

**FROM FR. JOHN**

### **Communion Leads to Risking All**

“He went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and there he remained” John 10:41

Just a few lines before this verse the people are picking up rocks and getting ready to throw them at Jesus. They accuse Jesus of blasphemy. They say He is only a man who is trying to make Himself out to be God. Opposition towards Jesus is building and the threat on His life is becoming more serious. Just before Jesus goes back to the place where John first baptized, they try to arrest Him but He escapes their power.

I wonder why we read that it was at this point Jesus went back across the Jordan to where He was baptized by John. Maybe Jesus was coming back to his roots. In the middle of all the death threats Jesus was coming home to remember who he was before His Father. Recall His experience of being baptized in the Jordan by John some three years earlier. After being plunged in the waters, He heard the voice of the Father telling Him and all the people for all time, “You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests.”

Jesus continually sought communion with His father. We read many times in the gospels how he went off in seclusion in order to pray. He had to keep remembering who He was in the Father’s eyes. This communion would give Him the confidence to be faithful to the Father regardless of the opposition that He might face. This communion would bear fruit in bringing the wonders and teachings of the Father to His children. This communion would give Jesus the courage to risk even giving His life away in love if that was the Father’s plan. And it was.

Communion means “union with.” Is our society more or less united with God today than 10 years ago? Are our youth and families more or less in communion with God today? If we spend 5 minutes seeking union with God in every 24 hour period then we’ll get 5 minutes of union with God in that 24 hour period. There will not be a lot of wonder, teaching and risk in that kind of life.

Communion always leads to mission. Mission is risking all, even our lives, to share the wonderful salvation and teachings of our God to the entire world. Think about all the wonders, signs, teaching and miracles of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. Does this describe our church today? Think about how wholeheartedly Peter and Paul and the others risked their lives to spread the Good News. How many people do you know like that in our church today? Are you one of them? How much do you risk for the sake of the gospel? If we are really united with God, we will risk all.

Soon in heaven,  
Fr. John



**Vacation-** Fr. Bob (thanks to his parishioner) and I (thanks to my airline miles) are flying to Barcelona, Spain for 2 weeks right after Mother’s Day so I will not be answering emails or phone calls during that time. We will send the sun/Son your way! Tell the whole world that Jesus lives! +Fr. John

**Starting 5/01/10 and onward Confessions on Saturday's will be from 4-4:30 pm. Thank you for noting this and telling as many people about this as you can.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 3, 2010

Communion Service

### Tuesday, May 4, 2010

+Daniel Best

(Mom)

### Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Carolyn Clawson

(Kathy Tovey)

### Thursday, May 6, 2010

Teresa Bral

(Frances Wenner)

### Friday, May 7, 2010

Clair Guiher

(Frances Wenner)

### Saturday, May 8, 2010

People of the Parish

### Sunday, May 9, 2010

8:30AM +Jean Bruck

(Jim Bruck)

10:30AM +Mr. & Mrs. Kiem Nguyen

(their Family)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, May 2, 2010

9:00AM-Faith Formation

9:00AM-Jr HS Youth Group

Can/Bottle Recycling after Mass

7:00PM-HS Youth Group

### Monday, May 3, 2010

7:00PM-KOC Officer's mtg-SR

### Tuesday, May 4, 2010

8:45AM-SVDP mtg-SR

7:00PM-Family Rosary Night

7:30 PM-Choir Practice

7:30PM-LOOP Mtg-SR

### Thursday, May 6, 2010

8:15AM-5:30PM-Lifeline Screening-SR

7:00PMBible Study Rm4

### Friday, May 7, 2010

8:30AM-Fatima Prayer Cell

### Saturday, May 8, 2010

1:00PM-LOOP Tea-SR & Basement

**New Time:** 4:00-4:30PM-Confessions

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

**Volunteers are needed to serve donuts after the 8:30 masses in May.**

## North Catholic All School Reunion:

It will be 40 years July 2010 that North Catholic High School was destroyed by fire. An all school reunion is being planned for July 10th, 2010, at the De LaSalle North Catholic High School. We want to celebrate the memory of North Catholic High School and connect with friends. For more details check out our web site:

