

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 A.M.**

CARNIVAL SUNDAY

Faith Formation classes 9:45 am
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Nursery open
RCIA: 9:45 a.m. Rm 3
Sunday Hospitality Johnson SCC
HS Youth dinner at Karen's 5:30 p.m.
Confirmation mtg. 12:15 p.m. PC

Mon: **Communion Service**

Altar Society Crafts 10 am

Tue **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Holy Hour— 8:30 a.m.
PC in use 1:30-3 p.m.
RDT mtg. * 7 p.m.
set up for Soup Supper
HS Youth Core Team mtg. 7 p.m. PC

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m. & 7 pm**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Staff mtg. 9:30 a.m.
SOUP SUPPER 6:15 P.M.
AA mtg.— Rm 15b 6:30 pm
SCC (Rennie) 11-12:30 a.m. Rm 3
SCC (Johnson) 7:45 p.m. Rm 2

Thurs. **Mass 8 a.m.**

Share the Word— 8:45 am PC
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC
PC in use 1:30—3 p.m.
Pastoral Council Mtg.— 7 p.m. PC (Sr. Phyllis)

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.**

Stations of the Cross—noon church
AA mtg. Rm 15b 6:30 p.m.

Sat. **NO morning mass**

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
Blessing of Couples

Next Sunday

First Sunday Lent

MASSES 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FF sessions
Adult Ed
NO coffee and rolls hospitality
Lenten Reflection
Registration for Faithful Generations
NO Liturgy of the Word for Children
Blessing of Couples
Nursery open
Rite of Election
Reception for Marie Noonan 100th Birthday 12-2pm

* 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, Dorie Cole and Debbie Kern

Death: David Stewart son of Alice Stewart

Please pray for these parishioners.

THANK YOU: To Fr. John, the parish staff, and all of the St. Charles Community who remembered my son in law, Dan White, with their prayers, interest and compassion at a most difficult time. The entire family appreciates all you have done and continue to do for us. Thank you with our prayers and love— Jeanne Allen

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps. 3 Mk 5:1-20
Tue 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,24-25a,30-19:3 Ps 86 Mk5:21-43
Wed Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur Dt 30:15-20 Ps1 Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51 Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86 Lk5:27-32
NEXT SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the week of Jan 21-25 the St. Charles St Vincent dePaul made 22 food calls and 2 utility calls for a total of 81 people helped.

In our food room we need cooking oil, sugar and eggs. If you need someone to pick up items please call Polly 503 284 7940. Thank you for your support!

Many bags of beautiful coats and jackets were donated to our clothing room with the compliments of Sean Patrick Fennerty.

With Polly Rennie stepping aside from St. Vincent dePaul in the near future, the Feb. 13th meeting at 7 pm in rm. 3, will be an organizational meeting and the meeting is open to anyone interested in volunteering in this ministry. Again we thank Polly and we appreciate her assistance during this transition time too.

Dear Parish Family: The beatitudes of our culture might go like this: Blessed are the rich, for they need not worry about the future. Blessed are the powerful, for they control events. Blessed are the important, for they can direct others to do for them. Blessed are those who me "ME" first, for they will not be inconvenienced. A far cry from what Jesus proclaimed and promised! Yes, we are counter-cultural as Jesus followers..

Ready or not, Lent is upon us with Ash Wednesday this week! I look forward to this journey with you all to Easter and our new life in Christ. May God bless our efforts of prayer, almsgiving, and self-sacrifice so that we each become more Christ-like persons these 40 days. I hope our parish Catechumens and Candidates inspire us all in our conversion of heart. Let's begin Lent with enthusiasm and firm resolve, one and all!

Peace to you Fr. JOHN
BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD, OUR ROCK!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, MARIE NOONAN! We are proud of you and what a beautiful person you have become! We thank God for your parents and God for giving you life and love. We wish you the blessings of good health and we are grateful that you are among us.

All are invited to attend a reception in Marie's honor on Feb. 10 from 12-2 p.m. Come and have birthday cake with Marie and celebrate her life.

Next weekend at all the masses we will share a blessing for all engaged and married couples in anticipation of Valentine's Day.

Check out our parish WEBSITE: www.stcharlespdx.org. This is a convenient way to refer people to our parish too!

YOUTH CORNER: Thanks to all who supported the Cinnamon Roll sale last Sunday. It was a big success.

Twelve high schoolers and four adult chaperones enjoyed an exciting trip through the Shanghai Tunnels in the Portland underground last Sunday. This historically important field trip made a lasting impression on all who attended. Shanghaiers, share your stories with our community.

FEBRUARY 3, 2008
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Ordinarily, we boast of our advantages and successes, not our weaknesses and failures. Paul says that if we must boast, we should boast in the Lord. His care and concern is for those who, in the eyes of the world, count for nothing: the poor and despised.

