



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 2 - March 8

Mon.	8:30	Lynn Wilson †
Tues.	8:30	Stan Mitchell †
Wed.	8:30	Laura Moris †
Thurs.	8:30	Bruna Julia Dal Porto †
Fri.	6:30	Conrad Timbol †
	8:30	Anne & Patrick Corley †
Sat.	8:30	Eda Vacchieri †
	5:00	Ed Orr †
Sun.	5:00	Lynn Wilson and Family

Rest in Peace - Betty Costa

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Gerry Mitchell, Joe Vassallo, Bob Cook, Lisa Porter, John Meany, Barbara Peters, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel, Jim Mason, and Louise DeBarbrie.

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

Weekend Offering ~ \$9,377 - **Thank-you!**

This weekend's second collection will benefit parish education.

Stewardship by the Book: *The waters of baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."*

NEXT WEEK IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO "LOAVES AND FISHES" SUNDAY

Catholic Charities CYO receives no funding from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal or directly from the Archdiocese, so let's support quality social services in our community by donating as generously as possible to help Catholic Charities CYO reach its spring goal of \$300,000. Every dollar contributed directly supports programs that provide relief for homeless families, ailing seniors, immigrants, the working poor, troubled teens, and many other clients in need. **Let's help change a life on Loaves & Fishes Sunday.**

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, *"We have ups and downs, sickness and suffering. That is part of the Cross. Anyone who imitates Him to the full must share in His passion also. That is why we need prayer, why we need the Bread of Life, why we have Adoration."*

Eucharistic Adoration will be on First Friday, March 6 in the chapel at the parish center from 9:00am until midnight. All are welcome.

St. Charles welcomes its newest members
through the waters of Baptism:

Daniel Sebastian Salas
Gabriel Joseph Oliveira-Killmon

FAITH FORMATION

K-5th Grade Reminder: No classes on Sunday & Monday, March 1 & 2nd and March 8th & 9th.

Please RSVP for the Lenten Connection. You will find the information in the bulletin.

With great joy, this SUNDAY, at the 9:00 AM Mass we will celebrate the "rite of Sending for Election" with our catechumens, Lori Musser and Emily & Jordan Mapa. We will celebrate the "Right of Sending for the Call to Continuing Conversion" with our baptized candidates, Sally-Ann Flak, and Asheley Greenlee. The Church has discerned their readiness for reception of the initiation sacraments this Easter. After these rites are celebrated here this Sunday morning, these catechumens and candidates, along with their Godparents and sponsors, will be sent by our parish to the Archbishop for the "Rite of Election" (for the catechumens) and "Call to Conversion" (for the candidates). Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and our support of their readiness for the sacraments, the Archbishop will declare the catechumens to be elect chosen by God for the sacraments this Easter. The Archbishop also recognizes the desire of the baptized candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic Community.

Attention Altar Server Training for Public School Students

Please get your registration in for the training on March 4 and March 11, from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm, in the Church. Forms are located in the back of the church. Children must be at least in the 4th grade, a regularly worshipping member of the parish, and have received the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation. For more information and registration call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ex. 27.



**Please join us for the Stations of the Cross following
the 8:30am Mass every Friday morning during Lent.**

What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is sometimes called _____? (a) Fat Tuesday; (b) Shrove Tuesday (c) Mardi Gras (d) All of these
2. Elijah hears the voice of the Lord in (a) an earthquake (b) fire (c) a clap of thunder (d) a tiny whispering sound
3. The first Sunday of Lent catechumens (those seeking full initiation in the Catholic church) celebrate the "Rite of (a) Scrutinies (b) Election (c) Sealing (d) Exorcism
4. The name of the Roman emperor who persecuted early Christians was (a) Augustus (b) Julius Caesar (c) Nero (d) Constantine

Look for the answers in next weekend's bulletin!

Answers to Feb. 15 weekend's Catholic IQ questions

1. This martyr's name means "gift of God" (a) Dorothy
2. The liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as the "Ever_" (d) virgin
3. In which Marian prayer are found the words "mourning and weeping in this vale of tears?" (d) Hail, Holy Queen
4. What is the name of the vestment that a deacon wears over the alb and stole? (c) dalmatic

Parish Blood Drive, Sunday, March 15 (sponsored by *Charlie's Angels*) 8 am to 1 pm in Borromeo Hall. Sign-ups will be after all Masses on March 1 and 8 or go to www.bloodheroes.com to sign up online. The sponsor code is: *stcharles*. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. That's a big need! But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood each year. This Lent, as we take up our cross and follow Jesus, is the perfect time to give blood for the good of others.

Men's Morning of Recollection

On Saturday, March 21, the second annual Morning of Recollection for the men of the parish will be held here at St. Charles from 9:30am to 1:00pm. It will feature Mr. Stephen Mullin, the Parish Life Director of All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward. Steve is married with four children and the administrator responsible for the spiritual and temporal life of the parish and school. He has a degree in Theology from USF and has completed additional studies at Oxford University, St. Patrick's Seminary and Holy Names University. Please join us to hear Steve speak on "*Living Our Faith Amidst the Chaos*." In addition to our guest speaker, the day will include Mass and lunch. Please RSVP by March 16 to John Bisordi at 650.595.2164 or jvviso@gmail.com.

FISH VOLUNTEERS - please pick up your calendars on one of the tables in the church by **TODAY, March 1st**. If there is not one there for you or you have any questions, please call Carolyn Ranken (593-3721).

