

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

A father of a family of five children was fighting terminal cancer. His middle daughter had cerebral palsy. The father's relationship with his daughter was one of patience, gentleness, and obvious love and devotion as he guided her through the Mass postures, helped her to Communion, encouraged her to respond. After Mass the pastoral minister was listening to him talk about his most recent decision to choose life over death: he had joined a new cancer research group and had just begun a new form of chemotherapy. Because he spoke about his great desire as a young father to live, the pastoral minister expected his drive for a healthy life was because of his physically and mentally challenged daughter. Yet when the father asked for prayer, it wasn't for either him or his middle daughter. He asked for prayers for his oldest daughter who was a teenager. The gospel this Sunday is not about Jesus dealing with teenagers. He does remind us, though, how important the law is for us to know our parameters and to be faithful to them. He reminds us too that basic to law is a love relationship, certainly shown by this father toward both his daughters. Jesus is not setting aside the old law. He categorically states that he has "come not to abolish but to fulfill" that law. While the world exists, we still need God's law to guide us because we are imperfect, coming only slowly to the fulfillment that Jesus promises. However, Jesus makes clear that simply keeping the law-as the scribes and Pharisees were so careful about doing is not enough. The gospel is a lengthy comparison between the law of the Old Covenant and a new law-a New Covenant Jesus offers. The point of Jesus' lengthy discourse is clear: he is challenging us to a whole new covenantal basis for interpreting God's law. Rather than looking at the minimal letter of the law, we are to look at the spirit of the law, which calls us to a much fuller way of relating to God and one another. Jesus' new covenant is built on right relationships that extend beyond the letter of the law. No law-whether divine or human can cover all the right choices we are to make as we journey through life. Our own choices for good-for life-can only come when we open ourselves

*Father in heaven,
the loving plan of your wisdom took flesh
in Jesus Christ,
and changed mankind's history
by his command of perfect love.
May our fulfillment of his command reflect your wisdom
and bring your salvation to the ends of the earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

Please give prayer consideration if you are asked to help with this important effort. Ask what God may be calling you to do on behalf of our parish and our Church in Western Oregon.

During the course of this campaign, every household will be:

- *provided detailed information about the needs of our parish and the project.
- *afforded the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers
- *shown how we all can respond

Our goal is to hear from every household and attain 100% participation. Information will be forthcoming and mailed directly to each registered household. Check the bulletin each week for additional information, or contact Fr. John with questions.

MASS AT HOPE VILLAGE

The monthly Mass at Hope Village is Wednesday, **February 16**. Mass begins at **10:30am** and is held in the library of the Assisted Living portion of the facility. This is a great way to show our continued love, support and connection with the many members of our parish community who may not be able to celebrate the Sunday Mass with us. All are welcome. Visitors are asked to park on the side and back parking lots.

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a Mass Intention for a loved one who has passed away? Maybe a friend who is undergoing a difficult time or is facing an illness? How about a Birthday or Anniversary! You can schedule your Mass Intentions on any given daily Masses Tuesday evenings, Wednesday through Friday mornings as well as our weekend Masses. You can schedule your Intentions by coming into the Parish Office or call and talk to Debbie.

ST. PATRICK WOMEN'S CLUB will meet on Monday, **February 14th at 7:00pm** in the Multipurpose of the Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

NEW HOURS FOR OUR SECRETARY

Our Administrative Assistant Debbie Newbury will be changing her work hours. Debbie will be in the Parish Office Monday through Thursdays only from 9:00am to 5:00pm starting March 1st. The Parish Office will still be open on Fridays from 9am -12:00pm for your convenience. Thank you!

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to our secretary's new hours, the bulletin deadline to submit your items will be on Tuesday's by 12noon. This new deadline will start Tuesday, **March 1st**. To submit your article, please email Debbie at dnewbury@canby.com or drop off your handwritten/typed article.

WINTER BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES

The second Baptismal preparation class will be this Tuesday, **February 15 at 7pm** in the Conference room of the Parish Center. For more information please contact the Parish Office [503-266-9411].

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canby Center is in current need of volunteers. Our Clothing Exchange needs people who would be willing to sort and organize the clothing that is so graciously donated. This is a job that doesn't take a lot of skill but does require a servant's heart. It's not glamorous but incredibly important to this ministry. The Clothing Exchange is open Monday - Thursday, 11:00 to 5:00pm. We run two shifts per day, 11am-2 and 2-5pm. It could be once a week or once a month, whatever your schedule allows.

