

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

EASTER SUNDAY

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

NO FF

NO C/R

HAPPY EASTER

Mon: **EASTER MONDAY**

NO Communion Ser.

NO Altar Society Crafts

Office Closed

Spring Break

Tue **NO Mass or Communion Service**

Office closed

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.**

Staff meeting 9 a.m.– noon

AA mtg.– Rm 15b 7:30 pm

Administrative Council mtg. 7 pm PC

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

Share the Word– 8:45 am PC

Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC

Ladies Nite Out- Stanichs 6 p.m.

RDM mtg. 7 pm PC

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.**

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

Sat. **No morning mass**

St. Vincent dePaul St. Charles Pantry open– 11 am—1 pm

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday: **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Faith Formation 9:45 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Mystagogia 9:45 a.m. Rm 3

Hospitality- Multi Cultural Ministry

Reception for Polly Rennie– after the 11 a.m. mass

Youth led mass 11 a.m.

Youth Group and parent mtg. 12:15 p.m. PC

Middle School youth and parent mtg. 12:15 p.m. Rm 15B

Whitaker Development Forum 9:45 a.m. PC

* indicates outside of church



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the week of Mar 8-16 the St. Charles St Vincent dePaul made 18 food calls, 1 rent call, 3 utility calls and 2 calls for clothing and housewares for a total of 61 people helped. We continue to be blessed by the generous, compassionate people of St. Charles.

In our food room we need sugar, flour, tortillas and cooking oil.

Dear Parish Family: Congratulations to our new Catholics — our Neophytes and blessings to us all in our Baptism Promises, made for the 1st time or for most of us, renewed once again. May we be more faithful to our Lord Jesus in the daily decisions to choose life, to choose what is good, and to choose what is holy and true.

Like Jesus (and Lazarus before him) we are called to leave our “tombs”, the dark quiet place where we are not bothered, where no one asks anything of us, where we can resist resurrection. We have all sorts of ways of staying in our tombs—like not making waves, not speaking up when we should. What is your tomb? A grudge against someone? Some addictions or compulsion? Stubbornness? Fear? What kind of tomb keeps you from being fully alive and the person God created you to be?

May we take time to think about what Easter might mean personally for us that we might be an Easter person. May the goodness of Jesus rise in us and may we see Easter in one another. *We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.* Easter blessings to you all, and Peace to you. Fr. JOHN

HELP SAVE OUR PLANET! BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY!

When you buy ground or whole bean coffee, look for varieties with organic, Fair Trade, Bird Friendly, or Rainforest Alliance certification seals. These labels represent coffee farms that practice sustainable agriculture to preserve or restore rain forest ecosystems. Just one household switching to certified coffee for a year is enough to protect 9,200 square feet of rain forest.

FIRST COMMUNION: Preparing for 1st Communion is a special time in a child's journey of faith. This year 7 beautiful children are preparing to share fully in the sacrament of the Eucharist. As a community we can support these young people through our prayers and our welcome.

Today we begin with EMMA VAIL an outgoing and confident 8 yr. old. God added a ray of sunshine and a lot of happiness when he created Emma for she radiates with joyfulness. Her mother describes her as a creative, funny and intelligent daughter with a beautiful spirit. Emma displays her caring qualities with her 3 yr old brother who was born with physical challenges and her pet rat, Vanilla. A lover of animals, this young girl's dream is to become a vet so she can care for all kind of animals.

Gifted in athletics, Emma's speedy legs carry her up and down the soccer field where she plays for the Rose City Tigers. Rotating a hoola hoop around her waist is another great talent. A picnic at the park with sandwiches and juice is one of Emma's favorite family activities. She also looks forward to long car trips to visit grandma in Klamath Falls. This spring, grandma is planning a trip to Portland for Emma's 1st Communion celebration

A second grader at Archbishop Howard School, Emma likes math and is quick at solving addition and subtraction problems. She also enjoys science and studying about dinosaurs and fossils.

When asked what she likes about St. Charles Church, Emma responded with learning about God in 1st Communion class and the big chocolate donuts. Through the eyes of an 8 yr old, Emma sees a world in need of peace. She prays for an end of fighting and more concern about protecting the environment. Pray for this young girl in her journey of faith.

BAPTISM: Sessions for parents wishing to have their child baptized begin on Tuesday evening, April 1st. Preparation consists of 4 evening sessions and culminates with the celebration of Baptism during the 11:00 a.m. mass on April 27th. For additional information and to register, please contact Joan Winchester (503) 281 6461, or email her at joanw@stcharlespx.org.

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Austin Schulz, Larry Strand, Mike Kelly, Ada Newsom, Rosemarie Wolf, Jennifer Norman, Cecilia Benson mother of Linda Solvason and Elizabeth Gant mother of Mary Mobley.

Please pray for these parishioners.

THANK YOU to everyone who made our 2008 Lenten Journey and our celebration of Holy Week and the Triduum so prayerful and meaningful and special. You have all been most generous! Thank you to all who have participated too!

CONGRATULATIONS to Monica Rischiotto from St. Charles chosen to be princess representing Central Catholic High School for the Rose Festival. We are proud of you and we thank God for you, Monica!