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER IN MENLO PARK

Wednesday Morning Contemplative Prayer - (began February 25 Ash Wednesday) continues through April 1, 2009 Start a new Lenten practice! Begin your Wednesday mornings, from 7:30 – 8:30 am, with quiet contemplative prayer. Gather in our beautiful chapel for an hour of gentle music, scripture and silent reflection, followed by an optional continental breakfast. Prayer will be led by Sister Ingrid Clemensen, OP, Program Director at Vallombrosa Retreat Center.

A Time to Mourn: Grief Retreat—March 6 through 8, 2009

Losing someone or something one loves is difficult to accept, yet loss is an inevitable part of life. Mourning is a natural response. Sometimes people feel uncomfortable with their grief. This retreat will provide a safe environment to process grief and to learn how to move forward in life. **Carol Kaplan, MFT**, a licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist who gives retreats in the Bay Area, will lead this retreat. Please call (650) 325-5614 or visit our website at www.vallombrosa.org for information and to register for this retreat.

Transforming Grief: is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is being offered by Barbara Elordi, Ministry of Consolation Coordinator for the Archdiocese on Saturday, March 7th at St. Gabriel Church from 9:30am—2:30pm. Please call Barbara to register: 415.614.5506.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT: On March 5th, AAUW in cooperation with CARE, an international organization striving to eradicate poverty, will present a nationwide viewing of "*A POWERFUL NOISE*." This film highlights the plight of 3 women in different countries. It will be shown at both Redwood City downtown and San Mateo theaters at 8pm. Plan to attend— a stimulating and meaningful way to celebrate International Women's Day.

Women's Retreat: Women in the parish are invited to a Women's Lenten Silent Retreat, March 6-8 @St. Clare's Retreat Center in Santa Cruz Mountains. If you are interested please call Ginette Jones at 650-363-2828.

ICF CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Mark you calendars for Saturday evening, March 7th. That's the date of the Italian Catholic Federation's (ICF) very popular Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Social held in Borromeo Hall. A flyer containing all the details is available on the tables at the doors of the church. This event is the main fund-raiser for the I.C.F.'s charitable programs which include awarding tuition-assistance scholarships to deserving eighth grade students graduating from St. Charles School and Religious Ed classes, who intend to enroll in a Catholic High School.

Get in the mood for the upcoming St. Patrick's holiday 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 1st.*** Have questions? Call Barbara at 593-4118. To avoid any disappointment, we recommend you make your reservation early. We hope our parishioners will help us make this a very successful evening by attending individually or in groups.

"Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005

All of us have been touched this last year by the declining economy, either personally or as a witness to a friend or family member's difficulties. The Social Justice Committee is hosting a new support group for unemployed and underemployed people in our parish and the wider community. It meets once a week at St. Matthias to offer emotional support among the group's members, networking, and job search advice from volunteer guest speakers (maybe you!).

If you are struggling with job loss and are looking for work and would like to join this group or if you can recommend speakers, please let me know. There is no charge for participating and no fee paid to speakers. Everything connected to the group will be provided by volunteers. Drop-ins are welcome!

If you have advice you would be willing to share please consider occasionally donating an hour of your time to help group participants learn, for example, how to write a resume; search for job openings online; manage personal finances; cope with the emotional pain and anxiety of unemployment; re-structure a mortgage; etc. please contact Cindy Gammer at ckgammer@aol.com or at (650) 906-8836.

The **Clothing Distribution Center at St. Anthony's** is in great need of clothes for children, women, and especially for men. You may drop your donations between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. For more information, call Paul & Yvonne at 650-366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org. **Next SF-WWME Weekend: May 1-3, San Mateo.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout San Mateo are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort this Lent. In addition to 40 days of prayers and fasting to end abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of Planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave., San Mateo, for one or more hours during our vigil from 7am to 7pm throughout 40 hours, and ask a friend or two to join you. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jessica at 650 572-1468 or email 40daysforlife.com/sanmateo. All are welcome!

Jesus' Temptation

In Mark's Gospel we read about Jesus being tempted by the devil for forty days. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptation we face and remember we rely on God for all things. Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into action; our prayers and alms help people in need around the world.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that the ability to work, to earn a living, is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the workers who provide food for their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about microfinance projects in Egypt.

Rice Bowl Prayer

Oh Loving Lord,
During this Lenten season I lift up my voice to you.

Instill in my heart the desire to hear your voice
In the voices of the poor, your people.

May I find in their example the path to my conversion.

Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning and Giving
In this season of grace.

May these actions answer the call
To transform our world. *Amen*

ST. CHARLES LENTEN CONNECTION *TO.MORROW?!*

Monday, March 2 (*Free for the whole parish*)

DINNER: Starts at 5:30pm in Borromeo Hall
7:00pm (*two options*)

IN THE CHURCH: Fr. Dave Pettingill

(Back by popular demand!) for adults and interested teens

IN THE GYM: NELSON and the
FRIENDS of JESUS Band

...for teens and younger.

NEXT WEEK

Monday, March 9 (*Free for the whole parish*)

DINNER: Starts at 5:30pm in Borromeo Hall
7:00pm (for *ALL* ages!)...**IN THE CHURCH:**

NELSON and the **FRIENDS of JESUS Band**

RSVP: Place in collection basket at Mass or...contact Barbara at 591-7349 x 34 or Barbara@stcharlesparish.org or...bring to St. Charles School.

Family Name: _____

Names and ages of children: _____

March 2 _____ # for dinner
_____ # for Fr. Pettingill
_____ # for Nelson and FOJ
_____ # of toddlers or children

March 9 _____ # for dinner
_____ # for Nelson and FOJ
_____ # of toddlers or children