

**FROM FR. JOHN**

## **GENUFLECTING JUST LIKE JESUS**

*"As I have done for you, you should also do for me." John 13:1-15*

It is simply amazing what God has done for us. Until Jesus came, who would have thought of God as one who wants us to know His love so badly that He leaves the perfect joy of heaven to wash our feet? This is our Gospel story today. At the end of the last supper, Jesus washes and dries the disciple's feet. This action is shocking and revealing. God becomes lowly like a slave and serves his followers. Should not it be the other way around? Should not the followers be serving the Almighty? God genuflects before the disciples in humble service and looks up into their eyes with total reverence. Never in history has the world known a God who has become human. And, until the time of Jesus, no one had ever dreamt of God as one so humble, serving and personally loving.

St. John places the foot washing in the context of the Last Supper or Eucharist. He wants us to make the connection between receiving the Eucharist and service. When Jesus finishes washing his disciples feet after the meal He say to them, "As I have done for you, you should also do." This is a mandate from Jesus to each one of us. That is why Holy Thursday is often referred to as Maundy (i.e. mandate) Thursday. So, each time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist we should listen for His words, "As I have done for you, you should also do."

It is simply amazing what we can do for others because of what Jesus has done for us. Jesus is our model and power to become great in service like He showed. St. Paul, the man whom St. Augustine said knew Christ the best, says that we should humbly regard others as more important than ourselves (see Philippians 2:3). This is a worthy be-attitude to strive towards. Imagine a world where our sole concern was to serve each other with the unconditional love and reverence of God.

Before Catholics sit or kneel in their pews at Church they often genuflect to Jesus in the tabernacle. This is good and right but sometimes the genuflecting can end there. Backing up, we see how Jesus first genuflected to us in the Last Supper or Eucharist. In that Last Supper, which was the first Eucharist, Jesus gave us the mandate to genuflect towards one another in service and reverence. Jesus is not just in the Blessed Sacrament in Church on Sundays. He is in every person we meet. How are we doing with genuflecting in humble service and reverence before our brothers and sisters, mom and dad, family, friends and everyone we encounter?

Each time you receive Jesus at communion hear His words, "As I have done for you, you should also do."



**HEAD COUNT-** Please call Carolyn at 503-761-8710 NOW and let her know how many people you have coming for Fr. John's Birthday BBQ on Tuesday, July 14th. BBQ follows the 7:00 PM Mass. No 8:00 AM Mass on July 14th.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 6, 2009

Communion Service

### Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Special Intentions of

Becky Fletcher

(Cecelia Halseth)

### Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Ray & Tessie Pliska

(Cecelia Halseth)

### Thursday, July 9, 2009

+Steve Bobusch

(Kathy West)

### Friday, July 10, 2009

Fr. Chester Wrzaszczak

(Frances Wenner)

### Saturday, July 11, 2009

5:00 PM-+Henry Strobot

(The Ashenbreners)

### Sunday, July 12, 2009

8:30 AM-+Gloria Lux

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-People of the Parish

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tuesday, July 7, 2009

7:00 PM-Family Rosary Nite

### Wednesday, July 8, 2009

7:00 PM-KOC mtg in S.R.

### Thursday, July 9, 2009

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

### Friday, July 10, 2009

3:00 PM-Olan Mills Photos in

Rm. 6 of the School

### Saturday, July 11, 2009

10:00 AM-Olan Mills Photos

Rm. 6 of the School

The next **Baptism Class** for infants will be held on Saturday, August 1st at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Registration is required for the class and Baptism. Please contact Carolyn at the Parish Center to register at 503-761-8710. Baptisms will take place at the 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, August 9th.

## Care Ministry

**Can You Help?** We have a parishioner who would like communion and a visit. The lady is in her own home just off 138th and Division. If you feel led to try this, call Becky @ 503-761-8710. On the job training is provided and it's very rewarding.

**Large Print Books:** If anyone has any large print books, we have a parishioner who loves to read but is having trouble finding large print books. They do not have to be religious. You may leave them in the narthex on the counter and I will get them. If you have questions, call Becky @ 503-761-8710.

**Pictorial Directory:** We have sent all sign-up sheets for the Pictorial Directory to Olan Mills. If you need to cancel or re-schedule your appointments, or have questions, please contact them at: 1-800-866-2263, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM EDT.

### Time for Saturday Photos

Photos scheduled for Friday, July 10th will start at 3:00 PM and Saturday, July 11th will start at 10:00 AM in Room 6 of the school.

### Printing New Parish Directory

We will be printing a new parish directory after Olan Mills finishes taking pictures. You will want to be sure we have your current address and phone number **BEFORE** we print the new directory. Please call Carolyn at the Parish Center if your address or phone number has changed. Parish Center: 503-761-8710 x101.

**Thought for the Day. . . .***Do some R & R! Be radiant and reflect God's light to all people.*

**Reminder to ALL Campers** - Just a reminder that there will be a camp out meeting on **Sunday, July 12th at 12:00 noon**. The meeting will be in **Room 6** and shouldn't take too much of your time. If you have not paid for your camp site yet, this would be a good time to do so! Thanks! See you there!

### Multi-Cultural Family Rosary and Potluck

We will be having our Multi-Cultural Rosary in honor of Fr. Chester this year. It will be held on Monday (change of date), August 3rd at 6:00 PM with a potluck to follow. We're looking for a Polish speaker to lead a decade. Please call Kathi Nordlund at 503-760-8429.

### Are you or someone you love

Widowed, Separated or Divorced? A grief recovery Weekend is being offered by Beginning Experience July 24 - 26, 2009. The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. Two nights lodging in a double room, meals and resource materials are included in the cost of \$195. However, partial scholarships and special payment arrangements are available. The retreat will be held at The Griffin Center in Milwaukee, near Clackamas Town Center. Follow-up sessions will be held in Eugene, Portland, and Salem. Beginning Experience, a peer ministry, was created with the help of the founders of Marriage Encounter in the 70's. The Oregon team, active since 1978, provides 3 healing Weekends each year. For more information, please call Margi Harp at 503-390-7971, email her at margi8280@comcast.net, or go to www.beginningexperience.org.

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