

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

Today FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

(Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 Ps 128 Col3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52)

Masses 8:30 and 11 am

NO C/R

NO FF

Blessing of calendars

AA mtg. 7-9 Rm 15b



Mon: NO Communion Service

(1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124 Mt 2:13-18)

office closed

no sewing ladies

Tue: NO Mass

(1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96 Lk 2:22-35)

no holy hour

office closed

Wed: NO Mass. (1Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96 Lk 2:36-40)

office closed

AA mtg. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b

Thur No morning mass

(1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96 Jn 1:1-18)

office closed

Mass at 7 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Fri : HAPPY NEW YEAR

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2:16-21)

Mass 10:00 a.m.

office closed

Sat. NO morning mass

(1 Jn 2:22-38 Ps 98 Jn 1:19-28)

St. VDP St. Charles Pantry open 11am—1 pm

tree recycling

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Blessing of doors

Next Sunday: Epiphany

(Is 60:1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12)

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Ethnic treats

blessing of doors

tree recycling

Epiphany celebration 12 pm

RCIA 9:45 a.m.

FF 9:45 a.m.

Liturgy of the word for children 11 a.m.

AA meeting 7-9 pm

* indicates outside of parish

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Jill Barrowcliff, Joan Bruneau, Esther and Harold Klein, Harriet and Larry Strand, Scott Brown, Lee Gallet, Debra Hanson, Shirley Lynch, Tom Smith, Bob Jones, Bill Chilton, Martin Hickey, Ted Peterschmidt, Pat Kern, Chuck Keenan, Lauretta Karons, Raevyn Rasheed, MaryLynn Pierce, Mary Ellen Schmich, Ted Kaegebein, Ronnie Gluth, Gudy Menning, Ada Newsom, Dorothy Sheedy, Bev Brown and Bryan Lynch son of Ray & Shirley Lynch.

Death: Dick Boyd brother of Bill Boyd

Please pray for these parishioners.



No report this week.

In our pantry we can use flour, sugar, chili, and cereal. Personal care items are always welcome.

If you would like to help please contact Toni at 503 522-6316 or email tonischimming@msn.com

Without the love, support and prayers of the St. Charles community we could not provide for and do all that we are able to do for others.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Second session on Reconciliation will repeat on January 10th at 9:45 a.m. for those who missed it because of the weather.

HEALTHY KIDS: We have volunteers ready to assist families needing healthcare for their children under age 19. The only requirements are:
Birth certificate, indicating birth in the US (parents citizenships is not relevant) Social Security # (of child)
Documentation of family income for the past 2 months.

Questions can be directed to Alice McCarthy 503 282-8828 or the parish office.

BAPTISM: Sessions for parents wishing to prepare for the Baptism of their children begin January 19th. Preparation consists of 3 sessions and culminates with Baptism during the 11 a.m. mass on Feb. 7th. To register or for more information contact Joan Winchester 503 281 6461 or email her at joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES: are groups of 8 to 10 who meet regularly to share their faith, learn together and support one another. These groups meet twice monthly. We currently have several groups that meet and we would like to start at least one more group beginning in January. Registration forms are at the entrance of the church. Please take one if interested. For more information please contact Kathy Brown 503 545 8135 or you can email joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all the people who helped with decorating our church for Christmas. We are especially grateful to the Flower Committee, who planned and helped decorate—Linda Pashley, Polly Rennie, Nicki Bradford, Barbara McCormick, Alice McCarthy, Pat Gerads. We also want to thank those who helped put up the trees and decorate the church. Charlie and Evan Brucker, Fernando Madrid, Nick, Karen, Max and Ruby Fenger/Weinstein, David and Anne Holt, John Winchester, Eduardo & Hector Gonzalez-Montiel, Dado Duran, Sally Gennett and Zach Hill, Robert & Marilee Hankins, and Adam Suminski. Thank you all for helping make our church look beautiful.

EPIPHANY PARTY: Jan 3rd, 12 p.m. in the gym— We invite you to bring treats or a snack to share as we celebrate the arrival of the three kings! We will share treats, music and fun. The giant Gold Star will lead us in our celebration!

