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THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

WELCOME FR. PETE BYRNE

Maryknoll Fr. Pete Byrne will speak at all the Masses this weekend. Fr. Pete is from Helena MT and has been a missionary priest for 53 years. Fr. Pete works with the street children of Lima, Peru, where he has had many years of mission experience.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF ST. THOMAS

On Wednesday morning, July 29 you are invited to join the Aquinas Guild at Prindle Park for a potluck picnic. If you have young ones, bring them along. There is a playground, rest rooms, a very shallow wading creek and lots of room to run. Plus a covered shelter with tables, water and electricity.



If you wish, you may carpool from the church parking lot at 10 am. Prindle Park is about 20 minutes' drive from the church. Or if you prefer to drive yourself, directions: SR14 east to Washougal 15th St. (Washougal River Road). Follow for 10 miles. At the Mercantile store turn right onto Canyon Creek Road. Prindle Park is 1 1/2 miles further, on the right.

After our 10:30am business meeting (we have a Rummage Sale coming up in September!), we will enjoy our potluck luncheon around 11:30am. Please come, bring a covered dish to share, and enjoy a morning of fresh air and good conversation. Hope to see you there! "All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to attend the Aquinas Guild summer picnic!" (Anne Guard)

EVERYTHING YOU'D WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

If you have students you'll want to attend in informational meeting on Wed., July 29 at the home of Ron & Terry Prill, 5807 NW El Rey Dr., Camas at 6:00pm. Both Ed Little, Principal and Andy Geisler, Director of Development will be available to answer questions. RSVP, 834-9994.

FOOD IS IN NEED!

East County Family Resource Center is in desperate need of non-perishable food items. Items most in need are peanut butter, jam, boxed meals, canned meats and tuna. With the current economic climate, ECFRC has experienced a decline in donations and at the same time is seeing an increase of two to three times the number of requests for this time of year over previous years. Please give generously if you can. Drop off donations to the back of the church and St. Vincent de Paul will deliver them to ECFRC. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE THANK YOU!

SVdP would like to thank all our parishioners who gave so generously during our baby bottle drive for the Community Pregnancy Center. All your spare change and bills added up to \$2,000 for the Center! Through your support and donations, CPC will be able to continue their efforts to reduce the abominable practice of abortion by providing pregnancy testing, ultra-sound imaging and counseling for those unprepared for pregnancy. In addition they will be able to provide assistance to needy mothers and children within our community with baby supplies, food and clothing. Thank you again for showing the true Vincentian spirit of our parish.

ATTENTION—BOYS WHO SERVE AT MASS

On Mon., July 27 there is training for acolytes, 10:00am. Plan to stay 2 hours.

On Mon., July 27, 11:00am for all boys there will be an update session, noting changes in procedures! This is a 1 hour session.

Be sure that you attend!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



"TUESDAY WITH THE SAINTS"

For children in grades K-5 with grade 6 as "junior leaders". 10:00-11:30am in the Fireside Room. This week's saint: *St. Martha*.

CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Please contact Kim Steinke soon, 834-2126 ext. 207.

GOOD SHEPHERD ALMOST FULL!!

Please contact L'Rae Scherwinski, 834-3719 now, if you plan for your 3, 4 or 5 year olds to participate in our Good Shepherd this Fall.

SPECIAL NEEDS FAITH FORMATION

This is a faith formation class designed for children with learning challenges. Please contact Kellie Hagen, 834-0393 now.

ATTENTION ALL FATHER'S AND SON'S

Mark your calendar and get ready for some great fun on our 8th annual Father Son Hike, Aug 21-23. All boy's ages 8 and older along with their Father's and/or Grandfather's are invited. Our destination as in years past will be Blue Lake and there will be lots of swimming, games, fishing, camp fires, hiking, Mass and relaxing! We'll be departing from St. Thomas Church, travel to Star of the Sea in Stevenson & meet up with the rest of our group and head out for Blue Lake. Don't miss out on one of the best events of the year and to spend some quality time with your son(s) or father! For more information and details contact Jeff White, 891-7861 or myredwings19@comcast.net.



