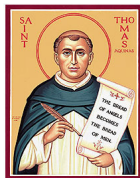
Lent Fair Mark your calendars - we are planning a Lent Fair (to help get ready for the season of Lent) on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. If you are interested in helping (service hour opportunity), please contact Jen Mayer at 410-647-4892.

Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) Conference The CMF is an archdiocesan sponsored organization that provides support for men's ministries in local parishes. Their annual all-day conference this year will be at Immaculate Conception Parish in Towson on Saturday, Mar. 24. This year's Conference features the team from Crossing the Goal, who are regulars on EWTN Global Catholic Network, and promises to be a dynamic and lively event. Crossing the Goal is a Catholic men's ministry devoted to "supporting and equipping men to stand up and live the life they were called to by their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." The team includes:

- Danny Abramowicz, former NFL all-pro wide receiver and coach;
- Brian Patrick, host of the Son Rise Morning Show on Sacred Heart Catholic Radio;
- Curtis Martin, President and Founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS); and
- Peter Herbeck, VP & Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries.

The parish men will be carpooling to the conference. If you are interested in attending the conference, or if you are interested in participating in a men's ministry at St. John's, contact Paul Schratz at 410-421-5463 or pschratz@comcast.net. The CMF website is <http://www.catholicmensfellowship.com/>.

Men's Aquinas Group Men, come join us this Saturday morning in the parish center from 7 to 8:15 AM. No experience is necessary. We will be reflecting on **the active life**, as found in the Summa Theologica of St. Thomas Aquinas. For more information, contact Bob at 410-757-9395 or Bill at 410-518-9977 or visit our website <http://sites.google.com/site/aquinasgroup/>.



Bulletin deadline for the Feb. 11/12 issue is Monday, **Feb. 6 at 2 PM.** Submit to kobrien@stjohnsp.org for consideration. **Please note: this is a new email address. Please update your address book.**

YOUTH FORMATION

First Holy Communion Registration - Registration forms are past due. If not receiving with the group, family requests are also due.

Vacation Bible Camp (School) Mark your calendars. Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for the week of June 18-22. Adults interested in planning and participating in this event are invited to contact the Religious Education Office at 410-647-4892 or rgorski@stjohnsp.org.



Middle School Youth Ministry Winter Event! Join us for a Regional **Middle School Snow Tubing Trip to Liberty Resort**

What: 6th, 7th, & 8th graders from parishes around Anne Arundel County will be gathering together for this regional activity. St. John students will meet here at St. John, and drive up to liberty for 2 hours of snow tubing. On the way home we will stop at either the Grotto at Mount St. Mary's or the Mother Seton Shrine for a tour, and then eat at Pizza Hut in Thurmont before returning to Severna Park.

When: Saturday, Mar. 3

Arrive at St John's parking lot at 5:45AM

Be back at St. John's by 2:30 PM (approx.)

How Much: \$45.00 (Includes 2 hours of tubing, lunch at Pizza Hut, and donuts and O.J. for breakfast – also includes money to help cover the cost of our chaperones.)

Deadline: Permission slip and fee due by Monday, Feb. 27. (Please mark on the permission form if you can chaperone/drive, AND how many students your car can hold with seatbelts.)

Permission forms and details are available on our website -- call Cassandra with any questions!



St. John Youth Workcamp June 24-30 China Grove, N.C. New Registration forms are currently available online at <http://www.stjohnsp.org/workcamp>.

Please pray for our **Confirmation Candidates** this week, as they participate on their overnight Retreats... As we come together to build community and prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, may the Holy Spirit guide and inspire our time together!

No Life Teen There is **No Life Teen** gathering this Sunday, **Feb. 5**. Everyone enjoy the festivities of the Super Bowl with family and friends... and we will see all of our High Schooler friends again at the next Life Night Feb. 12!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL



Applications are currently being taken for the 2012-13 school year. The preferred method of applying is online. Please go to <http://www.stjohnsp.org/admissions> and click on the right side of the page to

create an account and submit your application. If you have tried in the past, and were unable to get through, please try again. The error has been corrected. Upon request, we can email you the application and supplemental forms. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Kathy Hamlett at khamlett@stjohnsp.org or 410-647-2283, ext. 2137.

