



PASSAGES IN CHRIST

We Warmly Welcome Ricardo Arrieto & Sara Saidi (and their son Christopher), Hubert Azane & Edith Patcha (and their daughter Larissa), Didier & Angele Djabara, Emily Gorsky (and her daughter Julianna), Brian Irons, Craig & Erin Jankowiak, Theresa Patcha, Clara Nearey, and Kevin & Christine Nearey (and their son Alex) who have become members of the Saint Katharine Drexel faith community. We are grateful for the new life they bring to our parish.

We Pray in Hope that God's healing power may touch those who are sick, especially Jeanne Bartoli, George Brown, Paul Burdette, Michael Carretta, Linda Cowen, Bob Dacey, Loretta DeGray, Piper Dotson, Olivia Dowell, Jim Drollinger, Mansuet D'Souza, Grayson Ennis, David Funsch, Jennifer Hall, Grady Hoffman, Rosemary Jones, Joseph Kawalek, Fr. Phil Keane, Blanche Kracher, Alicia Kunst, Helen Marie McBride, Jack McGrath, Grace McGraw, Christine Miller, Suzy Nathan, Peg O'Hara, Eddy Patterson, Rita Rourke, Jon Russell, Mary Scibelli, Carmen Scudiero, Jim Small, Jean Smith, Jacqueline Speelman, Agnes Taylor, Susan Taylor, Patricia Tudor, Joel Ulmer, Cam Wagner, Ann Warner, and Rita Weygandt. May our prayers offer them inner strength.

We Pray for the Gift of Peace in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially Mark Deemers, Danny Grimes, Keith Michael, Roger O'Donoghue, Paul Philippus, and Michael Reid.

Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests.

Next Weekend (23 December 2012)

Scripture Readings:

Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

In the Gathering Space:

Gift Cards

Second Collection:

None



To Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we are planning multi-cultural Masses on **5/6 January** to celebrate the many nations around the world from which we come as parishioners. We will hang flags from those nations in McElroy Hall to represent our various heritages. To have your nation of origin represented that weekend, we are asking for donations to cover the expense of purchasing these flags. Fill out the form located in last week's bulletin and indicate your requested country. Forms are also available at the Information Center, in the Parish Office, or on the parish website. Please check this form for other ways to be involved in this celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday 16 December

10:00 AM RCIC..... *Parish Office*
10:15 AM RCIA..... *SJRCS Conference Room*
10:15 PM Youth Choir..... *Music Room*
12:00 PM Home Study Gathering..... *McElroy Hall*
5:00 PM "Almost Christmas" Pageant..... *McElroy Hall*

Monday 17 December

10:30 AM Weekday Mass..... *Chapel*
7:00 PM Social Activities..... *Parish Office*
7:30 PM Reconciliation Service..... *St. Timothy Church*

Tuesday 18 December

9:15 AM Weekday Mass..... *Chapel*
7:30 PM Reconciliation Service..... *St. Joseph Church*

Wednesday 19 December

7:00 PM High School Youth Group..... *Music Room*

Thursday 20 December

7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting..... *Music Room*
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal..... *Chapel*

Friday 21 December

6:15 AM Weekday Mass..... *Chapel*
11:00 AM Individual Confession..... *Chapel*

Sunday 23 December

10:00 AM RCIC..... *Parish Office*
10:15 AM RCIA..... *SJRCS Conference Room*
10:15 AM Youth Choir..... *Music Room*
12:00 PM African Faith Community..... *Stage*

Last Weekend (9 December 2012)

Attendance at Mass..... 858

Immaculate Conception..... 236

Registered Households..... 844

Number of Parishioners..... 2,910

Weekly Offering

Envelopes..... \$6,645.52
Electronic Transfer..... \$5,468.00
Loose..... \$1,169.34
Total..... \$13,282.86

Other Offerings

Poor Box..... \$485.34
Food Bank Items..... 129
Retired Religious..... \$2,122.50
Feast of Immaculate Conception..... \$1,394.00

Regional Advent Reconciliation Services

are available at 7:30 PM, with many priests available for confession on:

Monday 17 December..... *St. Timothy (Walkersville)*

Tuesday 18 December..... *St. Joseph (Buckeystown)*



This is an excellent way for you and your family to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas and the New Year of grace!

