



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 5 - March 12

Mon.	8:30	Dave & John Raso †
Tues.	8:30	Bob Rozzano †
Wed.	8:30	Richard Shibata †
Thurs.	8:30	Arthur Saylor & Katherine Hunkele †
Friday	6:30 8:30	— Alice Schammel †
Sat.	8:30 5:00	George Howarth † William McGrath †
Sun.	5:00	Catherine Murray †

Rest in Peace

Eleanor Mumford & Margaret Schneider

Sick Relatives and Friends

Don Oswald, Norma Figone, Dorothy Gruenwald, Marisa Malatesta, Carmen Esquivel, and Barbara Mason.

If you are ill and would like members of the parish to pray for you, or if you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact

Margaret Walton at 591-7349 ext. 28.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Collection – \$10,262

Catholic Charities – \$1,836 - **Thank You**

This weekend's second collection will benefit parish education.

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving towards His Crucifixion. We too must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

**St. Charles Blood Drive***Give the Gift of Life this Lent!*

Sunday, March 18, 2007, 8:00am to 1 pm in Borromeo Hall. Sponsored by Charlie's Angels. We'll be taking sign ups after Masses during the first two weeks of March. For even more convenience in signing up, go online! It's so simple! Just click on the link on our website: www.stcharlesparish.org. The sponsor code is: **stcharles**.

Remember, the life you save could be your own.

*St. Charles welcomes its newest member
through the waters of Baptism
Linnea Svea Earley*

FAITH FORMATION

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER DURING LENT-
CENTERING PRAYER**

During Lent on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Chapel, and Tuesdays at 9:00 AM in the St. Charles Room. This process is for beginners or advanced people of prayer. An introduction to Centering Prayer will be offered before the half hour process begins. So please "**Come and See**", if this prayer process is for you. For more information call Nancy Farrant, 541-7349, ex. 27.

ALL MINISTERS: *Choir Members, Pastoral Care Ministers, Catechists, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and all who serve God's people in any way*
PLEASE RSVP FOR THE LENTEN RETREAT ON MARCH 17th, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Father Dave Pettingill will be with us to help us to dream and "Imagine" our ministries in a new light. We will be offering lunch so please help us with an RSVP. Call Nancy, 591-7349, ex. 27.

FAITH CONNECTION: *In the bulletin we have enclosed an insert of "Faith Connection". This colorful insert will enrich your Lenten experience. Each week it contains: **The Word of God** for the week, a lead article that connects the Sunday and readings with real issues of everyday life. It has a "question of the week" to encourage adults and children to explore how the Scriptures can be applied during the week. The profile of faith highlights the life or work of an exemplary person or organization and offers a timely reflection from the work of Mark Link, S.J. There are suggestions that offer activities to respond to the Scriptures throughout the week along with a prayer starter for individuals and groups. Please let us know if this is helpful to you by emailing, nfarrant@stcharlesparish.org.*

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent, 9:00A.M.

March 13, Tuesday, 7:30P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Communal Celebration of Penance
with Individual Confessions)

March 17, Saturday, 11 AM-2:00P.M. Ministry Retreat**March 23,** Friday, 11:00A.M. & 7:00P.M.

Stations of the Cross (8th Grade Passion Play)

March 30, Friday, 7:30 P.M. Music and Meditations**Little Angels**

St. Charles offers faith-based learning for 3 yrs-Kindergarten age children during the 9am Mass every Sunday (except holidays). This is an excellent opportunity for parents to attend church without the distraction of children and also offer the children an opportunity to learn about God through singing, story telling, and an activity. Snack is provided. The classes are taught by volunteer parents. Simply bring your child before Mass to either the Kindergarten classroom (3 yr olds) or the Extended Care Room in the Upper Hall of the school (4 yrs-Kindergarten). If you have any questions, call Becky Peters 650-654-4425.

Wah-Hooooo!!!!

It's time to start thinking about Scripture Camp for all parish children - preschool adventure for ages 3-5 (only for moms/dads working at camp) and camp for Kindergarten-4th grade!



June 18-22, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Sign-ups for camp attendees coming soon, but until then, we need to corral as many Ranch Hands as possible to make it a howlin' success. We need Prairie Dog Preschool Leaders, Chuck Wagon Chow Crew, Horseplay Games Leaders, Spotlight Drama Leaders, Wild Bible Adventure Leaders, and a heap o' Ranch Crews (Team and Jr. Leaders). If y'all would like to help, please give a holler to Angela Boland at 650/592-8653, caangela@comcast.net.

Pony up and volunteer today!

