



Father,
let the gift of your life
continue to grow in us,
drawing us from death to faith, hope and love.
Keep us alive in Christ Jesus.
Keep us watchful in prayer and true to his teaching
till your glory is revealed in us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

VISITING CLERGY

Msgr. Dennis O'Donovan and Fr. Mike Tyrrell (Spanish Mass) will be our presiders for the next two weeks. Please make them feel welcome!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

My Dear fellow Parishioners;

Words cannot begin to express the gratitude I feel for all everyone has done for me during this cancer journey. Your outpouring of support has truly made the last few months easier for me. The love, prayers, concern, food, cards and financial help has been humbling, heartwarming and gratefully appreciated.

I've always known what a special community St. Patrick's is. Here I see faith in action. What a privilege and a blessing to be a member here. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. 70 x 7 times!! Gods Blessings, Rose Judge.

PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH

It's not too early to begin thinking about RCIA. Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in our Catholic Faith? Are YOU someone who would like to know more about what it means to be Catholic? Now is the time to invite your friend, your neighbor, your relative or co-worker to come and find out about the Catholic Faith. RCIA Inquiry sessions begin in September but the seeds can be planted now.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

If you are scheduled to be an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister or Lector while Fr. John is away, please remember to keep your scheduled assignment. If for some reason you cannot keep your scheduled assignment, please find someone to replace you while we having visiting clergy in Fr. John's absence.

SUMMER EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

During the summer months we will have Eucharistic Adoration only on the first Thursday of the month. The remaining Eucharistic Adoration date is August 4th.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

The "kingdom of heaven" is continually being established by a God who is amazingly patient. This Sunday's three gospel parables illustrate this well. In the first, God exercises patience until the wheat grows enough so the weeds can be pulled without destroying the wheat. In the second, God waits patiently until the tiny seed grows into a large enough plant to welcome the birds of the sky. In the third, God patiently allows time for the yeast to work its leavening effect on the dough. God has all the patience in the world, and so must we if we are truly to be God's servants. Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven as having room for growth and maturation: there are weeds among the wheat, a bush is in growth, the dough is rising. The wheat, bush, and dough are not finished products; it takes time and patience to bring forth the desired good end. In this present age we are to live with patience and confident assurance that the kingdom of heaven will become fully manifest: there will be a harvest, there will be a large bush, there will be a loaf of bread. The mystery of the kingdom, of course, is that while the end is guaranteed, life will come forth—all of us must live faithfully and work diligently if we wish to reap the fruits of God's patience—life everlasting. In the meantime, we must contend with the temptations that keep us from being faithful. In the end it is less important to understand God's kingdom with our minds than it is to live according to the values of the kingdom. The first reading lists some of these values for us: the children of the kingdom are to live like the master of the kingdom—showing the kind of care, leniency, clemency, justice, and kindness that instill in others hope rather than despair, fecundity rather than barrenness, the desire to do good rather than evil. As we grow in our discipleship, it is patience and hope in the final outcome that sustains us so that in the end we will be counted among the "righteous who shine like the sun."

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA:

CANBY ADULT CENTER PRESENTS: NEED EXTRA INCOME?

Senior Companions Needed-Age 55+, provide assistance, companionship, and transportation helping seniors and adults with disabilities in the Canby area. Most importantly, Senior Companions help individuals retain their dignity and independence through social contact. If you enjoy helping people and could use a little extra income, consider becoming a Senior Companion. Non-taxable \$2.65 per hour, plus mileage for income eligible volunteers. If interested, call the Canby Adult Center and ask for Robin Way at 503-266-2970.

ALSO:

The Canby Adult Center offers weekly bingo and, for the first time ever, half price bingo on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. 1st packet \$6, additional packets \$4, specials for \$4-and all at half those prices on the 2nd Tuesday, starting July 12th! Also, the Canby Adult Center has many fun and exciting trips coming up. Both day and overnight trips are available to Canby area senior citizens, adults with disabilities, and those who care for them. Please inquire if you are interested, at 503-266-2970.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SHALOM PRAYER CENTER

The board of directors of Shalom Prayer Center proudly presents an evening of solo guitar featuring Mario Diaz on the evening of Friday, July 22nd at 7pm in the chapel of the Benedictine Sisters, 840 S. Main Street, Mt. Angel. A social hour in Agatha Hall will follow the concert. Mario is on faculty at Portland State University and will be performing works from various composers. An award winning guitarist, Mario has made a name for himself as one of the rising talents in the Northwest over the last ten years. You are sure to enjoy his energetic and eclectic style of music. Tickets in advance: \$10; \$15 at the door. Proceeds from the concert are for an outdoor labyrinth at Shalom Prayer Center.