**Fr. Keith's Corner**

Included in the bulletin this weekend is a copy of a letter I received recently from Archbishop Lori. I share it with you, not only because of his affirmation of our parish's Annual Report, but more importantly because of the interest he expresses for our church building project. As I have mentioned before, we are now receiving Archdiocesan support to move ahead. This week I signed the contract for the architect, and we are presently waiting for Archbishop Lori to sign this same document. I'll let you know when it is finalized.

Our "Almost Christmas" Party and children's Christmas Pageant will take place this Sunday night at 5:00 PM. The whole parish is invited to see our children present the story of how the angels became aware that God would come to earth as a baby-- and enjoy some holiday treats afterwards. We are grateful to Katie Tylka for coordinating the rehearsals for the children the past few weeks—you won't want to miss it! Don't forget to bring a baby gift for Birthright that night.

Reconciliation Services are scheduled this week at 7:30 PM on Monday (St. Timothy, Walkersville) and Tuesday (St. Joseph, Buckeystown). Your family will benefit by preparing spiritually for Christmas through the celebration of this sacrament of healing. Many priests will be available each night for confession, so please consider attending of one of these two services.

Because of your generosity, we reached our goal for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal last year (a report is included in this bulletin). Please know how appreciative I am! As a result of our parish rebate, we received money toward our building fund, and were also able to send donations of over \$3000 to each of three schools that Saint Katharine Drexel herself founded in Arizona, New Orleans, and Harlem—as well as make a donation to the Drexel Shrine and her motherhouse in Philadelphia.

Fr. Keith

CONSTRUCTION REPORT**CAMPAIGN GOALS**

Estimated cost of Phase One \$6,000,000
 Cash needed to start construction \$3,000,000
 Cash needed by end of construction **\$3,900,000**

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Households Participating 373
 Capital Campaign Pledges Made \$2,034,582
 Building Fund Collected \$1,322,080
 Total Toward End of Construction Goal **\$3,356,662**

CONSTRUCTION CASH

Capital Campaign Pledges Collected \$1,858,767
 Building Fund Collected \$1,322,080
 Total Toward Start of Construction Goal \$3,180,847

CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES TO DATE

Architectural Services \$70,879

The Season of Advent

"Date to Hope"

Remembering Mary, who was preparing for the birth of her son Jesus, we will pray the Rosary before Mass during Advent. Please come early if you would like to join in this Advent prayer. Everyone is asked to respect this time of quiet prayer when entering McElroy Hall for Mass.



The Candles of the Advent Wreath will be carried in procession each week by new parishioners who have joined Saint Katharine Drexel during the past year. Please remain seated until the candles are placed in the wreath and the cantor indicates it is time to stand.

**FREDERICK COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

SAINT JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (Frederick): Co-Ed Elementary Pre-K-8, 301-662-6722 www.sjrccs.org

VISITATION ACADEMY (Frederick): Girls Elementary Pre K-8, 301-662-2814 www.thevisitationacademy.org

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL (Emmitsburg): Co-Ed Elementary Pre K-8, 301-447-3161 www.mothersetonschool.org

ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY (Middletown): Co-Ed Elementary Pre-K-8, 301-874-9014 stmamd.org

SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP (Frederick): Co-Ed Secondary, 301-662-4210 www.saintjohnsprep.org

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY (Emmitsburg) Undergraduate and Graduate, 301-447-5214 www.msmary.edu

Catholic School News

**Knott Scholarship Funds**

Knott Scholarship Funds announces the availability of four-year, full tuition scholarships for the 2013/2014 academic year. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Catholic students now in grade 4 or grade 8 may apply. Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic elementary school or a Catholic high school within the geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Information regarding qualifications and an application form describing eligibility requirements and deadlines may be obtained by visiting the website at www.knottscholar.org. For additional information, please call 443-325-7884.

**Knights of Columbus Scholarships**

The K of C award several scholarships each year for both college and high school students. For information on scholarships, please visit www.kofc-md.org and click on the Scholarship Opportunity link. The deadline to submit applications is **1 February 2013**.

An Interfaith New Year's Eve Celebration (concert and prayer service) will be held here on **Monday 31 December** at 7:30 PM and the wider Frederick community is invited. We are looking for donations of finger foods such as mini sandwiches, cold appetizers, fruit and vegetable trays, cookies, bars, and mini desserts.

