

FROM FR. JOHN

He Washed their Feet- Ours too!

“Peter said to him, ‘You will never wash my feet.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.’ John 13:8

“Your poor mother”- Those are the three most common words I get when I tell someone that I am the youngest child of eight boys. Mom raised eight boys along with dad which makes nine men that she had to deal with for many, many years. That is a lot of testosterone! Yes, I do think my mother is an amazing lady.

I remember before Christmas one year when mom was trying to get us excited about decorating for the season. All of us guys were resisting her efforts to put up the lights and the tree. Basically, we were being jerks and not helping her. After repeated failures for her to get us involved, mom broke down and cried. We asked her why she was upset and her reply was, “I just wanted you to have a good Christmas.” Her response sunk my heart because I finally saw that all she was trying to do was serve us. She just wanted us to have a good Christmas.

Mom reminds me of Christ. In today’s gospel of the washing of the disciple’s feet, we see how badly Jesus wants to serve us. The King of Kings bends down in utter humility and embraces our dirty feet. As He holds our feet He knows we are weary, fearful, confused, broken and in need. He wants to lift us up in His gentle, healing love. He is concerned about the “outside” of our dirty feet but He is much more concerned about the “inside” of our hearts. He tells us, like He told Peter; we cannot have His inheritance of love everlasting unless we receive Him into our hearts. His main concern is our heart. He wants to wash our hearts with His love and make them new.

We neglect our hearts. We hide them from Jesus. We hide them from each other. They are hurting and breaking and we do not let anyone get to them, let alone Jesus who is the healer of broken hearts. We become imprisoned in loneliness and pain. Jesus waits for us to give Him what is really going on in our hearts. He waits for us to trust in His love. He wants to hold and heal us in our pain from our broken families, broken relationships and broken promises. He just wants to serve us by healing our hearts. He has forsaken His ego and He asks us to forsake ours and cry to Him for help.

Let Jesus wash your feet each day in prayer. Take the account of the Lord washing the disciples feet in prayer and place yourself there. The Savior kneels down to wash your weary, dirty feet. Think of the feet as your soul. As he washes you in his life, he speaks to you. What does He say?

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Thank You from Fr. John!-- Beloved Knights of Columbus- you are good. Thank you for the new computer- it is really the Cadillac of computers. I hope to learn a lot about its capabilities. I am proud to be your brother!

Fatima, Spain and Lourdes Pilgrimage- Fr. John Amsberry is leading a Spiritual Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes from Sept. 26th - October 5th, 2010. For more information, call Beloved Beth at the office, 503-761-8710.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 31, 2010

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

+Julia Pitken

(Cecelia Halseth)

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

+Gerry Barger

(Cecelia Halseth)

Thursday, June 3, 2010

+Gerry Barger

(St. Vincent de Paul)

Friday, June 4, 2010

+ Jane Tursi

(Phil & Sharon Cebula)

Saturday, June 5, 2010

+Jane & Joseph Tursi

(Tursi Family)

Sunday, June 6, 2010

8:30AM+Paul Soucy

(Roger Soucy and

Robert & Harmony de Block)

10:30AM-People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 30, 2010

NO-Faith Formation

Monday, May 31, 2010

9:00AM-Memorial Mass

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

8:45AM-S.V.D.P. Mtg-SR

7:00PM-Family Rosary Night

7:30PM-LOOP Mtg-SR

7:30PM-Choir Practice

Thursday, Jun 3, 2010

7:00PM-Bible Study Rm4

Friday, Jun 4, 2010

8:30AM-Fatima Prayer Cell

Saturday, Jun 5, 2010

Can/Bottle Recycling

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

***Please note the Parish Center will be closed Monday, May 31. A Memorial Mass will be said at 9:00AM.**

The Annual Ladies Night Out will be held June 8th. It will again be at the Old Country Kitchen. Social at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. These are the following dinners to select from:

4oz Tenderloin Steak \$20.35

6oz Prime Rib \$22.75

Chicken Fried Steak \$15.55

Fish and Chips \$16.75. Dinner

amounts include gratuity.

We will be selling tickers after all the masses on May 28 & 29 and also on Jun 5 & 6. All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend. Good food and good friends.

Upcoming Discernment: The Discernment Process will take place on Sunday, June 6, 2010, beginning at 12:00PM in the Sanctuary. At this time, ALL the parish is invited to assist with choosing nominees for three positions on Pastoral Council. This is a spiritual process done with thought and prayer of all who attend. Please attend this meaningful event.

A Benefit Concert to Support

Vocations to the Priesthood: The Columbia River Serra Club presents a program of music and testimonials at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver, WA on Sunday, June 6, at 2:30PM. The program features the 45 member St. Joseph Parish Choir & soloist, priests Fr. Joseph O'Shea and Fr. Jacob Mauer, and seminarian Seraphim Barnounis in an afternoon of spiritual music & personal "witness" testimonials. Special guest host for the afternoon is Dina Marie Hale, Program Director of KBVM radio. Suggested donation for the concert is \$12.00. Students admitted free with accompanying guardian. For more information, please contact: Jerome Buckmier; 360-883-9333 or St Joseph Catholic Church; 360-696-4407.

Thank you St Joseph Church family! I have completed my first year as a seminarian and am thoroughly loving it. I'm on summer assignment at St. Henry in Gresham. Thank you all for your prayers and gifts throughout the year (and all anonymous gifts too!).

Seminarian;

Gregg Bronsema

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Budget amount: \$ 7,032.00

Amount collected: \$ 7,357.98

Over/under: + \$ 329.58

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick mass will be done differently this year. We will have a Mass at 2:00PM on June 6th dedicated to the elderly and/or ill in our parish. Any member of the Church who is seriously ill or has a condition or sickness that could seriously threaten their health or quality of life is invited to receive this sacrament. All older people are invited to be anointed also because your health is more fragile. In celebrating this sacrament, the church calls on Christ's healing mercy to strengthen the faith and body of those who are sick and/or aged. Everyone else is welcome to come pray for them during the Mass.

Camp Out is Coming: Our camp out is August 18th-22nd and there is still time to get a pretty good campsite. We're at our favorite campground Metzler Park. If you can't come camping, come join us Saturday, Aug 21st for a pot luck gathering, softball, croquet, arts and crafts for the kids. You can reserve a site online or call Patti @ (503) 915-4096 or Dianne @ (503) 998-5683. ALL reservations must be in by July 1st & payments should be sent in by July 18th.

The Holy Rosary Homeschool Support Group is hosting its annual Catholic Homeschool Curriculum Fair on Jun 15 from 6-9PM. Located at Holy Rosary's Siena Hall, 375 NE Clackamas, Portland, OR, the Fair provides an opportunity to learn about homeschool programs and resources, buy new and used materials, and speak with both experienced home educators and learning assessment specialists. For more information, call Yvonne at 360-885-1355.

Save the Date: July 11th, **One Mass.** Come join us for our outdoor Mass. The Mass will be held at 10:00AM. There will be food after.