DECEMBER 27, 2009

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

God's words must be put into action in our families by showing mercy, forgiveness, and patience. Our words of instruction to our children must be tempered by humility and kindness. When we do this, we are beloved sons and daughters of God. Mary, Joseph and Jesus showed us what it means to be a holy family. In his mother and father's house, Jesus had learned the Law of Moses. Now he had to be in his Father's house. When the distraught parents spent three frantic days searching for him, they found him sitting at the feet of teachers who were amazed at the young man's intelligence. Mary asked, "Why have you done this to your father and me?" The first blow of Simeon's sword struck her heart in her son's reply: "Did you not know I had to be about my Father's business?"

Mary and Joseph did not fully understand Jesus' words, but they were open to God's plan for their lives. In him, Jesus was obedient to them; he returned home to grow in God's wisdom and grace. We too must be submissive to God's words, especially in confusing and painful circumstances. If we are faithful, when we return to our eternal home, we will gather with all God's holy family and joyfully sing, "Happy are those who walk in the ways of the Lord!"

Is my family united in peace and love? Are we growing in wisdom and grace?

FAMILY FAITH SHARING: We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children and family. Start talking.

When Jesus was twelve years old he went with his family to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. After the feast, on their way back to Nazareth, Jesus' parents realized he was not with any of the relatives that they were traveling with. They hurried back to Jerusalem to search for him. Mary and Joseph were very worried!

They found Jesus in the temple talking with the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone was amazed at his wisdom.

When Mary and Joseph asked why he didn't come back with everyone else he told them he had to tell other people about God, his Father, but they didn't understand. He went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and Mary kept all these things in her heart.

Families show God's love when they love and care for each other and worship together. How can you show love to the people in your family? Make up a special prayer to thank God for each of the members of your family and pray it together.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	Dec 20	week 25
Sacrificial Giving	4,390.00	

Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent with your parish family as God's faithful stewards!

PRAYER CORNER FOR FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN OR OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT:

John Jaskowiak , Randy Shelton and Cpl. Donlon McGovern.

For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq: www.prayercentral.net

Please continue to turn in your pledge cards.

THANK YOU!

CENSUS BUREAU HAS TEMPORARY PART TIME JOB OPENINGS.

There are business cards with the number to call at the entrance of the church and in the parish office, if you are interested.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: When the appointed time came, God's son was born of a woman, not a nameless person but a young girl named Mary. Betrothed and a bride, a virgin and a mother, she was joyful, sorrowful, and glorious, a handmaid of the Lord who became the Queen of Heaven. Mary knelt at the crib, stood at the cross, and sat with the assembly awaiting the coming of the Spirit. In her varied roles, Mary played a part in God's self-disclosure.

Mary was a poor woman, the wife of a common laborer. She gave birth in a cave, her child's cradle was a feeding trough for animals. Mary's son would nourish many by the good news he proclaimed. Simple shepherds looked on the holy family and understood what had been told to them. Unable to restrain their lips, they announced the good tidings to all who would listen.

On the eighth day, the first day of a new creation, Mary's son was given a name: Yeshua "Jesus," one who saves us from our sins. Through him, we are sons and daughters, adopted children of God, coheirs with Jesus. We cry out, Abba! "Father!" Like Mary, we ponder all that we see and hear, and we treasure these things in our hearts. Like her, we can bring forth Christ to the world.

In what ways is Mary a model for my life? Do I announce Jesus' name to others?

OLAN MILLS: We are gearing up for the new picture directory. Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the photographer and meet with the consultant at the church. You will come only once for the picture taking and consultation. You will have the opportunity to order additional photos **if you wish**. Type of dress is totally up to you, fancy or casual. The scheduled dates and times for the photos are: Jan 28 from 2—8:30 p.m.; Jan 29 from 2—8:30 p.m. and Jan 30 from 10 am to 5 pm. We will be making appointments before and after masses. Please sign up as soon as possible for the best appointment to fit your schedule. If you have any questions please contact Caley Tapfer at 503 349 7063. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our directory just won't be complete without you. This directory is an ideal outreach tool and will help people connect names with faces. Everyone who participates receives a free 8 x10 photo and a directory.