



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

September 14 ~ September 20

Mon.	8:30	Patricia Crimmins †
Tues.	8:30	Ed Fennelly †
Wed.	8:30	B.A. Ciskowski & Blanche Ciskowski †
Thurs.	8:30	Claire Donohue †
Fri.	6:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
	8:30	John Bird †
Sat.	8:30	Abraham Edward Peters †
	5:00	Bob Cook †
Sun.	7:30	Alice Formea †
	5:00	Maria Muniri †

Rest in Peace ~ Joanne Stewart

Sick Relatives and Friends

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

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 ~ \$10,572.50

Parish Education ~ \$4,624

Thank you

Stewardship by the Book: *In today's readings, we hear "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." St. Francis is often quoted as having said, "Preach the faith always. If necessary, use words." Let us remember that example as we reflect on our stewardship of time and faith-filled works.*

Next Week's Special Collection Priest's Retirement Fund 2009 Serving God...Serving You...

We are blessed to have 77 retired Archdiocesan priests. You probably know several of them. Some of them reside in parish rectories, some in retirement homes or assisted living facilities, and some live independently. During active ministry, priests receive a salary, room and board. Once retired, they begin receiving a pension from the Archdiocese reflecting their years of service, along with a small Social Security check. Pension and Social Security together may not equal the amount they earned in active years.

A large number of priests in the Archdiocese are nearing retirement age after 40 to 50 years of active service and ministry. The length of service far exceeds that of most professions. This will place an even greater burden on the Fund. Even though most priests do not retire until the age of 70, they face increasing costs associated with retirement expenses for many years.

Our retired priests rely on this Fund as they live their twilight years in selfless service. Your support is critical! Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION

SOS

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)

REASONS TO BE A CATECHIST:

- ◆ You will be putting your own faith into action.
 - ◆ You will be energized.
- ◆ You will meet new people and become part of a vibrant faith community.
 - ◆ You will learn more about your own faith.
- ◆ You will deepen your own relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - ◆ You have a lot to share.
- ◆ 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.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you are a new family in the parish with children we welcome you to register your child or children in religious formation. The Kindergarten through 5th grade meets either on Sunday morning from 10:15am until 11:15am or on Mondays in the afternoon from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Registration forms are at all the entrances of the church. You may also pick up a form at the Parish Center. Please complete the forms and either return them to the parish office or mail them in. "The Edge" is our Middle School Program and includes 6th grade through 8th grade. The Edge meets on Monday nights. Our First Communion and First Reconciliation program is for children who are at least in the 2nd grade or older and have completed one year of religious education. High School students who are interested in becoming fully initiated in the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Confirmation or are interested in other high school opportunities may contact Tami Palladino, at 591-7349 x 31.

For registration information Michelle will be outside of Church at all Masses today or contact her at mbaeza@stcharlesparish.org, or call 591-7349 x 34.

Catechists: This year, **Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2009**, will focus on the theme, *"Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word."* Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 9:00 AM Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Following the 9:00 AM Mass there will be a meeting for all Catechists in the Upper Hall.

Outreach to our Sister Parish

Next weekend we will continue our outreach to St. Francis of Assisi, our sister parish. We'll be collecting donations of non-perishable food, paper products and toiletries after the Sunday morning Masses. We appreciate your kind monthly donations to our sister parish, St. Francis. When doing so, please ensure that any food items are not past their expiration dates. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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.

Parents, families, and all interested persons are invited to a **Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy** in memory of babies and young children who have died before, during, and shortly after birth from any cause, at the **Rachel Shrine in Holy Cross Cemetery, Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009**. At 11:00 AM. Bishop William Justice will be the principal celebrant of the bilingual Spanish and English Mass and will be joined by other priests of the Archdiocese. The Mass and Healing Liturgy provide a touching and important spiritual experience for those who mourn for young children and for their friends. All are welcome to a gathering and light luncheon following the ceremony sponsored by the Archdiocesan Post Abortion Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery. For further information please call the Respect Life Program, 415-614-5572 or Project Rachel 415-717-6428. Holy Cross Cemetery is located at 1500 Mission Road, Colma. Directional signs will be posted at the entrance.