MONASTIC VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Mount Angel Abbey sponsors vocation discernment retreats for men between the ages of 16-45, several times per year. The next retreat is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, July 22-24th, 2011. If you are interested in making a Monastic Discernment Retreat, please contact Fr. Odo Recker, OSB at 503-845-3242 or Odo.Recker@mtangel.edu. More information at www.mountangelabbey.org.

SUMMER WOMEN' S RETREAT: Ruth and Naomi: God is Faithful in Times of Loss, and Economic Hard Times.

Saturday, August 13, 2011 – 9:30:-3:30pm in Canby. Cost \$47. Facilitator: Paula Helsby, MA, MS, MA. More details go to www.oldtestamentclasses.com or call 503-873-3608.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

The impulse of the first parable is to pull the weeds. The impulse during our whole Christian living is to be impatient with ourselves as we grow in our discipleship. Part of living the paschal mystery is to be patient with ourselves, especially when we have failed. The mercy, forgiveness, leniency, justice, and patience of God encourage repentance. Even our mistakes are ways that we have “ears. . .to hear” and learn better the ways of God. God’s final judgment comes at the “end of the age” when, hopefully, all of us have lived the ways of patience and faithfulness and have borne fruit.

Parish Happenings

July 17 - 23th

Sunday

5:00pm Bible Study

Monday

6:00pm Intercessory Prayers

7:00pm Charismatic Prayer

Group

Tuesday

7:00pm Communion Service

7:00pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday

8:00am Communion Service

Thursday

8:00am Communion Service

Friday

7:00am Marian Prayer Gr.

8:00am Communion Service

7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Gr.

Saturday

5:00pm Music

Rehearsal Spanish

July 24th-30th

Sunday

5:00pm Bible Study

Study

Monday

6:00pm Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday

7:00pm Communion Service

Wednesday

8:00am Communion Service

Thursday

8:00am Communion Service

Communion Service

Friday

7:00am Marian

Prayer Group

8:00am Communion

Service

7:00pm Hispanic

Prayer Gr.

Parish News

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, 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, Joey Nikkirk, Daniel Olsen, Keith Schantin, Matthew Schmader, Robert Selner, Kristian Spencer, Tarl Spencer, John Suchanek, Brian Thomas, CJ Trillo, Jonathan Turner, William Walsh, Ivan Wilson and John Zagya.* May they be servants of Christ through service to those in need, and may they be kept safe from all harm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23

5:30pm Special Intention for Fr. John-for safety and rest.

Sunday, July 24

8:30am +William Leavell & +Adi Sahukar
by Helene Leavell & family

11:00am Special Intention for those
considering the Catholic Faith

4:00pm Special Intention for the
success of the Hispanic Catechists Retreat

Saturday, July 30

5:30pm Special Intention for the sick & homebound
in our community

Sunday, July 31

8:30am Special Intention for the caregivers
in our community

11:00am Special Intention for the farmers and
farm workers in our community

4:00pm Special Intention for those who are unemployed
in our community

PARISH SUPPORT

June 26, 2011

Funds Collected for others:

Cemetery	\$11.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$20.00
Peter's Pence Coll.	\$880.90
Total	\$911.90

Collection Parish Operating Expenses:

Envelopes'	\$6727.00
Loose	\$417.75
Children's	\$
Poor	\$
Unemployment Fund	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$30.00
Total	\$7224.74

July 3, 2011

Funds Collected for others:

Cemetery	\$25.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$95.00
Total	\$120.00

Collection Parish Operating Expenses:

Envelopes'	\$8969.00
Loose	\$481.95
Children's	\$
Poor	\$
Unemployment Fund	\$1189.12
Building Fund	\$148.00
Total	\$10,788.07

July 10, 2011

Funds Collected for others:

Cemetery	\$10.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$
Total	\$10.00

Collection Parish Operating Expenses:

Envelopes'	\$9686.55
Loose	\$698.93
Children's	\$1.00
Poor	\$20.00
Unemployment Fund	\$
Building Fund	\$122.00
Total	\$10,528.48

Religious Education News

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all the children and families for making our Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School a success and a great experience for all!

