

From Fr. John:

The Mystery of His Light

The following is from Pope Benedict XVI (aka B16)- Fr. John

The first has to do with the stained glass windows, which flood the interior with mystic light. From the outside, those windows are dark, heavy, even dreary. But once one enters the church, they suddenly come alive; reflecting the light passing through them, they reveal all their splendor. Many writers – here in America we can think of Nathaniel Hawthorne – have used the image of stained glass to illustrate the mystery of the Church herself. It is only from the inside, from the experience of faith and ecclesial life, that we see the church as she truly is: flooded with grace, resplendent in beauty, adorned by the manifold gifts of the Spirit. *It follows that we, who live the life of grace within the Church’s communion, are called to draw all people into this mystery of light.

This is no easy task in a world which can tend to look at the Church, like those stained glass windows, “from the outside”: a world which deeply senses a need for spirituality, yet finds it difficult to “enter into” the mystery of the Church. *Even for those of us within, the light of faith can be dimmed by routine, and the splendor of the Church obscured by the sins and weaknesses of her members. It can be dimmed too, by the obstacles encountered in a society which sometimes seems to have forgotten God and to resent even the most elementary demands of Christian morality.* You, who have devoted your lives to bearing witness to the love of Christ and the building up of his Body, know from your daily contact with the world around us how tempting it is at times to give way to frustration, disappointment and even pessimism about the future. In a word, it is not always easy to see the light of the Spirit all about us, the splendor of the Risen Lord illuminating our lives and instilling renewed hope in his victory over the world (cf. /Jn/ 16:33).



Fr. John’s new book “**More of You Through Prayer**” can be purchased at the Parish Center. Cost is \$11.00. Parish Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 9, 2009

Communion Service

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

+Hans Schweizer

(Millie Kappenthuler)

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

+Hans Schweizer

(Sandy Gernhart)

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Donna Norton & daughter Sherry

(Cecelia Halseth)

Friday, November 13, 2009

+Hans Schweizer

(Millie Kappenthuler)

Saturday, November 14, 2009

5:00 PM-People of the Parish

Sunday, November 15, 2009

8:30 AM- +Jeral Beaty

(Rosemary Linhart)

10:30 AM-+Everett &

Winifred Robinson

(Beverly Robinson)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 8, 2009

9:00 AM-Faith Formation

9:00 PM-Jr High Yth mtg-Rm. 5

Monday, November 9, 2009

5:30 PM-Monday Night Football
in SR

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

10:00 AM-Altar Guild mtg-SR

7:00 PM-KOC mtg-SR

7:00 PM-Choir practice

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

7:00 PM-RCIA-SR

Thursday, November 12, 2009

7:00 PM-Confirmation Class-SR

7:00 PM-Prayer Group

7:00 PM-Bible Study-Rm. 4

Friday, November 13, 2009

9:00 AM-Set-up for Bazaar

4:00 PM-Homeless Outreach

Saturday, November 14, 2009

9:00 AM-Altar Guild Bazaar and
Bake Sale-SR

Homeless Outreach: On Friday, November 13th we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House. We start preparing the food at 4:00 PM and serve the dinner at 6:00 PM. Please call Jan at 503-254-2212 for more information. The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th & Yamhill.

CARE MINISTRY

The **Prayer Chain** will meet Tuesday, November 17th from 9:00-10ish in the Social room of the Church. Anyone from the parish is invited to attend and join us as we pray for those who are ill and have requested prayer support. We will begin our new book "Let in the Light-facing hard stuff with hope". Don't forget to bring your appreciation book also. If you are new to the parish and would like to join us, please come we share books well. Refreshments following the meeting.

Advent Day of Recollection

This is a day of spiritual nourishment especially for our ministers to the sick. Our speaker is Fr. Francis Chun, a retired pastor, teacher and gifted speaker. It will be on Friday, December 4th from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Therese Parish, 1260 NE 132nd Ave., Portland, 97230. Flyers are in the back of church. Pre-registration is needed in order to know how many lunches to prepare. There is no cost to Ministers to the Sick in our parish; \$15 to others who wish to attend. Please pre-register by calling Becky or dropping the registration in the collection basket.

Altar Guild's Christmas Craft/Bake Sale will be November 14th from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Again, this year there will be a raffle. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on November 7th & 8th and on November 14th. Purchase 2 for a \$1.00. Many prizes have been donated. We will have a White Elephant table. All items donated must be in good shape. Lunch will be available. You can bring donated items to the Parish Center or bring them on November 13th from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. We will accept items the morning of November 14th. We will be setting up and pricing items on November 13th. It's a great place to do some Christmas shopping. With your donations and support the Altar Guild can make this a huge success.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Amount Needed: \$ 7,032.00

Amount Collected: 6,904.48

Over/Under: - 127.52



JR HIGH

Nov 8 9:00 AM Meeting Rm 5

Nov 13 Homeless Outreach

Sunnyside Methodist Church

4:00-8:00 PM

Nov 22 9:00 AM Meeting Rm 5

SR HIGH

Nov 7-8 Crooked River Weekend

Sat 8:00 AM—**Sun** 4:00 PM

Nov 22 **Real Life Exhibit**

11:30 AM- 3:30 PM

Questions: Call Janet

503-761-8710



Hats & Scarves: The annual hat/scarf, blanket and gloves drive has begun. Please bring any of these items to the parish center or social room. Scarves are made from fleece fabric and require no sewing, and hats require minimum sewing. Fleece blankets can be purchased at local stores. Gloves are always appreciated. All items need to be at the Church by December 13th. If you need a pattern for the hats and scarves you can go to the website at hevanet.com/projectkeepwarm or pick one up in the narthex. If you would like to make a cash donation, please put it in an envelope labeled "**Project Keep Warm**" and drop it off at Church. I will use any money donated to buy blankets and fabric. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee and Donuts are served in the Social Room after the Sunday Morning Masses. To volunteer, please sign up during the coffee and donut hour. Without your help we not be able to have coffee and donuts.