We also have need for volunteers for our Mobile Kitchen Ministry. We have a big bus that comes every Thursday, from St. Vincent DePaul, to serve free lunch to our community at The Canby Center. We need people willing to serve the food from 11am to 2pm in the afternoon, once a month. Again, not very glamorous but VERY important. We could not exist without those who desire to love God and love others by helping to meet the basic needs of our community. If you are interested, please contact Kelley VanAcker at 503-266-2920 or email kelley@thecanbycenter.org.

GRIEF RECOVERY WEEKEND

Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death or a divorce? A grief recovery retreat for the widowed, separated and divorced will be held the weekend of March 4-6 at The Griffin Center in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center. (Registration by February 28 is recommended). The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for 2 nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangement may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available. Please call Margi Harp at 503-881-0934 for more information. You could also email using this [address:margi8280@comcast.net](mailto:margi8280@comcast.net). Additional information may be found on the website of International Beginning Experience at www.beginningexperience.org.

Parish Happenings

Sunday

9:45am Religious Education
4 years - 5th grade
11:00am Nursery
3:00pm Children's Baptismal
Preparation class [RCIC]
3:00pm Spanish Sacramental Prep
5:00pm Spanish Bible Study

Monday

9:15am Bible Study
5:00pm Spanish Music Rehearsal
6:00pm Intercession Prayers
6:00pm Relay for Life
6:30pm Catechists Training
7:00pm St. Patrick Women's Club

Tuesday

7:00pm Tuesday evening Mass
7:00pm Knights of Columbus
7:00pm Baptismal prep class

Wednesday

8:00am Daily Mass
10:30am Mass at Hope Village
7:00pm Confirmation class
7:00pm Journey in Faith, Youth in
Action and RCIA

Thursday

8:00am Daily Mass
12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:30pm Spanish Religious
Education
7:00pm Bible Study
8:00pm Benediction

Friday

7:00am Marian Prayer Group
8:00am Daily Mass
7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group
Catechists Retreat
[February 18-20]



Parish News

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR PRIVILEGE, OUR RIGHT, AND OUR DUTY

As it is written 'Even if these forget, yet I will not forget you.' (Is 49:15):

We in the Catholic Church in the Community of St. Patrick remember, hold in our memory, and pray for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces especially: *Cody Amick, Ryan Thomas*



Blackwood, Ryan Bridges, Aaron Burch, Isaiah Creel, Tanner Cushing, David Davis, Loyd Davis, Kenny Doleac, Bryan Dykeman, Brad Dunn, Bill Ellis, Adam Ferrell, David Hannon, Nolan Henden, Joe Hauck, April Kennedy, Patrick Kirsch, Mike Krzmarzick, Sarah Losson, William Losson, Johnny Lugo, Adam Lulay, Alonzo Maronilla, Jordan Martinez, Jordan Morelli, Daniel Olsen, Keith Schantin, Matthew Schmader, Robert Selner, Kristian Spencer, Tarl Spencer, Brian Thomas, CJ Trillo, Jonathan Turner, William Walsh, Ivan Wilson and John Zagyva. May they be servants of Christ through service to those in need, and may they be kept safe from all harm.

PARISH SUPPORT

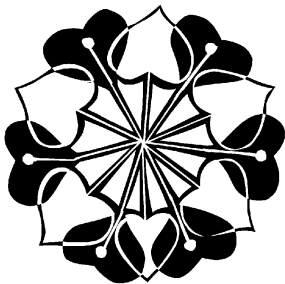
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Funds Collected for Others:

Cemetery	\$26.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$60.00
Total:	\$86.00

Collection Parish Operating Expenses:

Envelopes'	\$9018.00
Loose	\$472.11
Children's	\$1.00
Poor	\$53.00
Unemployment Fund	\$1857.46
Building Fund	\$397.00
Total	\$11,798.57



Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Intention of the parishioners

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

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Thursday, February 17, 2011

Intention of the parishioners

Friday, February 18, 2011

+ Dexter Gannon by Hannan family

Saturday, February 19, 2011

Intention of the parishioners

Sunday, February 20, 2011

8:30am +Russell Schoen by Schoen family

11:00am Intention of the parishioners

4:00pm Intention of the parishioners

OUR PRAYERS FOR HOLINESS OF LIFE

*That world leaders work to establish laws that truly bring justice for all, we pray to the Lord.

