



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 31~ September 6

Mon.	8:30	Susie Caturegli †
Tues.	8:30	Shirley McGill & Vincent Buckhout †
Wed.	8:30	Stanley Mitchell †
Thurs.	8:30	Gigi Villanvera (L)
Fri.	6:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
	8:30	Richard Nelson †
Sat.	8:30	Claire Donohue †
	5:00	Adele Boyer †
Sun.	7:30	Susie Caturegli †
	5:00	Paul Tavlian (L)

Rest in Peace ~ Helen Navarra*Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers: Kathy Marnell, Ibrahim Abedrabbo, Dawn Crecy, Christine Zika, Joe Vassallo, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, and Lois Clausen.

Are you are ill or homebound? Would you like members of the parish to pray for you? Do you know of someone who is, and would like to receive the Eucharist? Contact Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 28.

*Sacramental Giving*Last Weekend's Offering ~ \$9,383.50 ~**Thank you**

Next weekend's second collection will benefit parish education.

This Weekend's Second Collection

Thank you for your generous **St. Vincent de Paul** donations this year to support our neighbors in need. This weekend's collection is the second to last 5th Sunday St. Vincent de Paul collection for 2009. Your donations assist many families and single adults by providing such things as food, clothing and furniture, rental assistance and utility payments. We help anyone in need regardless of race, creed, age, disability, or gender, and 92% of our county's St. Vincent de Paul tax-deductible donations go back into services for the poor. Unemployment in San Mateo County is at 8.3%, the highest it's been since 2003 when it was 6.4%. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please contact us at 650-343-4405. Please consider a donation if you are able to. **Thank you.**

Stewardship by the Book: "Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
September 4th**

"If the Eucharist be nothing but bread, why has it always been worshipped with such great reverence?"

St. Robert Bellarmine, S.J. - Memorial Sept. 17

All parishioners, especially alumni of Jesuit schools and Extraordinary Ministers are invited to worship our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at the parish center every First Friday beginning at 9 A.M. and continuing until midnight. This devotion has existed in our parish since 1994.

FAITH FORMATION**EIGHT REASONS TO BE A CATECHIST:**

1. You will be putting your own faith into action.
2. You will be energized.
3. You will meet new people and become part of a vibrant faith community.
4. You will learn more about your own faith.
5. You will deepen your own relationship with Jesus Christ.
6. You have a lot to share.
7. Children, teens, and adults more than ever need to encounter good role models of faith.

Children, teens, and adults in today's world need more than ever need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Children Need You! Please help us teach our children about Jesus. This ministry helps not only the children to know and love Jesus, but also helps you to know, and love the Lord more and more each day. We need teachers and assistants in grades K-5, both on Sunday mornings, and Monday afternoons. Choose a day that works best for you. We will provide the necessary training to start. Do you feel your faith lacking sometimes? One way to give yourself a spiritual boost is to give back to the community, to God's most precious ones, the children. If you feel you have a gift, or need a spiritual lift, please call Nancy or Michelle at 591-7349. *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...teaching to observe all that I have commanded you..."(Mt. 28:19-20)*

What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. A group of baptized Catholics who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are referred to as:(a) neophytes (b) illuminati (c) confirmandi (d) catechumens
2. We pray a Hail Mary on each of the three beads before the first decade of the Rosary, asking for an increase in (a) faith, hope, and charity (b) poverty, chastity, and obedience (c) grace, patience, and courage (d) pay, pension, and vacation time
3. In his encyclical Rerum Novarum, this pope is credited with articulating the Church's social teaching: (a) John Paul II (b) Leo XIII (c) Pius IX (d) Benedict XVI
4. The texts that make up the core of the Liturgy of the Hours are from (a) the Dead Sea scrolls (b) the Gospels (c) the Psalms (d) papal encyclicals

Check next weekend's bulletin for the answers!

Fall Festival

The annual St. Charles Fall Festival is in the planning stages and will take place **Oct 2-4** this year. If you have not been contacted and would like to get involved by chairing a booth we still need volunteers. Please contact either Kirby Kish at kjkish@yahoo.com or Bill Hollywood at bhollywood@sbcglobal.net. The ever popular "Dime Toss" is back and we need glassware. Please box up your old, new, recycled or last year's treasures and place in the patio behind the Rectory. There is no Granny's Attic at the festival so glassware type items only please such as mugs, cups, saucers, wine glasses, ashtrays, vases, etc.



"Prayer Shawl Ministry"

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be held on September 2nd at 10:00am in the St. Charles Room. Prayer shawls are made for those who are going through a difficult time in their life and are in need of comfort and prayer. The shawls are either knitted or crocheted and will be blessed by Father Dave or Father John before they are given to the recipient. If you would like more information about WINGS new ministry, please call Lorie Boris 593-7339 or Linda Burns 595-2675. **Donations are greatly appreciated and will be used only to purchase yarn.** Please make checks payable to St. Charles Church, in the memo put WINGS/Shawls. Mail to Lorie Boris 1828 Carmelita Dr. SC

"I assure you, as often as you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me"

Women's Catholic Scripture Study St. Mark's Church

Women's Catholic Scripture Study meets Thursday mornings, 10am - 12pm, at St. Mark's Parish in Belmont for women from parishes all around the Bay Area (all ages and all levels of Bible knowledge). Begins Sept. 17, 2009 and ends May 20, 2010. Come join us as we study *Genesis*, the first book of the Bible. This is a book of "beginnings" which is foundational to understanding the rest of Scripture and the life we have as God's people in the Catholic Church. All the great truths that are knit into the fabric of the universe are there for us to comprehend--who God is, who we are, and how God's untamable, unquenchable, unimaginable Love permeates all human existence. Although we may "study" the Bible, ultimately Scripture is a "place of encounter" with God. For more information go to www.cssbelmont.com or contact Christine Fenwick at 650-704-7881 or christine@cssbelmont.com.



