

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

NO Sunday Hospitality

Faithful Generations noon-2:30 p.m. gym

2nd Scrutiny— 11 am

Mon: **Communion Service** 8 a.m. (Is 65:17-21 Ps 30 Jn 4:43-54)

Altar Society Crafts 10 am

Quest for Youth 7-8:30 pm PC

Tue **Mass at 8 a.m.** (Ex 47:1-9,12 Ps 46 Jn 5:1-16)

Holy Hour— 8:30 a.m.

Office closed (Staff Lenten Retreat day)?

PC in use 1:30—3 p.m.

Faith Formation Ministry mtg. 7 p.m.*

High School Youth Core team mtg. 7 p.m. PC

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Is 49:8-15 Ps 145 Jn 5:17-30)

Staff meeting 9 a.m. (Fr. John)

Evening Prayer— 7 p.m.

Reconciliation at St. Andrew 7 p.m.

AA mtg.— Rm 15b 7 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.** (Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106 Jn 5:31-47)

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 (Shirley)

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.** (Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30)

Stations of the Cross—noon church

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

Sat. **NO morning mass** (Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7 Jn 7:40-53)

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

SCC (Marsha White) 3:15-4:45 Rm 15b

Altar Society Bake and Treasure Sale

Blood pressure Clinic- Parish office

Next Sunday **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASSES 8:30 & 11 (Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45)

Hospitality School families

FF classes

3rd Scrutiny 8:30 am

Altar Society Bake and Treasure Sale

Catholic Relief Services collection

Adult Ed

Confirmation mtg. 12:15 PC

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Blood Pressure Clinic—Parish Office after masses

* 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, Ada Newsom, Jennifer Norman, Marguerite Reilly, Florence Dressler, Rosemarie Wolf sister in law of Pat Gerads, Joan Bruneau and Annie Craig.

Please pray for these parishioners.

BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD, OUR ROCK!

Congratulations to Sally & Dale Gennett who will receive a blessing at the 11 am mass next weekend for their 40th wedding anniversary.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the week of Feb 18-22 the St. Charles St Vincent dePaul made 25 food calls, 2 rent calls and 5 utility calls for a total of 85 people helped.

In our food room we need sugar. We need socks for all ages. The 3rd Sunday of each month is St. Vincent dePaul weekend. This month on the 3rd Sunday our envelopes brought in \$148.00. Thank you for your support!

Dear Parish Family: Thank you to all who donated to the Annual Archbishop's Appeal to help support the many ministries of our Archdiocese. Of course, none of the funds we donate are used for child abuse settlements. Let's all pitch in to make our goal...

The blind man had a tough time of it: unrecognized by his friends, challenged by the authorities, unsupported by his parents, expelled from the synagogue. His new faith came at a cost. Sometimes it's hard for us to live our faith, to be Catholic. "You mean you still go to the Catholic Church?" Someone might ask. Our faith goes beyond externals and the human failures of our church. We find Christ here and we are grateful for the gift of faith. Believing is a gift from God.

The Triduum nears. I hope you make the sacrifices necessary to participate in these holy days of prayer so that Easter will mean even more to you. Happy March and spring just around the corner.

Peace to you

Fr. JOHN

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: Hopefully we all recycle our newspapers. Each year 10 million tons of newspapers are still tossed into landfills and not recycled. If just half of these were recycled we would save 75 million trees! St. Charles has a (blue) bin to recycle paper at the end of the parking lot. Feel free!

ALL PARISH MAILING: We'll be sending out our spring all parish mailing. If you are not on our mailing list, we hope you will fill out a Welcome Form from the back of the church and officially join St. Charles! A warm welcome to all who have joined our parish and know that you are so welcome to "join in" our parish activities as well as our masses and prayer times.

EMBER DAY: Archbishop John G. Vlazny has announced that March 5, 2008, will be an Archdiocesan Ember Day. Traditionally, Ember Days are days of prayer and fasting at home, in schools, at church, in private. The intention of this Ember Day is for the healing of child sexual abuse and their reconciliation with the church and community.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS: We will hold our annual Lenten Reflection on Wed. March 13, beginning with lunch at noon. Barbara McCormick will lead us in a quiet afternoon of music, prayer and the sharing of life experiences. You can choose to be a silent participant. This event is open to all and there is no charge. We will be providing the lunch. Please note that we will begin at noon instead of the usual meeting time of 1 pm. Let us know that you are coming. Call Jan at 503 287 1909.