School Calendar

- Feb. 15** 12:30 PM Dismissal
- Feb. 20** School Closed for President's Day
- Feb. 22** Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10:15 AM
- Feb. 24** Stations of the Cross for Grades 3-6 at 2 PM

Everyone can help raise money for our school...



It Pays to Recycle!

Help support special projects at St. John's School by dropping off your recyclable paper each week in the Paper Retriever containers located in the parking lot. Bring your old catalogs, magazines, newspapers, mailers, office/school paper...but please no plastic bags or cardboard.

Collect Box Tops For Education!

Check for Box Tops for Education on tons of products like Cheerios, Ziploc, Betty Crocker Frostings, Yoplait Yogurt, Pillsbury Rolls...please visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> for a complete list. Drop them into the box located in the gathering space.





Outreach Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
10 AM -12 Noon; 2-4 PM
Friday 10 AM -12 Noon
Location: Parish Center
Basement

Assisting those in need of food, prescriptions, energy assistance (with cut-off notices), and evictions (with court documents).

SHARE SUNDAY – 1st Sunday of the month. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our pantry. Place all unopened and unexpired food in the labeled containers in the Gathering Space.

“OFFERINGS BOX” DONATIONS are accepted anytime. All monies collected help the needy of **OUR** local communities – Severna Park, Arnold, Pasadena, Severn and Millersville.

CLOTHES – in good condition are accepted in the receptacles located in the church parking lot. All clothes are distributed in Baltimore.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Mary’s Center, a Catholic Pregnancy Center, is in need of volunteers. Training will begin in February at our Ritchie Highway Center in Glen Burnie. If you are able to give a few hours a week, helping women and teens in need or in a crisis pregnancy, please call 410 -761-8082. We also have a special need for Spanish speaking volunteers.



Respect Life Committee Meeting All are invited to attend the next Respect Life Committee Monthly Meeting, on Monday, Feb. 13, from 7-9 PM, in the church library, located in the Gathering Space. Please call Lisa at 410-729-7814 with questions.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Feeding the Hungry

Serving Meals at Our Daily Bread Interested in feeding the hungry at Our Daily Bread Employment Center (ODBEC) in Baltimore? Our next service date is Saturday, Feb. 25. St John's regularly serves on the second Wednesday and last Saturday of the month. For more information on this ministry, please contact Pete Lally five days prior to each service date at 410-647-4092 or email him at plally3@verizon.net. Thank you.

Casseroles For Our Daily Bread & My Sister’s Place We collected 103 casseroles, 2 hams, 25 lbs sugar, 3 large bags of bagels, 2 trays of mac & cheese, 1 lasagna, 1 bag of rice, 1 bag of brown sugar, cookies, cupcakes, lunch bags, and plastic cups last week. Thanks to our volunteers Mr. & Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mr. & Mrs. Cofer. Thank you for your generosity and support. Remember, when we help those in need, we are helping Christ! Call Vincent at 410-987-9878.

Respect Life

St. John's Respect Life Committee would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the **Knights of Columbus Council, No. 3413** for their sponsorship of the bus taking parishioners to the annual **March for Life** in Washington, DC on Jan. 23. Their support, in this manner, for the cause of LIFE is greatly commended! We would also like to thank those who participated in both the Vigil Mass at the Basilica in DC and the March for Life, and those, unable to attend, who supported LIFE through their prayers at the all day Eucharistic Adoration on Monday. Please continue to pray that ALL Americans will come to appreciate and respect life at ALL stages, from conception to natural death.

LOVE TO BAKE? SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!! **The unborn need your help!** **The Gabriel Network Ministry at St. John’s** is a pro-life, Christian, social action ministry rooted in our Catholic teaching that every life, without exception, is a precious gift from God. Our ministry exists to show pregnant women in crisis that the choice for life is a good one. You can participate in this Ministry at St. John's in the following ways:

BAKE your favorite cake, pie or item and bring it to the Mass you attend on, **Feb.12.** **SUPPORT** the Gabriel Network's bake sale following all the Masses 7:30 AM through 12:00 PM **Feb. 12.** **All the proceeds go to the Gabriel Network Ministry Fund at St. John’s.** Call Alice 410-544-2895 for info.