Young Adults

Tapped into Faith presents:

"Raising a Catholic Family in this Day and Age"

with Anne Dettwyler, Mt. Angel Staff and mother of seven.

Tue., July 28, 6:30pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marian Hall/Library

Bring a side dish or desert to share.

IN YOUR CHARITY

For the soul of Ann Samwel, parishioner and mother of Lucy Anderson whose funeral will be next week.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank-you to the 337 families who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington by pledging \$90,151.

We've reached 83% of our goal of \$108,201.

55% of our parish families have responded with financial pledges or pledges of prayer. The financial pledges average \$297 per household (generously higher than the Archdiocese average of \$265).

If the remaining 45% pledged \$1.26 a week we would achieve our goal!

Your gift, no matter what amount, will make a difference.

Please bring your pledge envelope to Mass or to the parish office.

NOTICES / OUTREACH / ADS

CHURCH FLOWERS

Mary Talbitzer will be out of town next week. Vases of flowers will be needed for Aug. 1 & 2. Vases are available in the unused confessional if you can donate the flowers.

PERPETUAL ADORATION— ONE OPENING!

Just one immediate opening — Mondays, 1:00-2:00am, we need one person to take an hour with our Lord. There are several times when just one person is signed up, so we can use anyone called to come to our chapel. If you can commit to an hour you will be welcomed. Call the office if you can fill a position, 834-2126 ext. 0. Copies of the adoration schedule are available in the chapel on the bulletin board.

CLASSROOM AIDE POSITION

This is a part-time position, approximately 15 hours per week, assisting in our elementary school. The ideal candidates should have experience working with children, an ability to foster social and academic growth, caring and concern for students, enthusiasm for learning, and the ability to collaborate with other teachers, staff and parents. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter by Aug. 1 to: Brian Anderson Our Lady of Lourdes School, 4701 NW Franklin St. Vancouver, WA 98663 696-2301 principal@lourdesvan.org

A HELPFUL WEBSITE

www.catholicscomehome.org meant to help evangelize fallen away Catholics.

LITTLE ANGELS PRESCHOOL

St. John's is opening a traditional Catholic preschool for the 2009/2010 school year. There will be a morning and afternoon class open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Registration is now open and forms are available at St. John's parish office. Classes will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. Dana Kutch has been hired as the preschool director. For more information about the program, please contact the church office at 573-3325.

ARE YOU HOMESCHOOLING? OR INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING?

Join the Holy Redeemer Homeschool Co-op for monthly support meetings with parents, as well as student enrichment and socialization. Please contact Jamie Kohler, at 885-7780 ext.13 for more information.

RETROUVILLE

"A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages," www.retrouvaille.org or call 800 470-2233 about upcoming weekend dates.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUNG VESPERS FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY (PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS) AND THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST
Tue., Aug. 4 at 7:00pm in the Church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Remember to come on Wed., Aug. 5, 6:30am meet for breakfast and sharing at the Lakeside Chalet.

PARISH PICNIC

It's that time again -- time to enjoy an afternoon with your parish family, at our annual parish picnic -- SUN., AUG. 16 from 1:00-4:00pm LOWER HATHAWAY PARK in Washougal. Come for an afternoon filled with good food and fun. It's also a great opportunity to meet our newest parishioners and make them feel welcome.

The Knights of Columbus will be providing their customary barbecue, complete with beverages. You also get to enjoy tasting a wide variety of salads and desserts made by your fellow parishioners. If your last name starts with the letters **A – L**, we ask you to please bring a dessert and those whose last names begin with **M – Z** please bring a salad.

Just so you can eat your fill and not worry about the calories, after lunch

you can participate in SOFTBALL (bring your mitt) or ULTIMATE FRISBEE, participating in the SPOON RACES, playing CROQUET, or just tossing a FOOTBALL. In addition, there will also be a FISHING BOOTH, FACE PAINTING, and COLORING for our youngest parishioners. On the other hand, if you would rather take it easy and enjoy the shade by the river, you can play WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO. Please bring a fun gift for the bingo game stapled in a brown grocery bag and marked "BINGO."