[www.NorthCatholicReunion2010.com](http://www.NorthCatholicReunion2010.com)

or call Willie (Scheidt) Mosbrucker at:

(503) 421-4665

**Our Prayer Walk** for this year will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. We will join other churches in our zip code to pray for the crime-ridden areas. We will begin with praise at the Rockwood Plaza del Sol on 188th and Stark at 2:00PM. Isn't this a beautiful symbol of unity for Pentecost! Our walk this year is from Dairy Queen on 174th and Division to the Church. It is a 1-mile walk so don't forget water. You can always get a goodie at Dairy Queen to speed you on your way. The 12-passenger bus to take people to Rockwood and then to Dairy Queen. For those who wish to drive and leave their car at Dairy Queen, the bus will take you back to your car.

**Thank you:** Thank you, St Joseph the Worker for being so incredibly supportive of the Youth Car Wash and Bake Sale. We are blessed by your generosity!!

**Inquiring About Baptisms:** The next class is scheduled for June 12th. If you are interested please contact the church office at (503) 761-8710

## **LOOP LADIES' TEA**

**Tickets are being sold before and after the Masses for our Mother's Day Weekend Tea.**

***Date:*** May 8<sup>th</sup>

***Time:*** 1:00 p.m.

***Ticket price:*** \$ 18.00

***Place:*** Social Room

**Come and enjoy great food, flavored teas, wonderful desserts, and a chance to visit with family and friends in a relaxed joyful environment.**

**Our guest speaker this year is  
Barbara Harrison,  
Director of Faith Formation from  
St. Phillip Neri Church.**

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

**Amount collected:** \$ 6,999.00

**Over/under:** — \$ 33.00

## Steubenville NW 2010 July 28-Aug 1

All high school youth mark your calendars for the SNW Conference. Spend an exciting weekend seeking Jesus and the power of his Holy Spirit in your life. Contact Janet 503 761-8710

## Youth News:

**May 2,** 9:00AM-Jr High Mtg

7:00PM-High School Mtg

**May 15,** 6:00PM-High School Trip to

see Matthew Kelly at St John OC

**May 16,** 9:00AM-Jr High Mtg

7:00PM-High School Mtg

## **St Joes' Annual Camp Out is Back:**

Probably think we're nuts talking about camping when it's still raining out half the time. But it is never too early to start thinking about making a reservation.

Twenty-two sites are already gone!

Camp out dates are: Aug 18th thru August 22nd. Reservations can be made

in a variety of ways. **Online:**

[www.stjosephtheworkerpxd.org/campout2010.html](http://www.stjosephtheworkerpxd.org/campout2010.html) **Email:**

[Pattiurldv@www.stjosephtheworkerpxd.org](mailto:Pattiurldv@www.stjosephtheworkerpxd.org) or [Duane-Dianne@comcast.net](mailto:Duane-Dianne@comcast.net) or

**by phone:** Dianne: 503 998-5683

Patti: 503 915-4096

## **Dear Father Amsberry,**

As always, it was a treat to be with you and your people on Thursday evening for the celebration of the Eucharist and Confirmation. Folks certainly have the Spirit in your parish. I enjoyed the celebration very much and I am grateful to you for the good work you do in leading your people.

Please thank all those who helped you prepare the candidates for Confirmation. They seemed eager and ready. I am also grateful for the delightful supper hour together with your staff and catechists. The meal was delicious and I certainly will enjoy the gift of pasta sauce which I have now put in the freezer but will serve me well in the coming weeks.

**Your brother in the Lord,**

**+John G. Vlazny**

**Archbishop of Portland in Oregon**