Please sign-up in the Gathering Space after Mass if you are planning to attend the service. For additional information or to sign-up you may also call Patty Cool (301-694-0491).

If you are Traveling during the upcoming holidays, we wish you a safe trip and a blessed time with family and friends. Be sure to check for Mass times and locations across the United States by visiting www.masstimes.org.

When Planning Your Christmas Schedule, please be aware that the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Mass is our most crowded Mass, and plan to attend one of the other Christmas Masses if at all possible. Thanks!

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

High School Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday 19 December**: We will gather as usual in the Music



Room at 7:00 PM. We will travel by caravan to Bon Secour Spiritual Center in Marriottsville to participate in an outdoor labyrinth walk under the winter sky. Please bring a wrapped present (cost not to exceed \$5) for a gift exchange. After the

labyrinth walk, we'll travel to the Double TT Diner in Ellicott City for dessert. Bring a little spending money (\$5-\$8) for the restaurant stop. Our estimated return to Saint Katharine Drexel is 10:00 PM. Permission forms are available on the Youth Ministry bulletin board. Dress warmly for the labyrinth.

Christmas Basket Program: Sign up has been completed for our Christmas Basket Program, an outreach to the poor in the area around St. Gregory the Great parish in Baltimore city. To date, we have received \$16,750 in cash and check donations to cover the food and Target gift cards which will be taken to Baltimore **21 December**. We ordered \$23,500 in gift cards and may order more before our deadline. We plan to help over 150 St. Gregory families this year. Please continue to send in your donations, in any amount, so that we can meet the needs of these families. For most of them, this is the only gift they will receive. Checks should be made payable to SKD Christmas Basket, placed in an envelope, and sent to the parish office, or placed in the weekend collection basket. If you have questions, please call Peg O'Hara (301 663-5473).



"Away in a Manger" will be presented at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 8651 Biggs Ford Rd., Walkersville, on **Tuesday 18 December** at 7:00 PM. The program will feature organist Bill Powell, Alex Mitchell, Tim Kueberth, The Glade Tower Handbell Choir, and Linda Lebo. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. A donation for the Walkersville Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM: Preparation sessions are scheduled regularly and announced in the bulletin. Parents are encouraged to attend while preparing for the arrival of their child. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: Family preparation sessions are scheduled in the fall and spring each year for children desiring to celebrate these sacraments, including those in Catholic Schools. For information call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Couples desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated date to allow time for the required preparation sessions.

CONFIRMATION: Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation can be started anytime in High School and flexes to adjust to the needs of students. Ongoing Faith Formation participation is required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Adults interested in joining the Catholic Faith? Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!

✓ 1 February > 13th Annual Variety Show

This is always a great event and an opportunity to showcase the talents of our parishioners, young and not so young. Start thinking about what you plan to do. Sign-ups will begin at the Information Center the weekend of **5/6 January**. Contact Barbara Linthicum (301-694-6554) or email balinthicum@hotmail.com for further information.



"France Magnifique" is the name of a trip to France in the Fall of 2013 sponsored by the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City. They have agreed to reserve spots for our parishioners who would like to join Msgr. John Dietzenbach and Fr. Keith in France from **24 October until 4 November** next year. A \$250 discount is available for early booking, and an information meeting is being planned here in Frederick for after Christmas. Detailed brochures are available at the Information Center.

Make a Gift Through an IRA Charitable Rollover: If you are over the age of 70-1/2, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Normally, the amount of this distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, as a result of federal legislation enacted several years ago, you may make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as our parish, anytime between now and the end of 2012. Such distributions are not subject to income tax and count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution. For more information about how you and the parish can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, please contact the Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic Community Foundation (410-547-5356) or visit www.archbalt.org/cff.

During the Winter Months, you can find cancellation information for meetings and events on the website www.saintdrexel.org, or you can call the Parish Office for a recorded message. Except in the event of a major blizzard (when the Archbishop exempts all Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass) weekend Masses are always celebrated as scheduled.



WEEKDAY MASS READINGS

Monday 17 December Gn 49:2/Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday 18 December Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday 19 December Jgs 13:2-7/Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday 20 December Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday 21 December Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday 22 December 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 12/17 10:30 AM Florence Wronski
 Tuesday 12/18 9:15 AM Teresa Vu
 Friday 12/21 6:15 AM Harry Dangerfield
 Saturday 12/22 5:00 PM Jacob & Noah Longenecker
 Sunday 12/23 9:00 AM Jack Luteri
 11:00 AM SKD Parishioners

Mass intentions may be scheduled to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, other special events, or the lives of deceased loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office.

