

**FROM FR. JOHN**

## Silence

“Be still and know that I am God.” Ps. 46:11

I opened the homily at a high school mass by asking the youth what pressures they faced. A senior girl in the front row said, "What pressures don't we face?" I thought her response was very provocative. Yes, life is full of pressure. Perhaps the greatest pressure we face is trying to find meaning through producing, performing and attaining. We can be so caught up in the doing. It is as if we have bought a bill of goods that says we will come to happiness through the active life.

Surely, who we are and where we are going are the burning questions of our existence. However, with pressures hitting us left and right we can quickly lose sight of who we are and what life is all about. There is so much pressure to do and not be. We must remember that we are much more than human doings, we are human beings. But as long as we only do, it is difficult to be in the comforting knowledge of the Father's love. As long as we are running hard on the treadmill of life we can be blinded to the fact that we belong to God in an eternal bond of love. How do we come to know who we are and where we are going? What is the remedy to the dizziness of our doings? **SILENCE.**

It is in silence that the deepest words of love are spoken to the heart. Without silence we cannot hear the Father speaking to each one of us personally. And what does the Father say? You are my beloved. You are my daughter. You are my son. You belong to me.

In his book, *The Sign of Jonas*, Thomas Merton writes, "Those who cannot be alone cannot find their true being and they are always something less than themselves." Pressures to always produce, perform, and attain can rob us from the fact that we are loved tenderly and relentlessly. And it is His love that defines how we are to live out our existence. It is in and through silence that we will proudly claim that we are children of the Father. We come to know who we are in silence. Let us not settle for being something less than who are--children of a Father who celebrates us forever. May we seek God in silence—it is probably the most practical thing we can do for the welfare of our families and ourselves.

Silence is the language of the Saints,  
+Fr. John



**Fr. John's Lenten Dailies-** If you would like to receive a daily reflection from Fr. John each day during Lent, let him know ASAP at [urldvfj@aol.com](mailto:urldvfj@aol.com) .

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 13, 2010

5:00 PM +James Murphy  
(Patty Murphy)

### Sunday, Mar 14, 2010

8:30 AM+ Richard and Beverly  
Dollarvitch

(Fred and Betty)

10:30 AM– People of the Parrish

### Monday, March 15, 2010

Communion Service

### Tuesday, March 16, 2010

+Catherine Schneider

(Don and Kathy Kreisman)

### Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Cathleen Marham

(Mom)

### Thursday, March 18, 2010

+ Durward Gurusing

(Charlott)

### Friday, March 19, 2010

+Richard Orth

(Collee Lackey)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, March 14, 2010

9:00 AM-Faith Formation

9:00 AM-Bible Study

12:00 PM-Spaghetti Dinner

### Monday, March 15, 2010

10:00 AM-Bible Study-SR

### Tuesday, March 16, 2010

9:00 AM Prayer Chain

7:00 PM-Bible Study Rm 6

7:00 PM-Choir Practice

### Wednesday, March 17, 2010

10:00 AM-Bible Study-SR

7:00 PM-RCIA—SR

### Thursday, March 18, 2010

7:00 PM-Confirmation—SR

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

### Friday, March 19, 2010

6:30 PM-Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 20, 2010

6:30 PM - Girl Scouts S.R.

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

The book I am reflecting on in my homily the weekend on March 20-21 is Henri Nouwen's "**The Return of the Prodigal Son.**" It is one of the best books I have ever read and I highly recommend it. HUG!!! +Father John

### Parish Family Social and Potluck

Our first monthly Parish Family Social and Potluck will be Sunday, March 21 from 12:30 - 3:00pm in the social room. Enjoy a potluck lunch, scripture and reflection, and then fun activities and discussion groups for adults, teens, and kids. This month's topic will be "Spring Break: A Family Opportunity". Come join us for some good food, great conversation, and be inspired! Contact Deacon Mike @ 503-761-8710 X 601 For the potluck, please bring a dish to share using the alphabetical list below:

Last name

beginning with: Type of Dish

A-D Salads

E - I Fruit and Veggie

Trays

J - N Main Dishes

O - S Desserts

T - Z Breads and

Crackers

### Homeless Outreach: On Fri. Mar.

12th we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We feed around 200 people and will need volunteers to prepare dinner and serve the guests. We start preparing food at 4:00pm and serve at 6:00pm. The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th and Yamhill. Call Jan at 503-254-2212 for more information.

### Homeless Outreach Donations:

Homeless outreach during the season of lent—we will be collecting socks, new or slightly used for men and women. A marked box will be in the Narthex.

### Eucharistic Minister and Lector

Training: Training for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors is Sunday, March 21 at 11:45am in the church. Deacon Mike (503) 761-8710 X106

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**Budget amount:** \$ 7,032.00

**Amount collected:** \$ 9,202.10

Over/under: + \$ 2170.10

Youth Group cans and bottle recycling this Weekend

### **Steubenville NW 2010**

**July 28-Aug 1**

All high school youth: Mark your calendar for this year's SNW Conference. Spend an exciting weekend seeing how Christ want to work in your life. Contact Janet: (503) 761-8710.

A Time For Caregivers : St John the Baptist Catholic Church is hosting a workshop for caregivers. This workshop, cosponsored by the Franciscan Spiritual Center and Oregon Alzheimer's Association, is designed for people who are helping to care for a parent, spouse, sibling, or friend who has Alzheimer's disease. You will learn about dementia, resources, and ways to take care of yourself. To register or questions call the Franciscan Spiritual Center at (503) 794-8542. The workshop will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Center, Tues. April 6th from 1:00 to 4:00. The fee is \$10.00.

### March 19 Candlelight Prayer Vigil

at Planned Parenthood: A

candlelight prayer vigil in conjunction with "**40 Days for Life**" will begin at 6:00pm Friday, March 19. The location is at Planned Parenthood on MLK and Beech. The Rosary of the Unborn and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be led by Fr. John Kerns of St Juan Diego Parish. Following the vigil will be a soup supper at Tamra Johnson's home. For more information contact Mrs. Johnson (503) 547-4262.