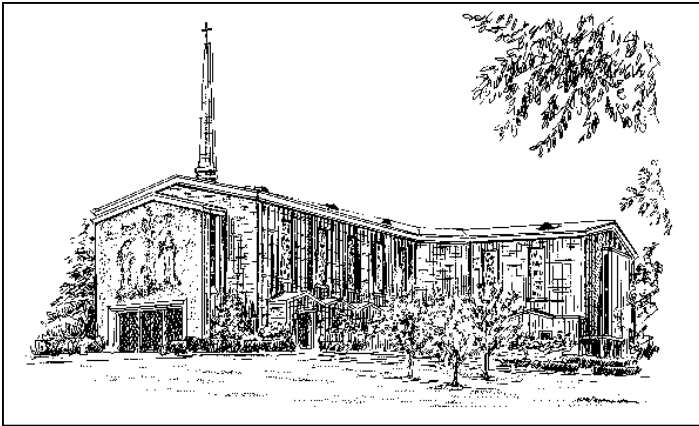


St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

10103 Georgia Avenue

Parish Web Page: www.sjeparish.org

SILVER SPRING, MD. 20902



February 21, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY:

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, & 12:00 (Main Church)

SATURDAY EVENING:

5:30 PM (Historic Church) (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

WEEKDAYS:

7:00 & 9:30 AM Saturday 9:00 AM (Main Church)

Miraculous Medal Novena Mondays following

9:30 AM Mass

Fatima Devotions first Saturday of month after 9:00 AM
Mass (Main Church)

CONFESSIONS: (Main Church)

Saturday 9:30 to 10:15 AM & 4:00 to 4:45 PM

BAPTISM:

To assist parents in preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism, the parish requires a preparation class for parents. For more information on Baptism Preparation and to schedule a baptism, contact the Rectory office, 301-681-7663.

MARRIAGES:

Please contact Rectory at least six months in advance.

SCHOOL:

Pre-K 3 & 4 year olds through Grade 8

Before School Care -- 7:30 - 8:00 AM

Extended School Care -- K - 6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Children: Grades 1-8 & Pre-School, Sunday, 10:15 - 11:15 AM

Rev. Msgr. John R. Pennington

Pastor

Rev. Mark E. Tucker

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Michael W. Briese

Parochial Vicar

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Mrs. Carol Kinnahan

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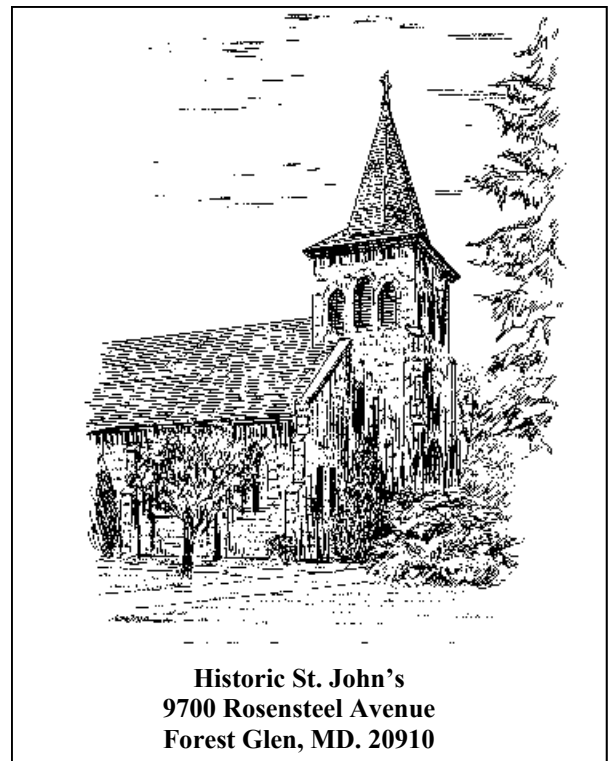
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First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2010
The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
 —Romans 10:8

Your prayers are asked for members and friends of the parish who are ill, especially, William Ruppert; Philip Abel; May Phillips; Cora Williamson; Joan Evans; James Ledesma; Virginia Mitchell; Opal Bea Hempfling; and Lois Koon. Your prayers are asked also for the souls of the faithful departed, especially, Angelina Fazio, aunt of Anna Colella; Denny Hannan, and Monsignor Michael Farina.

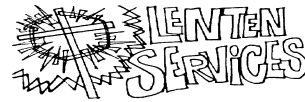


Community Sunday: Please join us today, Sunday, February 21st, for refreshments in the Kennedy Room after all Masses. Parish nurses will be available to take blood pressures.