We would also like to thank the community of St. Patrick for all your donations! Your generosity is appreciated, and the children enjoyed purchasing the items with coins they collected throughout the week.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

There is always a tremendous amount of work and hours that goes into preparing for VBS. As a result of the effort from many people, the Parish Center was transformed into the town of Nazareth! Many thanks to the following people for all their help with not only decorating the building, but for also volunteering to be leaders and assistants during the week as well: Patty Crussell, Darlene Jacobucci, Connie Bilton-Smith and her grandchildren Zoe and Brody, Nancy and Devon Fortier, Crissy, Jacob, Coby and Roman Daly, Kylee Bland, Marlene Kirkpatrick, Julie O'Connor, Krissy Pankey, Stacey Helm, Rose Judge, Angela Baker, Michael and Christina Patton, Frances Parker, Karen Sadoff, Raquel Gabriel, Diana, and Gonzalo Rodriguez, Alisha Thomas and Gail Crawford.

Also we had many wonderful leaders and assistants at Vacation Bible School this year. Without all of you, we could not offer this program. A big thank you goes to: Peter and Diana Judge, Ryan Cobb, Chris Phan, Zach and Whitney Ferris, Riley Walton, Olivia and Isabella Parker, Christina Gonzales, Jeron Tobar, Sara Branum, Nancy Patton, Kaitlyn Ferriss, Lora Heli, Kathy Hostetler, Ryan, Kelly, and Jennifer Patershall.

I have to mention that our teen volunteers are the best! They gave up their free time this week to help out, and we are all so proud of how they interacted with the children! Thank you all for a job well done!

CATECHISTS WANTED

The Elementary Religious Education Program is looking for teachers for next year's classes. Volunteers do not need to be Biblical Scholars. All volunteers are given manuals and other support to help them prepare for classes each week. They are also given much support by a team of other volunteers who are always ready and willing to help. If you love to work with children and have a desire to share your faith with our community, or if you believe that God is calling you to this important ministry, please contact Jody Patershall. The children of this community are the future leaders of our Church! Let us all do our part to pass on the faith!

CATECHIST

MEETING

There will be a meeting for all catechists on Sunday, **July 31st** following the 11:00am Mass to discuss and review a new curriculum for our religious education program. We will meet in room 7/8 of the parish center. Please contact Jody Patershall or Frances Parker for more information.

GOSPEL LIVING

July Focus: Little Things

When we look at the problems in the world or the obstacles in our personal lives, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. We are tempted to use these things as an excuse for our behavior—after all what can one, unimportant, ordinary person do about terrorism, the national debt, etc. St. Therese (the little flower) lived as a cloistered nun who never did anything major and yet she became a saint. Her “Little Way” was very simple: do what is given to you to do and do it with great love. That is what our faith calls us to do. Jesus did not set out to change the government, initiate a new world order or enforce social changes. He simply shared God's love with the people in his life. That is what we are to do. It doesn't require us to be geniuses or have any special talents. It only requires us to accept God's love for us and deepen in our awareness of what a wonderful gift it is to have his unconditional love. That awareness and gratitude changes us and how we see others. It leads us to respect others and treat them with kindness and compassion. As we tend to the ordinary things of life and strive to do them as well as we can and with all our love, we are changing the world. The people whose lives we touch are changed and they in turn will change others. It does not happen overnight. We may not even see major changes in our lifetime; but, it does bring change for the good. God does not employ a “trickle down” method. He uses a “ground up” method. Each one of us is a seed that he sows in the world. As we grow and blossom, the world is transformed. God has been working with us for generations and you may wonder why there has not been greater progress. The obstacle is us. We are so slow to fully accept God's love and so willing to find excuses to avoid doing even the smallest things we could do. Pray for the grace to truly accept God's love and for the wisdom and fortitude to share his love with others.

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