

FROM FR. JOHN

First Holy Communion

There once was a little boy who used to take off his shoes on the country road and walk home a long distance barefooted, because he wanted to save his shoes so his parents would not have to buy so many shoes for him. If he was out in the field in the morning and he heard the church bell ring, he knew there was probably a priest going to say Mass. On one such occasion when he did not have his shoes with him, he borrowed another boy's shoes so he could serve the priest's Mass. He wanted to be a priest but his parents could not pay for his education. He then studied so hard that he won a scholarship to the seminary.

After he was ordained a priest he spent all his money on the poor children and their parents. He never had anything left. When he was already a Bishop a certain Monsignor said Mass in his church and he himself prepared breakfast for the Monsignor because he had no servant. **The Bishop whom you have just read about is St. Pius X and the Monsignor who visited him was the future Pope Pius XI.**

When he became Pope one of his first thoughts was not only to feed little children with bread, but also to feed their souls with the body and blood of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread, in Holy Communion. Many smart Catholics objected to this, but he loved children and loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament so much that he wanted them to frequently embrace each other in Holy Communion, as a child embraces its beloved mother. He wanted children to be allowed to receive Jesus as soon as they understood that our dear Lord and God comes to them in Holy Communion.

One day an English lady had her four-year-old son with her at a private visit with St. Pope Pius X. The Pope stooped down to the little boy and asked him: "How old are you?" "I am four," said the boy. Then the Holy Father continued, "Whom do you receive in Holy Communion?" "Jesus Christ", answered the little fellow." "And who is Jesus Christ?", inquired the Pope. "Jesus Christ is God", was the little boy's immediate answer. Pope Pius X was delighted and turned to the mother and said: "Bring your boy to me tomorrow and I will give him his first Communion myself".



Fr. John's new book - "More of You Through Prayer" is available at the Parish Center for \$11.00. Stop by and pick up a copy. The book would make a great anytime gift.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 25, 2010

Communion Service

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Larry & Jacob

(Cherill & Jake Mary)

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Stephanie, Tom & Megan

(Cherill & Jake Mary)

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Living Members of the

Mary Family

(Cherill & Jake Mary)

Friday, January 29, 2010

Benjamin Wasson

(Cecilia Halseth)

Saturday, January 30, 2010

5:00 PM-Jake & Cherill Mary

Happy Anniversary

Sunday, January 31, 2010

8:30 AM- People of the Parish

10:30 AM-+Giovanni Udovini

(Ketty Gattman)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 24, 2010

9:00 AM-Faith Formation

10:30 AM-Commissioning of

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

Tuesday, January 26, 2009

7:00 PM-Choir practice

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

7:00 PM-RCIA-SR

Thursday, January 28, 2010

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Friday, January 29, 2010

4:00 PM-Homeless Outreach

Pictorial Directories are available at the Parish Center. Stop by Monday through Thursday to pick up a copy.

Franciscan Montessori Earth School Open House

will be on the following dates: January 27th from 6:00-7:30 PM, February 17th from 6:00-7:30 PM and March 17th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Come and tour the school and learn about our programs. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by calling 503-760-8220 or respond online at info@fmes.org.

Coffee and Donuts are served in the Social Room on Sunday morning after the Masses.

Care Ministry

Ministers to the Sick Commissioning

On January 24th at the 10:30 AM Mass, we will again commission and bless all those involved in Pastoral Ministries - the Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, those who drive people to Mass, bake cakes and send cards. There will be a brief service following the homily. Please pray for these compassionate visitors and helpers.

Serving the Community Through Justice

If you are available to volunteer for night shifts to staff warming shelters, please give Deacon Mike a call. I will give you information to have your name added to a database, which is used to call for volunteers for warming shelters at St. Henry's and others close to their location. You must be 18 years old or older. Call Deacon Mike at 503-761-8710 x160.

Valentine Salad Luncheon

Reservations for the 31st Annual Valentine Luncheon at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Villa in Bridal Veil are underway. The Valentine Salad Luncheon is February 13, 2010 with two seatings 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM. Reservations are required. Call 503-760-8220 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Limited to 130 per seating; free will donation benefits the Sister's works and projects. Thank you.

St. Ignatius School Open House

Thursday, January 28th at 9:00 AM or Sunday, January 31st from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. All interested families are encouraged to attend the Open House. Come and tour the school meet the principal and teachers, learn about our programs, and see what the possibilities are for building a future. For more information, call - 503-774-5533.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

Amount Collected: 7,108.33

Over/Under: + 76.33

Youth Group Schedule Change:

Jr High

Jan 24 2:30—5:00 pm

St Frances Dining Hall

Jan 23 Youth Nite Out

6:00-9:30 pm

UP vs Pepperdine

Jan 31 Mtg. 9 am

Sr High

Jan 23 Youth Nite Out

6:00-9:30 pm

UP vs Pepperdine

Jan 31 Mtg. 7 pm



Rebuilding the Lives of Katrina Survivors, Family by Family

This July high school & college age students (16 & up) from SJTW will travel to New Orleans to work with The St. Bernard Project's Rebuilding Program. The program rebuilds homes for senior citizens, people with disabilities, and families with children who cannot afford to have their homes rebuilt by contractors. If you would like to put your faith into action & make a difference, come join the team. Contact Janet at 503-761-8710. Come to the Information Meeting Sunday, January 31st at Noon in Rm. 6.

If you are a single man of 18 to 50 years of age and have felt a calling to the priestly ministry, you are invited to a weekend retreat (Friday evening through Sunday morning) on January 29-31, 2010. Hosted by Archbishop John Vlazny: "**On the Priestly Vocation**". The retreat will take place at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton and is free of charge. Questions call: Fr. Kelly Vandehey at 503-233-8368.