

## We Can Cry with Hope

**"The Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces." Isaiah 25:8**

I'd like to draw the connection between the kind of tears we cry and what we hope in. In my own estimation, which is surely somewhat right or left of perfect, I have presided over about 500 funerals. As you know, tears and funerals go hand in hand.

I have noticed two types of crying at funerals: tears with hope and tears without hope. Think about it. If you do not know that Jesus has robbed death of its sting and given us a share in his glorious inheritance then death is the crowning of all hopelessness in our lives. Here is where the tears without hope fall coldly to the ground. It is the bitter end to a life of suffering and emptiness. St. Paul teaches us that if our hopes are limited to this life then we are the most pitiable of all people.

And then there are tears with hope. Yes, we cry because of the physical loss of a loved one but we have hope of entering into a life beyond compare. What is most bitter for the one without hope, then, becomes what is most sweet for the one who has hope. If we live with hope then death should be the sweetest time of coming into the presence of God and being perfected in the light of his love.

Hope does not disappoint! (Romans 5:5) The goal of the Christian's life is to die with hope.

Let us pray: "Yes, it is true, Jesus. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Your life is forever sweet and joyful. Words cannot even begin to describe what it is like to be in your presence. Pour out your hope in my heart, Jesus. May every tear I cry in life be with hope. Amen."

Wait in Trust (WIT),  
+Fr. John



**Feb 20th**  
Life Teen Mass  
**Feb 25th-26th**  
"30 Hour Famine"  
7:00PM Friday– 7:00PM Saturday  
**Mar 6th**  
"Fight"  
**Mar 10th**  
Teen Praise and Worship  
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"  
**Mar 12th**  
"Rise Up" Rally @ St Pius  
1:00PM-11:00:PM Saturday  
**Mar 13th**  
"Called to Action"



### ROAD TRIP

**Steubenville San Diego**  
**July 28-Aug 3**

**All high school youth:** Mark your calendars for this year's Steubenville Youth Conference go deeper in your journey with Jesus. Join the group traveling to San Diego for this summer's youth conference. Open to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> thru graduating seniors. Contact Janet: 503-761-8710



**Feb 20th**  
Life Teen Mass  
**Feb 21sr**  
Off-President Day  
**Mar 7th**  
"The Season of Lent"  
**Mar 10th**  
Teen Praise and Worship  
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"  
**Mar 14th**  
"Rules, Rules, Rules!"  
**Mar 20th**  
Life Teen Mass  
**Mar 21st**  
Off-Spring Break

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, Feb 21, 2011**

Communion Service

**Tuesday, Feb 22, 2011**

+Al Ternes

(Frances Neibauer)

**Wednesday, Feb 23, 2011**

+Tessie Pliska

(Thea & George Burke)

**Thursday, Feb 24, 2011**

+Margaret Cony

(Susan Cony)

**Friday, Feb 25, 2011**

+George Perry

(Carolyn Connor)

**Saturday, Feb 26, 2011**

+Gene Cammann

(Linda Cammann)

**Sunday, Feb 27, 2011**

**8:30AM:** +Barbara Dragicevic  
(The Pitts Family)

**10:30AM:** People of the Parish

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday, Feb 21, 2011**

**7:00PM-**Just Faith S.R.

**Tuesday, Feb 22, 2011**

**7:00PM-**Choir Practice

**Thursday, Feb 24, 2011**

**6:00PM-**Pastoral Council Mtg-S.R.

**6:00PM-**Back to Prayer Night

**Friday, Feb 25, 2011**

**8:00AM-**Communion Service

**7:00PM-**30 Hour Famine Begins

**Saturday, Feb 26, 2011**

**7:00PM-**30 Hour Famine Ends

**Sunday, Feb 27, 2011**

**9:00AM-**Faith Formation

**40 Days for Life Kick off event is March 5th at 12:00.** Ever wonder what you can do to start bringing about a "Culture of Life" in our time? Well, now's your chance! The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign is March 9th to April 17th. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through:

**\*Prayer and fasting**

**\*Constant vigil**

**\*Community outreach**

We will be having a Kick-off event to celebrate this wonderful campaign on Saturday, March 5th, at 12:00 at the Planned Parenthood facility: 3727 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.

[www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) We will carpool to the MLK site to pray on Thursday mornings after the 8 am Mass, please join us. For more info call: Kathi Nordlund at 503-760-8429 or Deacon Mike at 503-761-8710

**Advent Day of Recollection**

This is a day of spiritual nourishment especially for our ministers to the sick. Our topic is "Sharing Our Brokenness: The Gift of Compassion." Our speaker is Fr. John McGrann, a retired priest who often helps with daily Mass here and is a very gentle soul. It will be on Fri. Mar. 18th from 9:30 to 2:30 here at St. Joseph's. Flyers are in the back of church. Pre-registration is needed in order to know how many lunches to prepare. There is no cost to ministers to the sick in our parish; \$15 to others who wish to attend. Please pre-register by calling Becky or dropping the registration in the collection basket.

**Wanted 2 Eucharistic Ministers to**

**the Sick** to take communion to Cornerstone Nursing Home the 4th week of each month. There are currently 4 residents who are Catholic and someone will go with you at first so you get to know the residents and your way around. The other minister would take communion to a woman in her daughter's home on 148th. If you think you would like to try one of these please call Becky @503-761 - 8710

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 7548.60

**Over/under:** + \$ 516.60



**Time to Think Camping?!**

Camping? You got to be kidding right? It's still winter. But it's never too early to start planning for St. Joe's Annual Camp Out, Aug 12th thru Aug 14th! We already have reservations that have come in so to get a good spot, you can reserve online or call Patti at 503-894-8291 or Dianne at 503-998-5683. There is also an online sign up if you only come for the Saturday get together.



**Sunday Envelopes.**

We know it is easy to just drop your check in the collection basket, but by using your envelope you insure that your donation will get posted to the correct number and date. If for some reason you did not receive the current quarter of envelopes, please use a plain white envelope - include your name and envelope number and amount on the front. Thank you.

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**Back to Prayer Night**  
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**Feb 24th, 6:00PM**  
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**Speaker: Larry Loumena**  
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**PARISH CENTER IS CLOSED**  
**ON MONDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 21ST**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY!**  
  
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