*That the people of God be a source of life and holiness for others, we pray to the Lord.

*That those who are unjustly imprisoned, persecuted, or wronged find justice through the goodness of others. . .

*That each of us come to the fullness of life through the care we have for each other, we pray to the Lord.

A VALENTINE'S DAY BLESSING

Love, the Bible says, is patient.

May you never lose your temper with the one you love, but be patient as God was with his people.

Love, the Bible says, is never boastful.

May you cherish your love as a masterpiece of God, and not as a trophy to be displayed.

Love, the Bible says, is never selfish.

May you always be generous to your love, with time, with affection, with encouragement and assistance.

For as Christ loved the Church, so we should love our beloved.

As Mary was devoted to her Son, so we should be devoted to those we love. And as God loved and sacrificed for the world, so may we always be to those we love.

Amen

Religious Education News

SCHEDULE CHANGE

We will be having religious education classes for all elementary students on February 20, 2011. The Catechists will be on retreat the weekend of February 27th, so there will be no religious education classes on that day. Please keep all of our teachers and aides in your prayers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Middle school youth mark your calendar for the annual Mardi Gras Lock-In! Our **Mardi Gras Lock-In** will be held on **Friday, March 4th**. Get your sleeping bag, favorite snack, one good friend, and more energy than you can imagine for this once a year all nighter. Music, crafts, games, prizes, photo's, food and a late night pajama fashion show hosted by our very own Marlene Kirkpatrick. Don't miss the fun!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High school youth mark your calendar for the **5th Annual Rise Up Rally on Saturday, March 12th**. This year's rally will be held at St. Pius X parish in Portland. Last year they had over 350 participants from 18 parishes from all over the Northwest attend. The fee to attend is \$40.00 which covers transportation, rally, dinner and a T-shirt. Please contact Frances Parker with your RSVP, questions or to request a permission form at 503-266-9411 or fparker@canby.com

CRAB FEED YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the youth volunteers that helped with the Knights of Columbus Crab Feed & Auction: Maddie Brockman, Nathan Earl, Martin Gerardo, Ashley Holmes, Luis Jimenez, Peter Judge, Josh Kraemer, Raymond Lopez, Alvaro Mendez, Matthew Newbury, Ryan Patershall, Christina Patton, Kristina Phan, Christopher Phan, Zach Riener, Laura Simnitt, Josh Tibbetts, Sydney Will, and Jose Zurita.



LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Four times in the gospel Jesus says these or similar words: "You have heard it said. . .But I say to you. . ." How easy it is for us to do just the minimum! Jesus invites us to rethink our relationship with others, now on his terms. We are to act with the same loving-kindness as God has acted toward us. We must say and mean yes often-a yes that is a choice for life and goodness.

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SHALOM PRAYER CENTER - A PLACE OF PEACE PRESENTS:

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT: "WORDS OF LIFE: PSALMS FOR LENTEN PRAYER."

The psalms contain many of the Lenten themes: the call to life, repentance, atonement, and reconciliation. Come join us at the beginning of Lent to explore how the psalms are an ancient (but ever new) way to move us toward Jerusalem and Easter. There will be two teachings and a day of quiet.

Presenter: Sr. Jeanette Von Herrmann, OSB.

Wednesday, March 9, 9:00am-3:30pm

\$40, \$25 deposit, bring a lunch or buy lunch for \$6. Register by March 7. 503-845-6773 (Shalom Prayer Center-Mt. Angel)

SEEKING, FINDING GRATITUDE: A WRITING WORKSHOP

We'll remember times when our hearts are filled with gratitude, and I'll enable you to write about them. We'll celebrate not only experiences and benevolent people but also qualities within ourselves. Come walk a candle-lit labyrinth on Friday evening. Presenter: Nan Phifer, author of *Memoirs of the Soul: A Writing Guide*.

Friday, March 11, 7-9p.m.; Saturday, March 12, 9:30-3:30pm
\$125, \$25 deposit, includes Friday overnight accommodations, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Start the retreat with Vespers at 5pm followed by dinner at 5:30p.m. Check in by 4:30pm. \$80 commuter fee, includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. Register by March 9th. 503-845-6773.
(Shalom Prayer Center-Mt. Angel)

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him.