



Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Thanks to everyone who was present for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! It is you who make this parish alive and vibrant, it is you who make this community a community of caring – thank you all so much! It was a great success, and the food was unbelievable! I really want to thank Nancy Murray for all her hard work in setting up and making sure things ran smoothly. Every volunteer received a gift of an “I Thank God for You” pen, and if you are a volunteer and were not present at the dinner, please stop by the parish office to pick up your pen!

This past Tuesday, we had Parish Council, and I brought up how I have been hearing about “undercurrents of discontent” from a few people in the parish; and I asked how could we, as a council, deal with any issues that are present. It was brought up that we should do a parish survey, and I agree. So in the next three weeks, you will be receiving a letter from me along with a survey about how we are doing as a parish – the good and the bad – and what we might do to make things better. Now this is the very reason that I started Town Hall meetings, but we only get a small representation at those meetings; and so I want to give EVERYONE in the parish the chance to be heard. Just complaining and gossiping and committing the sin of detraction are NOT going to help us grow in the will of God. So, hopefully, this will help. You will be able to respond anonymously if you would like. I just want to know what is going on and what we can do to live the will of God for us as a parish.

Also, people have been asking about a change of venue for our Parish Picnic in the summer. I am open to whatever everyone wants to do, so please let us know if you like Waldameer, or if you would like to see it at another place. We will then bring everything to Council.

I also want to say THANK YOU to all those who stayed after Church last Sunday or came back to the Church to help us un-decorate! This really shows your commitment and love for Christ and His Church! Because of all of you that helped, we got done in about one and one half hours! That is great – you are the BEST!

Let us keep our eyes on Jesus this year, like the eyes of a servant on his master. Let our one desire be to please Him in all things! Let us always pray for each other, and remember that I love you! God Bless+++
In His love,
Fr. Larry

REMINDER : The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 19th at 8 AM.

IMPORTANT OKTOBERFEST ANNOUNCEMENT!!! We are in need of an organizational Chairperson for Theme Baskets. We already have two people who have come forward to assist this person—one who will take charge of soliciting businesses and one who will assist in assembling baskets. If you are interested in volunteering to help, call Diane at 490-8150 or Mary Therese at 833-9663.

CHURCH CLEANING: The “Clean of Heart” team will be cleaning the church this coming Saturday, January 23rd, beginning at 8:30 AM. We need more help because of all the snow and salt that is carried in and “left” under the pews and on the carpet. If we have several volunteers to help, we can be done by 10:00 AM. Call Renee DeLuca at 864-0701 if you can help or would like to become part of the “Clean of Heart” team.

THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OPEN IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL: Sunday 1 AM, 4 PM and 5 PM; Monday 6 PM and 11 PM; Tuesday 12 AM, 1 AM, and 5 AM; Wednesday 11 PM; Thursday 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM, 7 PM, 8 PM and 11 PM; Friday 12 AM, 2 AM, and 12 PM, 2 PM & 6 PM; Saturday 12 AM, 3 AM, 5 AM and 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 7 PM, and 11 PM. We are also still in need of a Division Coordinator for the hours from 6 PM to 11 PM; and Hour Coordinators for 1 AM & 2 PM Call Sherry at 864-0283 or Ruthann at 868-0308.

VATICAN EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES: Following the two Masses on Sunday, January 24th, the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles will be on display in the Community Center. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. The exhibition is comprised of 100 Church-approved miracles spanning the history of the Catholic Church. Please come and spend some time contemplating Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME, having surgery, ill, a death in the family, or they could just use a shawl full of prayers? Then please contact Wrapped In His Arms and we will present them with a prayer shawl. There is no cost involved. All shawls are donated by the ministry. Please phone Laurie at 459-6503.

THIRTY-ONE CLUB: The following parishioners will be offering Mass for vocations during this week: January 17th – Dorothy M. Knoll; January 18th – Sandy Shouse; January 19th – Barbara Schlosser; January 20th – Shirley Ireland; January 21st – Mary Rizzo; January 22nd – Diane Kiehlmier; January 23rd – Ruthann DiSanza.

ADULT CATECHISM: Father Wright's Adult Catechism class continues every Tuesday at 7:00 PM on the second floor of the Community Center. All adults are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEONS: We would like to continue offering a Bereavement Luncheon for families of deceased parishioners at the time of the funeral. We have one volunteer who offered her help – thanks, Betty! However, we are in need of one more volunteer to lead a team of current helpers. If you are interested or need more information, call Anna Marie May at 825-6759.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Church envelopes for 2010 are available in the parish office. Please stop in and pick them up as soon as possible. If you are homebound and unable to pick them up, please call Nancy in the parish office this week, so that they can be sent to you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Extraordinary Ministers in our diocese are commissioned for a three-year term of service, and several of our parish EMs are up for re-commissioning before the end of May. All those EMs affected will receive a letter in the mail within the next few weeks, asking them if they wish to continue. Any other parishioner who would like to become an Extraordinary Minister, please contact Nancy in the parish office. To be an EM, you must have a weekly committed hour in the Adoration Chapel and be approved by Father Larry, who will in turn send your name to the Bishop for his approval. Please call with any questions.

A REQUEST: To ensure that you get credit for your Sunday offering, please do the following: (1) use your church envelope; (2) make sure that your name and the amount are written clearly; and (3) specify in which area you want your offering to be placed. Also, it is a great help to the Collection Counters if you do NOT staple, paste, glue, or tape your envelope.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA & HOLY HOUR: Our St. Joseph Novena & Holy Hour continue weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church. Come worship the Lord and honor our patron saint, St. Joseph!

Masses For the Week

- Saturday (1/16)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish
- Sunday (1/17)** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 AM + Carol LaRue (Marilyn Gerrell)
11:00 AM + Packy Hyland (Gallagher Family)
- Monday (1/18)** *Weekday*
7:00 AM + Patricia Murphy (Family)
11:30 AM + Dolly Berdis (Dave & Karen Nelson)
- Tuesday (1/19)** *Weekday*
7:00 AM + Connie Lehner (Cheryl Konzal)
11:30 AM + For Christian Unity (Cynthia Manna)
- Wednesday (1/20)** *St. Fabian, pope & martyr, St. Sebastian, martyr*
7:00 AM + George Deiner (Denny Deiner)
11:30 AM + Open
- Thursday (1/21)** *St. Agnes, virgin, martyr*
7:00 AM + Ethel Winnen—Birthday (Lillian Tonelli)
11:30 AM + Open
- Friday (1/22)** *St. Vincent, deacon, martyr*
7:00 AM + John T. Gebler (Family)
11:30 AM + Open
- Saturday (1/23)** *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*
5:15 PM + John Guido—Anniv. (Ann Guido)
- Sunday (1/24)** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 AM + George Froberg (John & Tammy Mang)
11:00 AM + The Living & Deceased of the Parish

Week of January 10, 2010

Offertory	\$ 8860.20
Stewardship	\$ 945.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1076.90
Weekly Expenses	\$ 8542.00

Weekend January 23rd & 24th

- Saturday, January 23rd** 5:15 PM Fr. Larry
- Sunday, January 24th** 8:30 AM Fr. Wright
11:00AM Fr. Larry

If you have a special prayer intention for the month of January, please call Lore Blair at 455-7081 or Chris Smith at 459-2236.