An Opportunity Close to Home to learn and pray in a small-group setting. We will explore the chapter on the Sermon on the Mount in the book, *"Jesus of Nazareth"* written by the Holy Father, Benedict XVI. The reflections given shine a fresh light along the way of the Beatitudes. We meet from 10:00am - 12:00pm on seven consecutive Tuesdays starting Sept. 22, 2009. For information call the coordinator Helene Koenig at 650-592-4793.

The **Vallombrosa Center** is sponsoring a new series of day retreats with Sister Joan Prohaska, O.P. The first is *"The Kingdom of Heaven is Within"* on **Wednesday, September 23**, from 9:30AM to 3:30PM at Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave in Menlo Park. For more information and to register, please contact Catherine Wolff at Catherine@valombrosa.org or visit www.vallombrosa.org.

Please join Bishop Justice for an important prayer service in honor and support of our brothers and sisters in the immigrant community in this Archdiocese: Date: September 26, 2009 Location: St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Fall Festival

"COMMUNITY UNITY"

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.

Dear St. Charles Parish Family,

I thank you for all your prayers, caring and cares during these past three months. Our good God has heard and I'm doing very well.

God bless you all; and know I appreciate your healing thoughts.

Esther Hilferty

Are you curious about the Catholic Church or are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?

INQUIRY SESSIONS for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin: Sunday—September 13 after the 9:00 AM, Mass For more information, please call Nancy Farant, 650-591-7349, or Linda Burns, (650)576-3105.

All Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Catechists, Ushers, all who serve God's People:

Father Dave Pettingill will share with us *VATICAN II-The Catholic Church's Best Kept Secret*. Mark your calendars for October, 6, *What Does the Modern Church Say About Us the Modern Church?*, November 10, *What Does the Modern Church Say About Hearing the Word of God?* & December 1, *What Does the Modern Church Say About the Modern Church in the Modern World?*

Archdiocesan-wide Youth Mass with Bishop William Justice, **St. Anne's Parish** in San Francisco: **Sat, Sept 26, 2009**. All teens are encouraged to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to reserve your seat on the bus that leaves St. Charles at 5:30 pm. Contact Tami: 591-7349 x31 or tami@stcharlesparish.org.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 15	ICF General Meeting, 6:30, Borromeo Hall
Sept. 16	Children's Choir, 3:15pm, Church
Sept. 17	Light Weigh Gathering, 7:00pm, St. Francis Room Adult Choir, 7:30pm, Church
Sept. 20	Hospitality & Stewardship Sunday After all morning Masses, Borromeo Hall Family Mass & Catechetical Sunday, 9:00am Mass RCIA, 10:00am, St. Charles Room Confirmation Meeting, 3:00pm, Borromeo Hall Blessing of Young Drivers, 5:00pm Mass



LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related? The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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What is Your Catholic IQ?

1. Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ _____ (a) wash over me (b) renew me (c) redeem me (d) inebriate me
2. This Commandment makes it morally obligatory to exercise the right to vote _____ (a) Seventh (b) Fourth (c) First (d) Eighth
3. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this word refers to the prayers and or actions a priest assigns to the penitent as a form of reparation/satisfaction for sins committed: _____ (a) penance (b) punishment (c) absolution (d) indulgence
4. When praying the Nicene Creed, we are encourage to bow when reciting _____ (a) He suffered, died and was buried (b) of all that is seen and unseen (c) by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (d) We believe in one holy catholic, and apostolic church

Check next week's bulletin for the answers

Last week's answers to Catholic IQ

1. The Jewish Day of Atonement is know as ____ *Answer: A Yom Kippur is considered the most solemn of Jewish holidays.*
2. According to Canon Law, Catholics who have reached the age of reason are obliged to confess grave sins ____ *Answer: B Canon Law n. 989 requires annual confession of grave sins for Catholics who have reached the age of reason.*
3. A leader of song at Mass is known ____ *Answer: D The word cantor comes from the Latin canere, to sing.*
4. On September 8, we celebrate the Feast of the Birth of ____ *Answer: B The Feast of the birth of Mary is celebrated exactly nine months, after the solemnity of her Immaculate Conception (December 8).*