Help Wanted – Rectory Cook: St. John the Evangelist Parish is seeking a focused and energetic individual to



cook for three resident priests and occasionally small groups of priests. This individual will cook three/four nights a week, shop once a week for groceries, and clean and maintain the rectory

kitchen. This position requires cooking healthy meals for a variety of tastes and being able to maintain confidentiality in the rectory. Prefer an individual experienced in preparing balanced meals. Please email resume to Sue at sue.swiss@stjohn-frederick.org or fax resumes to "Cook Search Committee" at 301-698-1832.

Alternate Giving Ideas for Christmas: You can share with the local poor through various agencies in Frederick County; a list of possibilities is available throughout Advent at the Information Center.

Retrouvaille Weekend for Troubled Marriages:

Retrouvaille (Re-tro-vi), a lifeline for troubled marriages, helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. The next weekend is **11–13 January**. For confidential information or to register, call 301-468-6764, 410-647-0350, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or www.retrouvaille.org.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

CATHOLIC CHARITIES of Frederick County provides individual, couple, and family counseling at several locations. Call 301-898-7900 for an appt.

FREDERICK FOOD BANK is the recipient of non-perishable food items placed in the baskets located near the entrances before Mass each weekend.

FREDERICK RESCUE MISSION is the recipient of clean and usable clothing placed in the receptacles located near the rest rooms each weekend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY provides financial assistance to those in need through donations to the poor box. For assistance call 301-662-4676.

HELPING HANDS links parishioners with other parishioners needing help with errands, transportation, household task, etc. Call 301-360-9581.

PROJECT RACHEL offers women and men suffering from abortion trauma a confidential referral to trained counselors and clergy to sort through unresolved feelings and conflicts. Call 410-354-6900 for help.

AUBURN CENTER is a 24-hour crisis pregnancy referral line supported by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Call 1-800-492-5530.



Holiday Liturgical Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Regional Reconciliation Services

17 Dec. Saint Timothy (Walkersville) 7:30 PM

18 Dec. Saint Joseph (Buckeystown) 7:30 PM

Individual Confession (in our chapel):

Each Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Friday 21 December 11:00-11:55 AM

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve (Monday 24 December)

- Mass 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Christmas Day (Tuesday 25 December)

- Mass 10:00 AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 29 December 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday 30 December 9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH EVENT

Monday 31 December Concert 7:30 PM
Service 8:00 PM

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day (Tuesday 1 January)

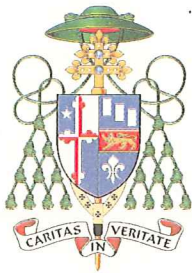
- Holyday Mass 10:00 AM

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday 5 January 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday 6 January 9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass





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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

November 19, 2012

Father Keith W. Boisvert
Pastor
Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church
8428 Opossumtown Pike
Frederick, MD 21702

Dear Father Boisvert,

Thank you for sending me a copy of Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church's ANNUAL REPORT 2012. It is very well done, and I especially note the formation of the Senior Group in the parish.

I look forward to working with you and those who are collaborating with you in the design and construction of your new parish church. What an enormous opportunity for good -- to provide a place of great beauty and dignity in which generations of parishioners will be able to encounter the living God, to hear the Gospel, and to receive the sacraments of salvation.

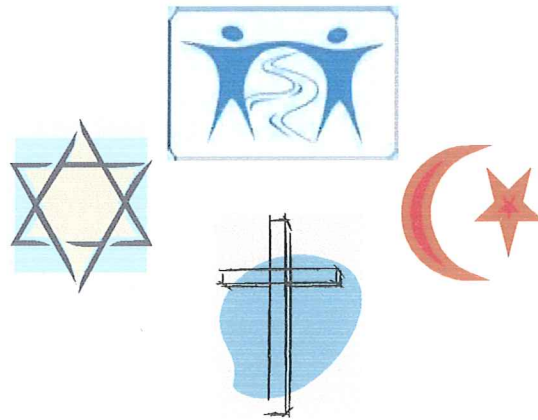
I look forward as well to visiting St. Katharine Drexel as soon as I am able. In the meantime, please be assured of my prayers for you and all those entrusted to your pastoral care.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore

cc: Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore

Frederick Interfaith Celebration First Annual New Years' Eve Service - Dec 31, 2012



