

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PORTLAND



Calendar

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 A.M.**
Sunday Hospitality SCC (**Salt and Light**)
Faithful Generations registration
FF 9:45 am
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Youth led mass 11 a.m.
Youth grp mtg. 12:15 pm
Catholic Annual Appeal
RCIC family session 12:15 PC

Mon: **Communion Service 8 a.m.** (2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42 Lk4:24-30)
Altar Society Crafts 10 am
Quest for Youth 7-8:30 pm PC

Tue **Communion Service 8am.** (Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25 Mt 18:21- 35)
Holy Hour 8:30-a.m.
PC in use 1:30—3 p.m.
Communal Reconciliation 7 p.m.

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147 Mt 5:17-19)
Evening Prayer— 7 p.m.
AA mtg.— Rm 15b 7:00 pm
SCC (Rennie) 11-12:30 a.m. Rm 3
SCC (Johnson) 7:45 p.m. Rm 2
In the Word (SCC) 7:45 p.m. PC

Thurs. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95 Lk 11:14-23)
Share the Word— 8:45 am PC
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC
PC in use 1:30—3 p.m.
MACG Organizing Team* 7 pm
St. Vincent dePaul mtg. 7 p.m. PC
Ladies night out— 6:00 pm El Indio 11114 NE Halsey

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.** (Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81 Mk 12:28-34)
Stations of the Cross—noon church
AA mtg. Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Sat. **NO morning mass** (Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51 Lk 18:9-14)
Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
SCC (Marsha White) 3:15-4:45 Rm 15b
End of life series part 3— 10 am PC

Next Sunday **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Masses at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
NO C/R (Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ps 23 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41)
Faithful Generations—noon-2:30 pm
2nd Scrutiny— 11 a.m.

* indicates outside of church

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Austin Schulz, Ron Mowlds, Larry Strand, Mike Kelly, Victoria Thomas, Joan Bruneau, Ada Newsom, Elizabeth McCarthy, Marguerite Reilly, Jennifer Norman and Florence Dressler.

Death: Leroy Loos husband of Peggy Loos and Gliss Smith sister in law of Joseph Smith-Buani.

Please pray for these parishioners.

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD, OUR ROCK!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the week of the St. Charles St Vincent dePaul made 23 food calls, 3 rent calls and 1 utility call for a total of 96 people helped.

In our food room we need eggs. If you can donate call Polly 503 284 7940 for pickup. We also need sugar and toilet paper.

Thank you for your support!

Dear Parish Family: Thank you for being generous in the 2008 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. I believe it is a privilege for me to participate in financial support not only to St. Charles Parish, but being part of the efforts of the larger church, the church of our Archdiocese. Let's work together to reach our goal of \$17, 414. We can do it!

Already our Lenten Reconciliation service is this coming week, Tuesday, Feb. 26. It is good for the soul to pause and reflect about the kind of person we are becoming and to turn our hearts to the Lord for forgiveness and new life for our Christian walk. Forgiveness and peace are gifts God wants to give us this Lenten Season.

Blessings upon your Lent days and peace to you.

Fr. JOHN

EVER BEEN IN A PICKLE?

Our 5th Faithful Generations gathering is next Sunday, March 2, following the 11 a.m. mass. The topic is Moral Decision Making. How do we make tough choices that face us in our day to day lives? This intergenerational Faith Formation afternoon is appropriate for elementary age children/adulthood. Nursery care for wee ones will be provided.

Our event will begin with a light lunch in the gym and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. To register, please sign up at the main entrance of the church or send an email to joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

NURSERY: Do you love little children? Would you like to volunteer to play and care for them once a month or so for about an hour? That's what we're looking for. The nursery, which provides care for preschool aged children 1-5 during the 11 a.m. mass is in desperate need of adults to help with this necessary ministry to young families. If you can help please contact Kirsten Hays at 503 460 3282 or Joan Winchester 503 281 6461 or email joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

LADIES NITE OUT: Thursday Feb. 28, is the night as many ladies as possible will be gathering for dinner. We are going to El Indio 11114 NE Halsey. **Hope to see many of you there.** We have a great time and get to know fellow parishioners in a different atmosphere. If you need a ride contact MaryLynn Pierce or Cathy Smith. **(Please note the date change because of the parish Communal Reconciliation being on Feb. 26.)**

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When God saved the Israelites from oppression, they passed through the waters of the sea into freedom. On their journey through the desert, the people were often thirsty. They complained that Moses had led them into the wilderness to die. In turn, Moses protested to God. "What am I going to do with this people?" Despite their grumbling, God was faithful. At the Lord's command, Moses struck a rock and water issued forth.