So bring an appetite, lawn chairs, hat, and sunscreen and be ready to have a good time. If you are planning to swim in the river or participate in the Water Balloon Toss, we recommend you bring a towel.

[Directions: take 3rd St. from Camas into Washougal, turn left at Hathaway elementary school (sign marks the turn), go down the road to the lower level by the river. Parking below is very limited, so plan to park up above and walk down. If you're disabled or infirm we'll have a place you can be dropped off down below.]



**Are you moving out of the parish this summer?
Have you just moved into the community?
Remember to contact the office so we can
register you or update our files.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE-SUNDAY OFFERTORY

WE ARE BEGINNING A NEW FISCAL YEAR WHICH WILL RUN FROM
7/1/2009 THROUGH 6/30/2010

Actual Collection 7/19	\$9,971
Planned 7/19	\$11,000
Cumulative Difference (Actual vs. Planned) for 3 weeks	-\$466 -1.2%

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

July 25 SATURDAY

8:00am Mass for the soul of Ference Vovos (Lounsbery)
 10:00am No Confessions
 3:30pm Confessions
 5:00pm Fr. Pete Byrne Vigil Mass for the soul Katherine Herschell (Herschell)

July 26 SUNDAY—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Squires
 Liturgy of the Hours—week 1
 Old Testament: 2 Kings 4:42-44
 New Testament: II Ephesians 4:1-6
 Gospel: John 6:1-15

8:00am Fr. Pete Byrne Mass for the soul of Lee Turner (Myers)
 9:30am Fr. Pete Byrne Mass *Pro Populo*
 11:30am Fr. Pete Byrne Mass for the soul of Joe McKamey (Yoshimura)

July 27 MONDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ference Vovos (Lounsbery)
 9:10am Rosary
 10:00am Acolyte Training
 11:00am Server Update Training
 6:00pm Scouts, Hall

July 28 TUESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Ference Vovos (Lounsbery)
 9:10am Rosary
 10:00am Tuesday with the Saints, Fireside Room
 4:30pm Prayer and Faith-Sharing, Fireside Room
 6:30pm Circle of Love Prayer Group, Fireside Room

July 29 WEDNESDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the intentions of John Baja (Baja)
 9:10am Rosary
 7:00pm St. Thomas Schola, Church

July 30 THURSDAY

8:00am Liturgy of the Hours, Church
 8:30am Mass for the soul of Dee Burkholz (Bernat)
 9:10am Rosary
 6:30pm Mystogogia (Rm 17)
 7:00pm Choir practice, Church

July 31 FRIDAY

9:00am Church cleaners at work
 12:00pm Mass for the intentions of Jamie Vasquez (Wilmott)

August 1 FIRST SATURDAY

8:00am Mass for the deeper conversion of Catholics
 9:40am BNA first Saturday Rosary/Devotions (Church)
 10:00am Confessions
 5:00pm Vigil Mind Mass for the soul of Pat Sanks

August 2 SUNDAY—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Breakfast is sponsored by the Knight of Columbus
 Liturgy of the Hours—week 2
 Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
 New Testament: II Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
 Gospel: John 6:24-35

8:00am Mass for the soul of William Moore (Simms)
 9:30am Mass *Pro Populo*
 11:30am Mass for the intentions of Emma Bauer (Bauer)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 29 Aquinas Guild, Prindle Park
- Aug. 4 Sung Vespers for the 150th Anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney and the Year of the Priest
- Aug. 16 Annual Parish Picnic
- Aug. 17 SUMMA articles needed
- Aug. 26 Safe Environment Tng.
- Sep. 10-12 Rummage Sale
- Sep. 13 Baptism Preparation
- Sep. 16 Faith Formation
M S Youth Group
DTS
- Sep. 20 H S Youth Group

CLEAN THE CLUTTER



Donate
YESTERDAY'S TREASURES
 to the AQUINAS GUILD RUMMAGE SALE
 SEPT. 10, 11 & 12
 Bring them to the Social Hall starting
 Sunday Sept. 6



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST IN 2009/10

Here's what you can do for July and August:

Daily Prayer During the Year for Priests

We thank you, God the Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests.



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