The advertisement for parish Business Manager is now open at St. Charles Parish and is posted on our website (www.stcharlespx.org)

THANK YOU to the Altar Society for their baked goods and Treasure sale and all who helped make it a success! Their profit was \$872.00.



**MARCH 23, 2008
EASTER SUNDAY**



EASTER SUNDAY

Today we gather in joy, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Our day-long celebration nears its end as we reflect on all that we have seen and heard in this shortest of seasons, the Easter Triduum. We must not lose sight of the reason we have come together: death and life have been locked together in a unique struggle from the 1st moments of creation to Christ's victory over death. We too have contended with "things above" and "things below." We cannot celebrate this feast with the "old yeast" of corruption but with the "unleavened bread" of truth.

Today we gather with the disciples, filled with confusion and doubt. We want to believe that the risen Lord is among us, but we do not recognize him when he walks alongside us. We share our concerns with one another, but often we have no answers. That is when we must go side-by-side to gaze into the empty caverns of our lives and try to understand it together. Then, slowly, hesitantly, we begin to see and believe. Like the disciples of Emmaus, we who eat and drink with the risen Lord can testify to his presence in our midst. "The Lord has risen indeed!" Now we must go forth and share our joy with those who have not gathered with us.

Can other people see that Christ is alive in my life? Do I give thanks to the Lord that his steadfast love endures forever?

ROLL AWAY THE STONE! We free others through our love and encouragement to see life's possibilities and to be their best selves. **HAPPY SPRING VACATION AND EASTER LIFE TO EVERYONE!**

SCHOOL NEWS: Registration is open to all families interested in sending their children to Archbishop Howard School. We have openings in pre kindergarten, kindergarten and several other classes as well. Call for an appointment to visit the school or for registration materials. Our main office number is 503 281 1912 or check out our website at www.archbishophoward.org. We would love to hear from you!

CONGRATULATIONS!! To all those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Erick Moore, received Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist

Joseph Kocourek, Julion Oddy, Lauren Sims & Hannah Sims received Baptism and First Eucharist

Cynthia Preece, entered into full communion with the Catholic Church & received Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Joseph Rossyion II and Melissa Gomez, received First Eucharist.

Mason Preece, received Baptism

PARISH FORUM: March 30th 9:45 a.m. Parish Center. Next Sunday, we will gather between the masses to talk about our neighborhood and our hopes for the redevelopment of the former Whitaker School. We have invited someone from the Cully and Concordia Neighborhood Assoc. to join us for this gathering. What do you love about our neighborhood? Are there issues you are concerned about? Come & share your thoughts!

SORROW TO JOY: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power...This man God raised on the 3rd day and granted that he be visible." Acts 10:38, 41)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	217,056.00
Sac Giv.(3/16)	<u>3,569.00</u>	<u>204,072.00</u>
	- 2,143.00	- 12,984.00

(after 38 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 24 no mass (no communion service)
- Mar 25 no mass (no communion service)
- Mar 26 Randy Ocheltree, deceased
- Mar 27 Betty Welch, ill
- Mar 28 Beth McCarthy, deceased
- Mar 29 Jennifer Norman, ill
- Mar 30 Caroline Thomas health of (8:30 a.m.)
- Mar 30 St. Charles Parishioners 11 am

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.

8. We commit ourselves to taking up the cry of those who refuse to be resigned to violence and evil, and we desire to make every effort possible to offer the men and women of our time real hope for justice and peace.

WAYS TO LIVE THIS PLEDGE:

- Consider joining a team to get to know someone who is about to transition from prison back into society. Phoenix Rising Transitions is a member institution of Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good that is seeking people to meet inside local prisons. Their contact info is: www.phoenix-rising-transitions.org or 503 866-1554.
- Encourage the play of children with toys that are creative without the promotion of items that promote violence such as play guns, swords, etc. Explain to your children why you discourage the use of these types of toys.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY: 2811 NE Holman St. —Kids Spring Break Theatre Camp "The Magic Ring" (or Why Dogs & Cats are Enemies) March 24-28 9am-3pm Current 2nd-6th Cost \$155. Also "Tall Tales From the Wild West" Entering 2nd-5th grade July 21-25 9 am-3 p.m. \$155. or entering 4th-7th grade July 28-Aug 8 9 am-3 p.m. Cost \$275. To register or for information call 503 280 8614.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: 6902 SE Lake Rd. Suite 300 Milwaukie, Or. -Thomas Merton: Contemplation and Experience Mar 29 10 am-2 p.m. Cost \$30 (includes lunch and snack) To register 503 794 8542.

WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE: 2219 SE 68th Ave. Portland, Or. Has restructured their tuition and financial aid model for 2008-09. Now positioned as an attractive alternative, offering a high quality, private and personalized Christ centered liberal arts education, priced between public higher education and higher priced private colleges & universities. Questions call 503 517 1246.

MT. ANGEL ABBEY: Divine Mercy Devotions March 30 at 2 p.m. All are invited to attend. Confessions will be heard from 1:30 p.m. Services include Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany, Reading, Rosary and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.