



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 11 - January 17

Mon.	8:30	Tony Trotter †
Tues.	8:30	Mark Severi (L)
Wed.	8:30	Nick & Josephine Haloski †
Thurs.	8:30	Jill Grove †
Fri.	6:30	Susie Caturegli †
	8:30	Anne McMahon †
Sat.	8:30	George Malave †
	5:00	Norma Figone †
Sun.	7:30	Giuseppe Natucci †
	5:00	Evelyn I. Robertson & Joseph W. Folen, Jr. †

*Rest in Peace* ~ Anne McMahon



### *Sick Relatives and Friends*

Please remember in your prayers: Violet Bahre, Larry Panozzo, Eddie Beaudreault, Noreen Baker, Betty Cirigliano, Joe Vassallo, Barbara Peters, Carmella Chellemi, Carmen Esquivel and Jim Mason.

*Are you 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*

Weekly Offering - \$12,623

Parish Education - \$2,808

**Thank you**

**Stewardship by the Book:** *Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow his example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.*

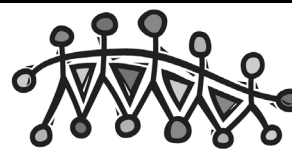


### **Outreach to our Sister Parish: Next Week!**

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods, paper products, and toiletries next weekend in outreach to our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our East Palo Alto neighbors.

### **Have You Picked Up Your 2010 Offertory Envelopes Yet?**

The 2010 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the back of the church. If you do not know your envelope number please check the listing binder for your name. If you are not a regular envelope user and would like to be, please call the parish office at 591-7349 ext. 15.



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR™

**We are excited to be hosting a concert by the internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir at St. Charles on January 28th at 7:00pm**

The mission of the African Children's Choir is to help Africa's most vulnerable children today, so they can help Africa tomorrow. With a focus on education, the Choir is currently caring for several thousand underprivileged children throughout Africa. These are children who could have lost all hope, but have overcome their circumstances and now are making a positive impact on society. The African Children's Choir has been working with the most vulnerable children in Africa for 23 years, raising awareness of the plight of Africa's orphaned and abandoned, but also showing the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child. They perform throughout the world bringing hope and joy to everyone they meet. They are a voice for the millions of children suffering in Africa. If you would like to be considered to be a host family for one night for 2 to 3 choir members and their chaperone please contact Cathy Mattei at 591-7349 ext. 15.

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

Annika Grace Kumar

**Religious Ed. K-5th Grade:** *Classes are on holiday and will resume Sunday, January 31st.*

**CATECHIST INSERVICE TODAY!** - Just a reminder to all our Catechists, we are taking advantage of this midwinter break to offer an in-service for you. This is an opportunity to add to your skills and knowledge as a catechist. It will be held after the 9:00am Mass in the Upper Hall.

### **What is Your Catholic IQ?**

1. Medals, relics, blessings, and rosaries are examples of (a) incremental (b) indulgences (c) sacramentals (d) monumental.
2. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is celebrated on (a) January 1 (b) January 15 (c) February 2 (d) August 15
3. When a bishop is assigned to assist the diocesan bishop with the pastoral needs of a diocese, this assisting bishop is referred to as an \_\_\_\_\_ bishop. (a) extraordinary (b) incardinated (c) auxiliary (d) antiquated
4. This first American-born saint died on January 4, 1821. (a) Kateri Tekawitha (b) Elizabeth Ann Seton, (c) John Newman (d) Augustus Tolton

*Look for the answers in next weekend's bulletin!*

**ST. CHARLES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

School Open House January 24, 10:00-12:30: we invite prospective parents and their children, alumni, grandparents, parishioners, friends, and current school families to the St. Charles School Open House. Please visit and see firsthand the work of our students. We are proud of our school and look forward to meeting you!

The gift of a Catholic education is a gift for life! If you would like to know more about providing a Catholic education for your children or to register for a school tour, please contact the St. Charles School office at 650-593-1629.

### SUPPORT NEW LIFE BY TAKING MOTHERS UNDER OUR WINGS

During this season of **WINGS** we will focus on supporting mothers who find themselves in difficult circumstance during their pregnancies. Our philosophy is that by offering women our support and friendship they will make the choice for life over abortion. We hope to encourage this support by hosting four sessions during **WINGS**.

The first will be a presentation by **FIRST RESORT**, a wonderful non-profit based in Redwood City that helps mothers in need in all aspects during their pregnancy. We will also present our plans for a baby shower for two moms that will be held on the last session of **WINGS**.

The second session will be the viewing of the movie "Bella" which shows how friendship and support during pregnancy can make all the difference in someone's decision to keep their baby.

Week three will be hearing "Adoption Stories" from three women from our parish and the sharing of adoption resources. Week four we will celebrate "new life" by hosting a baby shower for two expectant moms and in celebration of "new life!"

Please join us for these sessions on January 20, 27, and February 3, 10, 2010 at 7:00pm in Borromeo Hall.

