

PUSH

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock out in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all His might.

So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might!

Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into his weary mind. (He will do it every time)!

You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man.

Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? You tried. Quit wasting your time and move on. "

That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

"Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in Your Service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My child, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed.

But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back shiny and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard.

Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass
That which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock. But
Your calling was to be obedient, to push and to exercise your faith
And trust in My wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my child, will move
The rock."

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him.

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that It is still God who moves the mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong.....Just P.U.S.H.

When the job gets you down.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people don't do as you think they should.....Just P.U.S.H.

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people just don't understand you.....Just P.U.S.H.

P = Pray

U = Until

S = Something

H = Happens

+Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan 31, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, Feb 1, 2011

+Mai Thi Nguyen

(Anna Doan)

Wednesday, Feb 2, 2011

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(Anna Doan)

Thursday, Feb 3, 2011

Zack Stoddard

(John & Becky Fletcher)

Friday, Feb 4, 2011

Evan Alder

(John & Becky Fletcher)

Saturday, Feb 5, 2011

Mary Families

(Cherill Mary)

Sunday, Feb 6, 2011

8:30AM: People of the Parish

10:30AM: +Katerina Sankovic

(Ketty Gattman)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan 31, 2011

7:00PM-Just Faith

Tuesday, Feb 1, 2011

7:00PM-KOC Meeting S.R.

7:00PM-Family Rosary

7:00PM-Choir Practice

Friday, Feb 4, 2011

8:00AM-Communion Service

8:30AM-Fatima Prayer Cell

Saturday, Feb 5, 2011

4:00PM-Confessions-Church

Sunday, Feb 6, 2011

9:00AM-Faith Formation

12:00PM-Super Bowl S.R.



LOOP Ladies Tea

February 19 at

1:00PM. Our speaker

this year is Joanie

Quinn. Joanie is a forty

-something, goofy mom

who turns her stay-at-home chaos into hilarious tales for all to enjoy. Tickets are \$18 and are on sale after all the masses. Get your ticket soon, they are sure to sell fast.

A BIG THANK YOU to all these people who are taking communion to the nursing homes and homebound: Carole Anne Best, Barbara Brosh, Claire Clow, Feb Cornelius, Feb Cox, Rosemary DeLeon, Juaquin Duenas, Mary Fromwiller, Darlene Greiner, Ann Hyder, Anna Jones, Judy Kramer, Patty LaRue, Geraldine Misa, Kathy Nordlund, Febet Rathbone, Patty Rubich, Kim Ruff, Peggy Serdar, Kathy Deidl, Mimi Taylor, Johanna Ternes, Bonnie Waterston, and Mary Weber.

Back to Prayer Night Please come join us on **February 24th, 2011** for our first BTPN of 2011! Our Guest Speaker will be **Beloved Larry Loumena**. Come and listen as he shares his spiritual journey with all of us! The evening will begin at **7:00PM** in the church. This will be a **community pot luck** so please bring something to share if you can! Hope to see you there!

All Saints School Open House dates for 2011-2012 School Year

Pre K: Feb 15th 2011, 7:00PM

Kindergarten: Feb 8th, 2011, 7:00PM

1st-8th Grds: Feb 25th, 2011, 7:00PM

SE Portland Vicariate,

Loyola Jesuit Center (Maria Dell Strada Conference Room),

3220 SE 43 Ave, Portland, 97206

Presentation: Aging in place-keeping our loved ones at home: Ideas and skills to help us assess the needs, comfort, and safety of our loved ones who face long term care or end-of-life care in the home. Presented on Feb 5, 8:30AM-10:30AM by Benneth Husted, D.O., Founder and Executive. Call our registration line to reserve your place- 503 777-1491 ext 227

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 6,585.80

Over/under: - \$ 446.20

Open Houses are planned for St. Therese School on February 3rd @ 9:30 am, February 9th @ 6:00 pm, and March 2nd @ 6:00 pm. The choice to send your child to a Catholic school can make a difference in their life. We have a fully accredited academic program which exceeds state requirements, before and after school care, a hot lunch program, and special classes that include Spanish, Physical Education, Technology, Humanities and Fine Arts (Choir, Strings, Band, Guitar, Handbell Choir and private music lessons). Our principal, Sr. Kathy Cordes, shcj, has worked hard over the last six years to build a strong and diverse educational program. She is the only religious principal working in the Archdiocese of Portland. Call us today at 503-253-9400 for information or to

A HUG OF GRATITUDE to all who bake cakes for the homes of the mentally ill: Rosemary Elliot, Barbara Hundahl, Virginia O'Donell, Ann Rears, Verna Whaley, Michelle and Mary Katherine Craver.

A HIGH FIVE to Yvonne Dulay for sending birthday cards to all the homebound and mentally ill in our parish.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist of Bridal

Veil The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist of Bridal Vale are having their 32 Valentine Luncheon on Feb.12th.

Seating at 11:00 & 1:00. We have reserved 50 seats at 11:00 and will have the bus available at the parish leaving at **10:15**. It is a free will offering for the lunch and \$2 for the bus. There are also raffle tickets available for \$1. If you would like to go, please call Donna or Sandy Norton 503-256-0791. This is a benefit for the work of the Sisters.