Share-A-Meal with a Friend, today, Sunday, February 21st, Sandwiches and fruit will be delivered to Martha's Table for distribution to the hungry and homeless. Sandwiches of meat and cheese should be placed in plastic sandwich bags, not lunch bags. Donations may be brought to the Kennedy Room between 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. For more information please call Marge Gillis at 301-681-7413.

Poor Box Collection today, Sunday, February 21, 2010, will go to Birthright, a pregnancy aid center. They offer practical help such as referrals for health care and housing, baby clothes, and friendly support. They depend mostly on individual donations to be able to meet the needs of women in a crisis pregnancy. Please be generous. For more information about Birthright's work call 301-649-5817. Birthright is located at 12247 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

Easter Flowers: Once again we extend an invitation to all parishioners to donate Easter Flowers to the Church in memory of loved ones. If you desire, we will purchase your plants for you. In order to do so, orders must be in by Monday, March 15th, Available will be Lilies, Azaleas, Hydrangeas, and Mums. Please find order forms on the tables at the entrances of the Church.



Lenten Services:

Monday through Friday: 7:00 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.
Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

All Masses during Lent will be in the Main Church, with the exception of the 5:30 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturday (held in the Historic Church).

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:30 P.M. in the Main Church. Also, there will be Stations of the Cross for the school children and parishioners on Fridays at 2:15 P.M. with the exception of March 5th and March 12th.



All Fridays of Lent are days of total abstinence from meat, a law which binds all Catholics over the age of 14; the law of fasting binds all Catholics from their **18th year** until and including their **59th birthday**. **NOTE:** When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Next Week we will take up the collection for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. The Church in this region continues to have great needs for its essential pastoral work. Your donations invest in future generations of Catholics: a gift of faith to the future. Please be generous in our parish collection to support our sisters and brothers throughout Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet control.

The Giving Tree: For a number of years, the Giving Tree has been an important part of the Lenten practice at St. John's. You can see it in the shrine section of the north transept of the Main Church. This bare-branched tree, gaunt and lifeless, is intended to be a liturgical symbol of the barren lives so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ live each and every day. It stands there as a reminder of our Lenten obligations to pray, to give alms, and to perform good works. Help bring this tree to life. Envelopes for your Lenten gift to the poor and hungry may be found in front of the "Giving Tree." Please place the envelopes in the box in front of the tree; do not try to hang them on the tree.


THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. “The Light Is On For You” is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington, in partnership with the Diocese of Arlington, to allow all Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in every Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington. Learn more at www.the-light-is-on.org.

60th Anniversary Planning Meeting: Anyone interested in joining the “60th Anniversary Planning Committee” is invited to join us today at 12:00 Noon in the school library. Questions: call or email Peg Daly at 301-962-8522/peg.daly@verizon.net or Marie James at 301-754-6373/marie_james@hotmail.com. We thank you in advance for your commitment to our parish school and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please Turn in Snider’s Grocery Receipts for Our Parish School! Please save your Snider’s receipts and bring them to church for St. John the Evangelist School. You may drop receipts off in the marked boxes on the coffee table at Community Sunday (the third Sunday of each month) or at the Church entrances. For every receipt turned in, SJE School receives a donation equal to 1% of your purchases from this generous merchant. Thanks for your support of our great Parish School!

St. John’s 5K/2K & Healthy Lifestyle Challenge: If you have any ideas for helping our Parish community live healthier please join us! Contact Marie James for more information at 301-754-6373.


Vacation Bible School This Summer: All families of kids going into grades PreK through 4th/5th grade next year, please note when making your summer vacation arrangements and booking those beach rentals that Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held this summer from Monday, July 19th, through Friday, July 23rd, 2010. Don’t miss this fabulous, faith-filled week of fun!

	
February 7 & 14, 2010	
Offertory	\$19,592.55
Loose Collection	\$ 881.75
Maintenance Collection	\$ 4,392.09

REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today’s first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God’s work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God’s redeeming love. Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God’s great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.

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Feb 22:	7:00 A.M.	Special Intention	MC
	9:30 A.M.	† Helen & Melvin Walter	MC
Feb 23:	7:00 A.M.	† Ray Deffinbaugh	MC
	9:30 A.M.	† William Becker	MC
Feb 24:	7:00 A.M.	† Susan Podrasky	MC
	9:30 A.M.	† Gerald Welsh	MC
Feb 25:	7:00 A.M.	† Bertha Aust and Mary Beth Walton	MC
	9:30 A.M.	† Thomas Probey	MC
Feb 26:	7:00 A.M.	† Donald Hathway	MC
	9:30 A.M.	† Mary E. A. Leonardi	MC
Feb 27:	9:00 A.M.	† Stephen O’Brien	MC
	5:30 P.M.	† Judith Baughan Accetta	HC
Feb 28:	7:30 A.M.	† Nelida Vicente	MC
	9:00 A.M.	† Hilda & Steve Andrus	MC
	10:30 A.M.	† Augustus & Mary Mangene	MC
	12:00 P.M.	Mass for the People	MC
		MC = Main Church	HC = Historic Church
		OLC = Our Lady’s Chapel	† Denotes name of deceased