**A Thanksgiving for Blessings Received in 2012 and
Hopes for Success in the Coming Year for All**

Where: Saint Katharine Drexel Church (located at
Saint John Regional Catholic School),
8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702

•Program Highlights

- 7:30 P.M. – Musical concert
- 8:00 P.M. – Interfaith Prayer Service/Celebration
- 9:00 P.M. – A reception of light finger food and refreshments
- The timing will provide ample time for other planned private New Years' Eve activities
- Evening childcare will be available
- Ample Parking

•Admission is free – Reservations are required

- 2 Ways to RSVP for reservations
and for childcare arrangements:
 1. Call: 301-360-9581
 2. Online Access : www.saintdrexel.org

•Information: Call: 301-360-9581 or
email: stkatharinedrexel@stdrexel.org





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301-662-6722 Admissions

St. John Regional Catholic School Mission Statement

St. John Regional Catholic School provides and supports quality education in the tradition of the Catholic Church for all who seek it. The faith community is dedicated to the development of the whole person – spiritually, academically, creatively, physically, emotionally, and socially – all through the teachings of

*Tour our school on
Walk in Wednesday's
from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.*



**Applications for 2012-13 are
now being accepted and may
be downloaded from the
SJRCs website.**

3&4 Year Old Pre-K Programs



Spots are limited; find out more at
www.sjrccs.org/little_treasures.php

December 2012 Newsletter

St. John Regional Catholic School is your parish school!

Our students are from the parishes of St. John the Evangelist, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Peter, Holy Family, St. Timothy, St. Joseph, St. Ignatius, St. Francis/St. Mary, and the Catholic community of Fort Detrick. We want you to know more about St. John and our students' accomplishments. This newsletter appears monthly in your church bulletin.

Parishioner of the Month:

Elizabeth Bracey, from St. John the Evangelist, is named Distinguished Volunteer of the Year!

Enthusiastic is the first word that comes to mind when thinking of Elizabeth Bracey. Elizabeth is the school chair of Catholic Schools Week! This is a weeklong Celebration that Catholic Schools across the country partake in. The prep and planning that goes into the week is enough to exhaust anyone, but Elizabeth keeps her energy up the entire week. The staff, teachers, and students alike love to be in Mrs. Bracey's company due to her caring personality, generosity and all around fun filled spirit! Thank you for all that you do for St. John Regional Catholic School.

SJRCs Students Honor Veterans



Our staff and faculty of military families were honored with student created cards and flowers to show our appreciation of their service to our country.



Thank you, Fr. Rob, the 8th Grade Chaplain and pastor of Holy Family

Parish, and his guest, Fr. Destine for visiting the school. Fr. Destine is from Holy Family's sister parish in Haiti. His responsibilities include the running of a church, 18 chapels, and 3 schools. Students were able to see pictures of Fr. Destine's church, chapels, and two of the schools. They also took advantage of the opportunity to ask questions.

Why St. John Regional Catholic School is a good choice for your child?

Learn with the Best Teachers. We believe our teachers are the most effective educators in the area, as evidenced by our recent recognition as one of the 50 best private schools in the United States.

Experience a Catholic School for the 21st Century. As the first truly modern Catholic school in Frederick County, our expert teachers, teaching assistants, and staff seamlessly integrate wholly new facilities, cutting-edge classroom technology, and innovative pedagogies with the values and traditions of the Catholic faith.

Assemble a Solid Foundation. Day by day, month by month, and year by year, our incredibly dedicated teachers work with your child to methodically assemble and then gradually strengthen a solid and lasting foundation of fundamental knowledge, individual spirituality, and personal self-confidence.

Be More than Just Another Student. Our teachers, teaching assistants, and staff will know your child's name, their learning style, their strengths and limitations, and we will engage them daily with focused expertise, unwavering commitment, firm discipline, and genuine love.

Reinforce Your Family's Values. We continually reinforce both the Christian values and the basic human values your family is teaching your child at home so as to ensure they graduate St. John Regional Catholic School with morality, character, and compassion.