Legislative Issues

SAME SEX MARRIAGE: WHY NOT?: Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse will address the topic of "Same Sex Marriage" in an enlightening talk entitled "Same Sex Marriage: Why Not?", on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center", 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD (301-365-0612). Dr. Morse, a former Yale professor, is the founder and President of the Ruth Institute and is a Marriage Scholar and Economist. Admission is free, but online RSVP is requested at www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
ENTRUSTED WITH A STEWARDSHIP (1 CORINTHIANS 9:17)**

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, AAA funds support our outreach to Jamaica, tuition assistance, capital repairs, and youth programs.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Entrusted With a Stewardship." We have been entrusted with a stewardship to care for the less fortunate members of our community. Let us act as our Savior Jesus Christ and touch their lives with compassion. Let us share the many blessings that God has bestowed on us and give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Your gift will enable Archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$151,700. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

ORGANIZATIONS

Scouts

Save The Date Saturday, June 9, 2012 Boy Scout Troop 450 will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. More details/info to follow.

Knights of Columbus

B-I-N-G-O! Tuesday evenings - 7:15 -10:30 PM Columbian Center, Severna Park, Packages as low as \$20.00 - Jackpot of \$1,000 – Food available at minimal cost.

Our **Monthly Flea Markets** are held on the second Saturday of the month from 7 AM-12 Noon. Tables \$15 each. Free for St. John's parish organizations as a fund raising event. You must call John Fernandez @ 443-416-7748 to reserve a table.

First Friday Chicken Dinners at the Columbian Center Holy Trinity Council is offering dinner each First Friday from 5:30-8 PM for \$10. Dinners include two pieces of chicken, two sides, and soda. Call-in orders may be arranged at 410-647-3413.

Catholic Daughters

CDA Bus Trip – "Jonah" Join the Catholic Daughters, Wednesday, Mar. 28, on a bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg for a brand new Biblical production of "Jonah". This sweeping musical intertwines powerful themes of love, mercy, obedience and second chances. Before the show, enjoy a delicious smorgasbord lunch at Willow Tree Restaurant & Smorgasbord. Price of \$113.00 includes theatre ticket, transportation, lunch, and all tips. Depart St. John's at 10 AM, returning 8 PM. Deposit of \$55 due Feb. 10, balance by Mar. 10. For reservations please contact Maureen Stansell at 410-757-4132 or 410-353-2910 or mstansell@verizon.net.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory
Jan. 28 & 29, 2012

Envelopes	\$17,810
Loose	5,310
Monthly Online Giving	<u>32,401</u>
Total Offertory	\$55,520
Second Collection	3,699
(School Support)	
Poor Box	862
(St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach)	

FY2012 Totals (31weeks)

Envelopes	\$547,192
Loose.....	199,283
Online Giving	<u>212,947</u>
YTD Offertory	\$959,422

Average Weekly Offering	\$30,949
Average Weekly Budget *.....	30,177
Average Variance to Budget	773

Mass Attendance Jan. 28/29.....2,614

**Our budget is based on weekly income of \$30,177 (envelopes & loose). Thank you for your generosity to our parish community.*

Second collection Feb. 12: Repairs and Improvements.

Second collection Feb. 22: Eastern Europe

2011 Tax statements have been mailed. If you have not receive your statement by mid-February, please contact the parish office at 410-647-4884.

Please remember St. John's in your will and estate planning. Our corporate title is

**St. John the Evangelist, Severna Park,
Roman Catholic Congregation, Inc.**

Online Giving If you have not yet signed up, please visit www.stjohnsp.org/giving and select "Sign up for a New Account." For more info, please send an email to giving@stjohnsp.org.

Roof Replacement Drive

To date, we have received **\$246,576**, helping us to exceed our goal of \$230,000. Any additional gifts received and pledges fulfilled will go into our Building Fund. Thanks to all who have responded so generously!