Prevent homelessness!

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County as we try to prevent the traumatic effects of homelessness for families in our community. Our requests for rental assistance have increased 48% over last year. During the past 6 months, rent requests averaged \$51,000 per month. Rent is paid directly to landlords to keep families and individuals who have fallen on hard times housed. **Please give of your time, talent, or treasure!** Visit our website at www.svdp-sanmateo.org to learn more about the Society. **Interested volunteers should call Lisa at 650-373-0623 to reserve a spot in first Tuesday of the month orientations at 1:30pm in our downtown San Mateo offices.**

Men's Club Meeting BBQ Extravaganza Thursday, September 3rd

The Men's Club will be holding a "BBQ Extravaganza" to celebrate "Back to School", the closing of the Bay Bridge over Labor Day, and whatever else we can come up with! Join us for some mouth-watering Chaka's MMM Sauce BBQ, hear about plans for upcoming events, and catch up after all of your summer fun. Borrromeo Hall doors open at 6:30. Admission is \$20 at the door and includes dinner and a chance to win one of our ever-popular door prizes!! Men's Club events are open to all men of the parish and their adult male guests. So, c'mon down and don't forget to bring a friend. For more information, email us at mensclub@stcharlesparish.org.

Choir Opportunities

St. Charles Parish Adult Choir

Have you ever thought about joining the Adult Choir here at St. Charles? This is a wonderful group of people who rehearse on Thursday nights (7:30) and sing at the 9:00 Mass. We perform an annual Christmas Concert and Ecumenical Choir Festival, and join with the assembly every Sunday to make a joyful noise! Won't you join us? There is ample time off with good behavior! **We especially need men**, but we are open to all. We will have our first rehearsal on August 20, but we will not sing at Mass until September.

For more information, please call Claire at 591-7349 ex 32, or email her at CGiovannetti@stcharlesparish.org.

St. Charles Parish Children's Choir

Did you know that this choir has been in existence for 15 years? This choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:15pm in church and sings at the 9:00 Family/Children Mass about once a month. We also participate in the Christmas Concert and the First Communion and generally have a good time. The children get to sing, listen, learn a little music theory and give me feedback on the music choices. (*That is sometimes their favorite thing!*) It is a great learning experience for the children. We are open to all children of the parish from 3rd grade on up; please join us! For more information, please call Claire at 591-7349 ex 32, or email her at CGiovannetti@stcharlesparish.org.

Claire is available after all Masses if you would like to talk to her. Please come up and say, hello.

FISH VOLUNTEERS

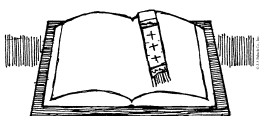
Please pick up your calendars for the months of September, October and November in Church by Sept 6th. If there is not one there for you or you have any questions, please call Carolyn Ranken, 593-3721.

Tanzania Health & Education Mission - T.H.E. Mission

We are recruiting eager people to share the gifts of their time and talents with the less fortunate. We are planning our 4th mission trip to Tanzania. If you are interested in joining us on this life-changing adventure we welcome you! Our travel dates are 1/28 to 2/11. For more information, please call Sarah or Jehane Jones @ 650-368-9454.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 2	Prayer Shawl Meeting, 10:00am, St. Charles Room Back to the School Night, 6pm
Sept. 3	Men's Club Mtg., 6:30pm, Borromeo Hall Light Weigh Gathering, 7:00pm, St. Francis Room Adult Choir, 7:30pm, Church
Sept. 4	Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00am. Chapel
Sept. 6	RCIA, 10:00am, St. Charles Room Charlie's Angels Council Mtg., 2:30pm St. Francis Room
Sept. 7	Labor Day, Parish Center Closed
Sept. 8	Consolation Meeting, 7:00pm, Chapel Confirmation Information Meeting 7:30pm, Borromeo Hall
Sept. 9	School PAC Meeting, 8:00am, Upper Hall Children's Choir, 3:15pm, Church
Sept. 10	Light Weigh Gathering, 7:00pm, St. Francis Room SVdP Meeting, 7:30, St. Charles Room Confirmation Information Meeting 7:30pm, Borromeo Hall Adult Choir, 7:30pm, Church
Sept. 12	Back to School Barbecue, 6:00pm, School
Sept. 13	RCIA, 10:00am, St. Charles Room Baptism Preparation Class, 1:00pm, St. Charles Room Confirmation Instruction Class, 3:00pm, Borromeo Hall



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Humbly welcome the word that has been planted
in you and is able to save your souls.*

— James 1:21b

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. What Jesus teaches today is that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.