Sign up sheets for help at our Bake & Treasure Sale are out now. We need bakers for the goodies. We need people to help price and arrange Treasure Sale items on Friday morning, March 8. We need helpers at the sale on March 9 and March 10 after masses. HELP! HELP!

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God doesn't judge us at face value but looks into the depth of our being. The prophet Samuel was sent to the home of Jesse in Bethlehem to anoint the chosen king of Israel. Samuel scrutinized Jesse's seven sons one by one, but none of them was to be the "anointed one." When David, the youngest son, was presented to Samuel, everyone thought that he too would prove unworthy. But God saw something the others did not see; God looked into David's heart. David the shepherd boy was the Lord's anointed.

Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth, whose affliction people assumed was the consequence of sin. Sometimes we claim to have insight into the ways of God, but our own blindness is often worse than the blind man's. We need to stand again with the Elect, examine our own spiritual blindness, and turn away from darkness to live as "children of light." With our blindness healed, we will come to a greater awareness that Jesus is the "light of the world." Washed in the pool of baptism, anointed with the chrism of salvation, fed at the table of the Lord, we will say with the blind man, "Once I was blind. Now I can see."

Am I blind to sin in my life? Am I a source of light or darkness to others? Who or what will open my eyes this Lent?

GLOBAL OUTREACH: Anyone interested in learning more about how you can help Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers & Sisters) or attending a brunch on their behalf, please contact Linda Solvason 503 255-0708 or Fr. John 503 281 6461. **"Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto Me"**. (Matthew 25:40)

WALKING LENTEN JOURNEY UPDATE: The first week we reported 1,031,397 steps or 519 miles; the 2nd week 1,825,179 steps or 913 miles; this last week we did 2,253,412 steps or 1,126.7 miles for a total during the first 3 weeks of our walk of 2,558 miles. Check our poster to see where our steps/miles have taken us.

REMEMBER WITHOUT YOUR SLIPS WE CAN'T COUNT YOUR STEPS.

Join the **40 Days for Life campaign** this Lent from Feb 6—March 16 through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach. Learn more about 40 Day for Life in Portland by contacting Randy at 503 309 0280 or 40DaysPDX@gmail.com and visit www.40daysforlife.com/portland.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION: You will find an envelope in this bulletin for the Easter flower collection. Please return the envelope next week and put it in the collection basket. Thank you.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	199,920.00
Sac Giv. (2/24)	3,670.00	188,619.00
-	2,042.00	- 11,301.00

(after 35 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:

- Mar 4- Dorie Cole, ill
- Mar 5 Martha Jones, deceased
- Mar 6 - Jimmy & Roma Kehoe
- Mar 7- Beth McCarthy, deceased
- Mar 8- John Hedland, deceased
- Mar 9- St. Charles parishioners, 8:30 a.m.
- Mar 9- Marie Noonan

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.

5) We commit ourselves to frank and patient dialogue, refusing to consider our differences as an insurmountable barrier, but recognizing instead that to encounter the diversity of others can become an opportunity for greater reciprocal understanding.

WAYS TO LIVE THIS PLEDGE:

- At St Charles we can participate in opportunities for dialogue such as Sunday Hospitality or Faithful Generations where we can choose to sit with persons we don't know very well or of a different age or cultural group than ourselves.
- This week practice active listening with another person before putting forth your own opinion or view.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 midnight
- Mar 21- Good Friday- Walk of the Cross noon 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:

HOLY REDEEMER: Catholic Charities and Holy Redeemer are pleased to welcome Sr. Patricia Mukanyonga, a Rwandan genocide survivor. She will be giving a testimony of faith, hope and forgiveness on March 11 at 7 p.m. Information 503 231 4866 x154.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: You Must Be The Change: A workshop on Nonviolence Mar. 8- 9:30 am-3:30 p.m. Cost free-bring a sack lunch. Call 503 794 8542.