Music of Feasts and Season

(a.k.a. "Around the Church year in 90 Minutes")

Annual Archdiocesan Choral Festival
Sunday, March 11, 4:00pm

St. Cecilia Church, San Francisco (Vicente @ 17th Ave.)
Come and pray with your local musicians as they join together to offer a prayer concert of music based on the seasons and feast of the church year-Advent to Christ the King in 90 minutes. Join us in prayer and praise, supplication and petition, singing hymns, anthems, motets and worship songs under the expert direction of Simon Berry, Director of Music & Liturgy at St. Dominic Church, with the accompaniment of Christoph Tietze, Organist and Director of Music for the Cathedral and the Festival brass ensemble. *Free admission. Free parking.*

For more information call 415-614-5585.



FISH VOLUNTEERS--Please pick up your calendars for the months of March, April and May (lines people, drivers and sub-drivers). If there is not one there for you or if you have any questions, please call Carolyn Ranken at 593-3721.

Do You Have a Vocation?

Answer Christ's Call as a Sister of Nazareth

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women

Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903, March 18, 2007 at 9:00-4:00pm. For more information contact Sr. Fintan at 310-839-2361 or Sr. Margaret at 415-479-8282.

WINGS

"Ubi Caritas Est Vera, Deus Ibi Est"

...Where there is charity & love, there is God...

Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30pm in Borromeo Hall

Please join us at our next WINGS gathering for a dramatization of **"Joanna—a Woman of the Cross,"** as portrayed by Christian singer and songwriter Sam Kauffman. *Donations Accepted.*

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS. ENTER THE PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST AT ST. GREGORY'S, SAN MATEO ON THURSDAY, MARCH 8 @ 7:30PM. WIN CASH PRIZES!!! FOR INFO CALL: JESSICA@ 572-1468 OR VICKI@ 365-5718.

Italian Catholic Federation - Branch #327

CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER SOCIAL
March 10, 2007

This event is the main fundraiser for the I.C.F.'s charitable programs which include awarding scholarships to deserving eighth grade students graduating from St. Charles School and Religious Education classes. Commemorate the upcoming St. Patrick's Day by being present at this delicious dinner and make it even better by coming with a group of your friends! (*Groups of 8 or more can reserve individual tables*) Paid reservations must be sent to Barbara Borra, 908 Bauer Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070 by March 4th. Have questions? Call Barbara at 593-4118. You don't have to be Irish (*or Italian*) to enjoy this social. Make your reservation early so you don't miss out!

(A flyer containing all the details is available at church entrances)

St. Charles School Auction Raffle

1st Prize – \$1500 Gift Certificate for Ritz Carleton in Half Moon Bay
2nd Prize – 42" Sharp *Aquous* LCD TV
3rd Prize – I Pod or Nintendo Wii
Plus over \$6000 dollars worth of prizes.
Tickets are on sale after all Masses.

Annual St. Francis Center Auxiliary Party

"Spring is in the Air"

Saturday, March 10, 11:00am at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. Lunch, auction, raffle, entertainment, good cause! Donation \$50 to St. Francis Center Auxiliary. Reservation: Mail check and seating preference to Gerri Beasley, 1055 Deanna Dr. Menlo Park, 94025, 650-854-1262. Do you have any auction items or services to donate?

Catholic Charities/CYO

Day of Retreat at Vallombrosa

March 28th 9:00am ~ 3:00pm
Father Kevin Kennedy, Presider
Program includes Lunch ~ Cost-\$25
Reservation Deadline is March 11th
Call Margaret Howarth at 591-5190, or Eda Rosetto at 573-0306

Second Sunday of Lent
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram
(*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*)

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation
(*Psalms 27*).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven
(*Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]*).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (*Luke 9:28b-36*).

TRANSFIGURATION

Have you had an experience that caused you to see someone in a completely new light? Perhaps you saw your daughter in cap and gown at her graduation. Perhaps your brother held his newborn baby in his arms. Perhaps your father performed an unexpected act of compassion, or your mother revealed courage that had previously been hidden from you. You may have been tongue-tied, not knowing how to relate to the person who had been transfigured before your very eyes. In the Gospel today the disciples of Jesus see him in a completely new light. His face is “changed in appearance” and they don’t know what to say or do. Before the disciples can respond appropriately to Jesus they must learn to believe their eyes and ears—that Jesus is the “chosen Son” of God.

REAL PRESENCE

We also need to learn to believe our eyes and ears if we are to respond appropriately to Christ. In the second reading today Paul urges us to imitate him. Paul, who once saw Jesus in a wholly negative light, experienced the real presence of the risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Gradually he learned to believe that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, and it changed his whole life. Paul began to imitate the Christ he preached. In this way Christ was transfiguring Paul “to conform with his glorified body.”

The season of Lent invites us to believe more deeply in the Real Presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. When experienced through the eyes and ears of faith, an ordinary community, mere words, simple bread and wine are transfigured before our eyes—and so are we. Little by little we learn how to respond to the chosen Son of God in whom we believe. The more we believe, the more Christ will do in us what he did in Paul and Peter, John and James. He will transfigure us into the real presence of Christ for the world.

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Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week—

...Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.....

ANONYMOUS

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

The Lord is my shepherd of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid.
one thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord

Psalms 27:1,4