Zephaniah calls these lowly ones the "remnant of Israel." They are the faithful, humble people who do not seek power for themselves but justice for all. The psalmist sings of the "poor in spirit" who find refuge in the Lord. Once they were blind and living in darkness, but the Lord gave them sight and raised them up to new life. How blest they are!

Jesus teaches us about this topsy-turvy kingdom. He will give us everything we lack. If we are poor in spirit, God's reign will be ours. If we are full of sorrow, we will be consoled. If we are oppressed and lowly, we will find justice in the land. If we are hungry and thirsty, we will be satisfied. If we show mercy and are peacemakers, we will be named "children of God." Our reward will be great for God's kingdom is here!

Do I find joy and light despite the darkness of the world around me? Do I work to secure justice for the oppressed?

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS:

Fasting: All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means one full meal, the other two meals should be less than the normal amount. There is a voluntary Fast Day on March 5 (Archdiocesan Ember Day). The intention is for the healing of victims of child sexual abuse and their reconciliation with the church.

Abstain: All Catholics 14 years and older are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

LENT: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, masses will be at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Simple soup supper begins at 6:15 p.m.

A Lenten Reflection will be given on Sunday Feb. 10, 2008, beginning at 9:45 a.m. A time of silence to ponder and reflect what our Lent will be this year.

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD: Moving from debts to assets: A group of MACG leaders met with Albina Bank Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer on Jan. 23rd. They responded positively to our vision for Moving from Debts to Assets, a financial education initiative that will take place inside member institutions, like St. Charles, with an incentive for participants and follow up mentoring to ensure people have the support they need to achieve their financial goals. The executives offered to provide teachers from the bank and agreed to seed the incentive for participants in the classes with a multi year grant, but with an amount much less than we asked for. The Albina executives also offered to open doors for us in other financial institutions and foundations to raise the money we need to make Moving from Debts to Assets a success.

Leaders agreed in the evaluation that the meeting was a positive step with the leaders of Albina Community Bank, but also agreed we need to go back to the Executives with a stronger proposal on raising the adequate funds we need to make our vision a reality. If you want to get involved in the work to make this happen, please contact the office, and we will give you more background information and connect you with the people leading this effort.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	177,072.00
Sac Giv.(1/27)	<u>3,801.00</u>	<u>167,796.00</u>
	- 1,911.00	- 9,276.00

(after 31 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. 5- Vic Weitzel deceased
- Feb 6- Helen Hildebrand, deceased
- Feb 7- Nicolas & Cecilia Naval (50th Anniversary)
- Feb 8- Ron Schemmel, deceased
- Feb 9- Ron Schemmel, deceased
- Feb 10- St Charles parishioners (8:30 am)
- Feb 10- Peace and Justice (11 am)

Thank you for your concern and prayers for Shirley Lynch. She has improved considerably and we are sure your prayers helped. It is wonderful to be a part of this community that cares so much.

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.

- 1) We commit ourselves to proclaiming our firm conviction that violence and terrorism are incompatible with the authentic spirit of religion, and as we condemn every recourse to violence and war in the name of God or of religion, we commit ourselves to doing everything possible to eliminate the root causes of terrorism.

WAYS TO LIVE THIS PLEDGE:

- Read the writing of an individual who works for peace such as the Dalai Lama.
- Inform yourself about other religions; understanding helps to reduce fear.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb 6— Ash Wednesday Masses 8 am & 7 p.m.
Soup supper— 6:15 p.m.
- Feb 10— Lenten Reflection 9:45 a.m. PC

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

ST. PHILIP NERI ALTAR SOCIETY: 46th Annual Stuffed Rigatoni Luncheon Feb 14 from 11 am—2 p.m. Adults \$10, Children \$3, under 5 free. 2408 SE 16th Ave Carvlin Hall.

ST. IGNATIUS: 73rd Annual Italian Dinner Feb 17 from noon-6pm. Dillon Hall SE 43rd & Powell, Adults \$9, Seniors \$8, Kids under 12 \$5, and under 5 free.

KBVM: Be listening during Lent and Easter for special prayers, liturgical celebrations and music- the "At Home Lenten Retreat" each weekday morning at 7 am. Stations of the Cross each **Friday at 3:30 p.m.**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Women Build Kick off meeting Feb 7 6pm Open House & 6:30 pm program begins. Westminster Presbyterian Church 2nd floor 1624 NE Hancock. www.pdxhabitat.org/current/womenbuild.php. This program engages women of every race, age, and skill level to plan & build an affordable home with an eligible family. Learn about upcoming build in NE Portland (near Mallory & MLK.)