God's life giving presence is not a dry cistern but a "fountain springing up from within." When Jesus met a despised Samaritan woman at a well, he revealed her inner need, not for ordinary water but for the living water of the Spirit. When her thirst was quenched by Jesus' words, she told others what she found. They came to know for themselves that Jesus was the savior, the source of eternal life.

Today, we join the Elect as they scrutinize their lives. Together we examine and repent of our own thirst for power, prestige, or possessions. With God's grace we will uncover and heal anything that blocks the love of God from being poured out into our hearts. Then we can drink deeply from the life-giving springs of grace.

Am I spiritually dry? What do I need from God to satisfy this thirst on my journey of faith this Lent?

Here already! Our parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service is this Tues. Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. Come prepare your heart for Easter and let's encourage one another to take part in this Holy Sacrament. All are Welcome!

ASSISI PLEDGE FOR PEACE

During Advent and Christmas, many of us committed ourselves to the Assisi Pledge for Peace. For the next couple of months we will print in this bulletin some concrete ways we can live out this pledge.

4) We commit ourselves to defending the rights of everyone to live a decent life in accordance with their own cultural identity and to form freely a family of their own.

WAYS TO LIVE THIS PLEDGE:

- Accepting everybody regardless of race, cultural background etc. Remember that we are all pilgrims here on earth and our real home is in heaven. That we are all brothers and sisters. We are all children of God.
- Know and inform ourselves of our rights as individuals; exercise these rights in a good way that we can form our own family values and cultural identity. We can identify who we are.

I want to thank everyone who attended my 100th birthday party and all who put the party together and served it. You were all most gracious and it was wonderful.

You are all invited back to celebrate my 200th.
Love to all Marie Noonan

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	194,208.00
Sac Giv. (2/17)	4,189.00	184,950.00
	-	1,523.00
		- 9,258.00

(after 34 weeks)

We need an average of \$5712 each weekend to meet the 2007-08 budgeted offertory income. We need an average of \$8381 each weekend to meet the 2007-08 total budgeted income. The additional \$2699 needed weekly comes from rentals, fundraisers, and other income. **Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talents with your parish family as God's faithful stewards!**

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

Jason Ostrow , Kyle Vidan, Travis McGrann, Phillip Ballard and Jacob DeHaan

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

- Feb. 26- No mass today
- Feb 27- Helen Hildebrand, deceased
- Feb 28- Bert & Cecilia Benson (65th Anniversary)
- Feb 29- Bert Benson (92nd birthday)
- Mar 1- Dorothy Merz, deceased
- Mar 2- St. Charles parishioners (8:30 am)
- Mar 2- Peace and Justice (11 am)

Our Lenten schedule of Lenten opportunities and our Holy Week Schedule are on our website: www.stcharlespdx.org, and there are extra schedules in the back of the church.

Help save our Planet! Be more Environmentally Friendly: Take a shorter shower. Every 2 minutes you can conserve more than 10 gallons of water. Americans use at least twice as much water and energy per person than anyone else in the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb 26: **Communal Reconciliation 7 pm**
- Mar. 2- Faithful Generations noon
- Mar 16- PALM SUNDAY (Pancake Breakfast) one mass only 10 am
- Mar 18- Seder meal- 6:15 pm
- Mar 20- Holy Thursday- mass at 7 p.m. adoration until 10 pm
- Mar 21- Good Friday- Walk of the Cross noon
Good Friday service 7 p.m.
- Mar 22- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:30 pm (reception after)
- Mar 23- EASTER SUNDAY masses 8:30 and 11 am.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: You Must Be the Change: A workshop on nonviolence—March 8, 9:30 am—3:30 p.m. Cost is free (bring a sack lunch). To register or information call 503 794-8542. 6902 SE Lake Road Suite 300 Milwaukie, Or.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Employment Opportunity—Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services is seeking a Part time Bilingual Case Manager. For information contact Robin Neal 503 238 5196 x226. Closing date is March 7.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH: Lecture: Ethical Challenges in Medicine, Dr. Thompson Faller, PhD, Monday Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints.

METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP: invites you on its weekend Lenten Retreat for young adults ages 18-40 at the Christian Renewal Ctr in Silver Falls. Feb 29-Mar 2. Director Fr. Frank Murphy CSC will lead and the topic is "An Intimate God". Cost \$85. Information 503 349 6541.