

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 26, 2009

Communion Service

### Tuesday, January 27, 2009

+Kathy Munger

(Her Family)

### Wednesday, January 28, 2009

The Johanna Ternes Family

(Johanna Ternes)

### Thursday, January 29, 2009

Olga M. Guarriello

(John Guarriello)

### Friday, January 30, 2009

+Kathy Munger

(Her Family)

### Saturday, January 31, 2009

5:00 PM-Deacon Mike Caldwell

(Frances Wenner &

Peggy Augustine)

### Sunday, February 1, 2009

8:30 AM-+Kyle Linhart, Jr.

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, January 25, 2009

9:00 AM- Faith Formation

12:00 NN-Los Embajadores mtg;

Rm. 6

### Tuesday, January 27, 2009

7:00 PM-Choir

### Wednesday, January 28, 2009

6:00 PM-Parish Council mtg.-P.C.

7:00 PM-RCIA-S.R.

### Thursday, January 29, 2009

7:00 PM-Back to Prayer Night

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

### Friday, January 30, 2009

4:00 PM-Homeless Outreach

### Saturday, January 31, 2009

Youth Group Super Bowl of Caring



**Coffee and Donuts are served in the Social Room after the morning Masses. We are looking for volunteers to host the coffee hours. To volunteer, please sign up during the Coffee & Donut hour.**

## FROM FR. JOHN:

The Preacher to the Papal household, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, offers the following on "Love of Neighbor". He says we must always check our motivation - our beneficence - as we seek to love others.

Jesus considered love of neighbor "his commandment," that which summarizes the whole Law. "This is my commandment: That you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Many identify the whole of Christianity with the precept of love of neighbor, and they are not completely wrong. We must try, however, to go a little beyond the surface of things. When we speak of love of neighbor our minds turn immediately to "works" of charity, to the things that should be done for our neighbor: giving him to eat and drink, visiting him, in sum helping our neighbor. But this is an effect of love, it is not yet love. Before "beneficence" there is "benevolence," that is, before doing good there is willing good.

Charity must be "without pretense," in other words, it must be sincere (literally, "without hypocrisy") (Romans 12:9); you must love "from a true heart" (1 Peter 1:22). Indeed, you can do "charitable" acts and give alms for motives that do not have anything to do with love: to impress, to look like a do-gooder, to earn heaven, to ease your conscience. A great deal of the charity that we offer to Third World countries is not directed by love but by a desire to ease our conscience. We realize the scandalous difference between them and us and we feel somewhat responsible for their misery. You can lack charity even in "doing charity"!

It is clear that it would be a fatal error to oppose the heart's love and active charity, or to take refuge in good intentions toward others in such a way that we use them as an excuse for a lack of active and concrete charity on our part. If you meet a poor person, hungry and numb with cold, St. James says, what good does it do to say "You poor thing, go, keep warm and eat something!" when you give him nothing of what he needs? "Children," St. John adds, "let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18). It is not a matter of devaluing external works of charity, but of making sure that they have their basis in a genuine sentiment of love and benevolence.

This interior charity, or charity of the heart, is charity that can be exercised by all and always, it is universal. It is not a charity that only a few -- the rich and the healthy -- bestow, and others -- the poor and the sick -- receive. All can give and receive. Furthermore, it is very concrete. It is a matter of beginning to look with a new eye upon the situations and people with which we live. What is this new eye? It's simple: it is the eye with which we would like God to look upon us! The eye of mercy, of benevolence, of understanding, of mercy.

When this happens all our relationships change. As if by a miracle, all the prejudice and hostility that kept us from loving a certain person falls away and we begin to open up to what he is in reality: a poor human being who suffers from his weaknesses and limits, like you, like everyone. It is as if the mask that people and things placed over his face has begun to slip and the person appears to us as he truly is.

## Youth Group News

### Super Bowl Of Caring Can Food Collection January 31-February 1

While stocking up on items for your Super Bowl Party the Jr. High Youth Group invites you to pick up some canned food for those in need. All donations will go to SVDP. Thank You!

### Los Embajadores 2009 June 28-July 6

The Mexico service immersion trip is an incredible opportunity for high school & college age students (16 and older) to serve the poor, experience another culture and to grow in their faith. An informational meeting for teens and parents will be held January 25th at Noon in Rm 6. Questions call Janet 503-761-8710.

**Bible Study:** Winter Bible Study will be starting soon. Join in and take a closer look at the cross of Jesus using the study "The Tragic and Triumphant Cross". The 10-week study begins the week of January 25th. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or contact Janet at 503-761-8710.

### Super Bowl Feast Sunday February 1st

Watch the **BIG** game on the **BIG** screen in the social room on February 1st. Purchase your tickets from one of the Knights of Columbus after Mass. Space is limited and the food is spectacular.

### Attention Greeters Opportunity to Serve

Do you want to start a dynamic ministry here at St. Joseph? There is going to be an excellent speaker/trainer on how to greet people at St. John the Baptist Church in Milwaukie on Saturday, January 31st at 10:00 AM. You can be the greeter that makes all the difference in someone's life .

## Care Ministry

**WOWS Lunch:** This is a social activity open to all widows, widowers and those who are single for any reason. We will enjoy a 1:00 PM lunch on January 27th at Francis Xavier Restaurant on 181st. We can car pool. My car can hold 3 or 4 more people. For reservations please call me, Becky, at 761-8710x105 by Monday the 26th.

**Commissioning** of Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick will take place at the 8:30 AM Mass on February 1st. Come and be honored for your service.

### Back to Prayer Night:

We would like to invite all of you to join us on **Thursday, January 29th at 7:00 PM.** The evening will begin in the church with our special guest speaker - Sharon Standley. Come be moved by the Holy Spirit! Refreshments and friendly conversation will follow immediately afterwards in the Social Room.



### 2009 Annual family Camp Out is Coming!

Just an early note for all you campers out there! This years camp out will be **August 14th thru August 16th!** So mark the dates on your calendars! We will be returning to **Metzler Park** this year! Woo Hoo!

Reservations may be made online, by phone or email. Questions? Please contact at Patti: 503-895-4095 or pattiurlvd@stjosephtheworkerpx.org

Dianne: 503-998-5683 or email her at duane-dianne@comcast.net

Duane: 503-998-5688 or email him at duanec@comcast.net

## Weekly Contributions

**Amount Needed:** \$ 7,032.00  
**Amount Collected:** 9,391.57  
**Over/Under:** + 2,359.57



### LOOP'S

(Ladies of our Parish)

### 2nd Annual Luncheon Tea

Tickets on sale in January

Cost: \$ 18.00/ea

(Assistance available if needed)

**Time: 1:30 pm**

**Saturday**

**February 21, 2009**

**Mark your calendars:**

**Bring your grandmothers, mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters and girlfriends.**

**Our social room will be transformed into an atmosphere filled with fun.**

**Together we will share delicious food, a wonderful speaker, several flavors of tea and abundant fellowship.**



**Homeless Outreach:** On Friday, January 30th we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We feed about 200 people and will need volunteers to help us prepare dinner and serve the guests. Food preparation begins at 4:00 PM and dinner is served at 6:00 PM. For more information call Jan at 503-254-2212. The soup kitchen is located at the United Methodist Church, SE 35th & Yamhill. Off of 39th between Hawthorne and Belmont.