Join a St. John's Prayer/Faith-sharing Group: The theme for 2010 is "Life in Christ-Walking with God," using the Why Catholic? Journey through the Catechism series by RENEW International. New groups are now forming; meeting six times in the Spring and six times in the Fall. New hosts needed as well. Groups starting during Lent. Contact Sr. Roberta at 301-681-7634 or Kate and Dan Campion, preferably by February 28th.

St. John The Evangelist Brings in New Members.

Rite of Election. On the first Sunday of Lent, St. John the Evangelist Parish is sending one person to the Rite of Election at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. During the Rite of Election the Church formally announces the names of those who will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Election refers to the idea of being "the chosen people." Christians believe that God continues to choose people through Baptism. The key moments in the rite are the affirmation of the godparents/sponsors and the act of admission or election. The testimony of the godparents/sponsors reveals the Church's positive judgment about the catechumens' desire and behavior. The Archbishop accepts the witness of the godparents/sponsors and accepts their readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation. The whole ceremony is about being named among God's chosen people. Also on that same day those who have been baptized in a Christian faith and who have expressed a desire to complete their sacraments of initiation or a desire to come into full communion with the Catholic Church are also presented to the Archbishop. The Sponsors affirm the desire and attest to the readiness of the candidates. The Archbishop welcomes them to full communion with the Church and accepts their readiness for the sacraments.

Sacraments of Initiation. At the Easter Vigil Service on Holy Saturday night, April 3, 2010, our candidates will renew their baptismal promises and make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church in the presence of their sponsors, their families, and the parish community. All will then receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. After the Consecration of the Mass, each of them will for the first time receive the Body and Blood of the Risen Lord in Holy Eucharist. We welcome them all to our community and assure them of our prayers in these last weeks of preparation!

Adoration in Our Lady's Chapel. Looking to deepen your relationship with Christ but unsure of how to go about it? Come let Him transform your heart and mind at Adoration. Parishioners are welcome to make a visit anytime, but we also need committed adorers. Many time slots are available for those who desire to spend an hour every week with our Lord. If a weekly visit doesn't fit your schedule, perhaps you can share an hour with family or friends. Check the table in Our Lady's Chapel for schedules and signup cards. For more information, contact Maria and John Capobianco, 301-593-1066 or john@lifeaftersunday.com.

Upcoming Parish and School Activities

Sunday, February 21st:

Share-A-Meal

Community Sunday

- 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - CYO Registration—KR
- 10:15 A.M. - CCD—School
- 10:30 A.M. - Rite of Sending—Main Church
- 11:00 A.M. - CYO—Auditorium
- 1:30 P.M. - Girl Scouts Thinking Day—Kennedy Rm

Monday, February 22nd:

- 11:00 A.M. - Mom/Dad Group—Kennedy Room
- 1:15 P.M. - Renew—Kennedy Room
- 6:00 P.M. - Sr. Legion of Mary—Rosensteel Rm
- 6:00 P.M. - CYO—Auditorium
- 7:00 P.M. - Boy Scouts—Kennedy Rm

Tuesday, February 23rd:

- 7:30 P.M. - Confirmation Penance Service—MC

Wednesday, February 24th:

- 3:00 P.M. - Brownies 2 & 3—Kennedy Room
- 6:00 P.M. - CYO—Auditorium
- 6:30 P.M. - The Light is On—MC
- 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study Class—School Music Room
- 7:30 P.M. - 1st Communion Meeting—Kennedy Rm

Thursday, February 25th:

- 6:00 P.M. - CYO—Auditorium
- 7:00-9:30 P.M. - Marriage Prep—Library

Friday, February 26th:

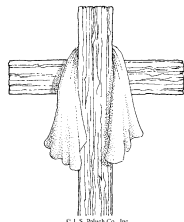
- 2:15 P.M. - Stations of Cross—Main Church
- 3:00 P.M. Jr. Scouts 4 & 5—Kennedy Room
- 5:30 P.M. - Jr. Legion of Mary—RR
- 6:30 P.M. - Family Bingo—Auditorium
- 7:00 P.M. - Holy Hour—OLC
- 7:30 P.M. - Stations of Cross—Main Church

Saturday, February 27th:

- 9:00 A.M. - CYO—Auditorium

Sunday, February 28th:

- 10:15 A.M. - CCD—School
- 11:00 A.M. - CYO—Auditorium



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