**Women of St. Charles**

Open the New Year with a relaxing dinner that someone else cooks! Rather than serving others, come and be served. Chef Carlos DeMarchena once again caters to the women of **WINGS** with a fabulous meal on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. A three-course meal, including wine, is only \$20 (suggested donation). To reserve your spot, please mail your check, payable to St. Charles Church, to Beth O'Boyle at 15 Cortez Rd., Redwood City CA 94062. Questions? Call Beth at 408-728-0262 or Jean Sebring at 722-6711.

### Woman's Retreat Feb. 26-28 Balance PAST DUE

Double Room balance \$150.00 (each)

Single Room balance \$175.00

Registration forms are available in the bookrack at the main entrance of the Church

Make checks payable to St. Charles Church. Mail to: Lorie Boris, 1828 Carmelita Drive, San Carlos, 593-7339.

**Walk for Life - West Coast 2010!**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23rd 2010. Join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifer's for the 6th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit our website at [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com). To volunteer or to arrange buses contact us at (415) 586-1576 or email questions to [info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com).

**San Mateo Pro-Life** will have busses for the SF Walk For Life, on Saturday January 23 leaving from St. Matthews at 10 A.M. and returning by 4pm cost is \$14. Call Jessica at 650-572-1468. Payment required at time of reservation. **Please sign up as soon as possible!** (Unfilled seats at time of departure will be \$20)

**"Prayer Shawl Ministry"**

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be held on **January 13th** at 10:00 AM in the St. Charles' room. All women of the parish are invited to these fellowship meetings. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, then come and join us. 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'** special 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"*

**Vallombrosa Center**

250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park

**Law, Morality and the Culture Wars**

January 24, 2010

Cathleen Kaveny, Professor of Law and of Theology  
University of Notre Dame

For information contact Catherine Wolff at  
[catherine@vallombrosa.org](mailto:catherine@vallombrosa.org) or (650) 325-1597 •

Back by popular demand the  
Men's Club will be hosting

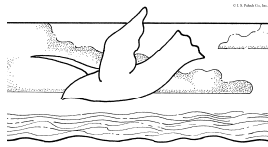
**"Steve's Crab Dinner Extravaganza"**

Circle your calendar for Saturday March 27th 2010 as the Men's Club will be resurrecting the ever popular Crab Dinner Dance. This will be a fun filled evening for all as we feast family style on bread, salad, ravioli, mounds of Fresh Crab, complimentary wine and desert. Dinner will be followed by Live music and Dancing until the crabs go home. The cost will be \$40 per person and groups of 8 or more can reserve individual tables. The doors at Borromeo will open at 6:30 with dinner around 7:30. There will be a no host bar or bring a bottle of wine to share with friends.

For reservations or if you would like to help with the event please contact Gene Shimshock at [mensclub@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mensclub@stcharlesparish.org) or 650-631-7595.

There is limited seating at Borromeo Hall so reserve your spot early and drop off a check to Gene or the parish office.

Jan. 10	<b>Catechetical Inservice</b> , 10:00am, Upper Hall <b>RCIA</b> , 10:00am, St. Charles Room <b>Baptismal Preparation Class</b> , 1:00pm, St. Charles Room
Jan. 12	<b>RCIC</b> , 6:00pm, St. Charles Room
Jan. 13	<b>PAC Coffee</b> , 8:00pm, Borromeo Hall <b>Children's Choir Rehearsal</b> , 3:15pm, Church <b>WINGS Dinner</b> , 6:00pm, Borromeo Hall
Jan. 14	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> , 7:00pm, St. Charles Room <b>Light Weigh</b> , 7:00pm, St. Francis Room <b>Adult Choir Rehearsal</b> , 7:30pm, Church
Jan. 15	<b>School Liturgy</b> , 8:30am, Church
Jan. 17	<b>RCIA</b> , 10:00am, St. Charles Room <b>Charlie's Angels Council Meeting</b> , 2:30pm, St. Francis Room



### The Baptism of the Lord

He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

### MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (*Titus 3:5, 6*).

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### APOSTLES OF THE GOOD NEWS

The baptism of Jesus may seem odd to us. John called the people to repent and be baptized and then urged them to go and live good lives. The Savior of the world needs baptism? Yet, as John foretold, the power of the Spirit pours upon Jesus. He is the Beloved Son, or as Saint Paul says, the one "who gave himself for us, to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good" (*Titus 2:14*). Before his ascension, Jesus appeared to his *disciples* or followers. John, he said, had baptized with water, but they "in a few days . . . will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (*Acts 1:5*). At Pentecost the power of the Spirit fills them. They become *apostles*—the ones sent forth with the Good News—healing, forgiving, binding up wounds, teaching, and preaching.

We are disciples as we learn more about Christ, but also apostles. Saint Teresa of Ávila said:

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands,  
no feet on earth but yours,  
yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,  
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

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