



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

September 1 - September 7

Mon.	8:30	Rick Finato †
Tues.	8:30	Pietro Malatesta †
Wed.	8:30	Mary Coffman †
Thurs.	8:30	Mary Coffman †
Fri.	6:30	Susie Caturegli †
	8:30	JoLene Hickey †
Sat.	8:30	Tina Cerruti †
	5:00	Marita Alvarez (L)
Sun.	7:30	Lou Romanello †
	5:00	Richard LaPlante †

Rest in Peace - Marilyn Howard

Parish Offices will be closed Monday,
September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

Sick Relatives and Friends

Please remember in your prayers: Adelchi Palozzi, Barbara Peters, Solly Catiis, Janice Jones, Stan Mitchell, Trish Barrett, Yolanda Plut, Carmella Chellemi, Zina Colombo, Jim Mason, Betty Cirigliano, Louise DeBarbrie, and Carmen Esquivel.

Are you are ill or homebound and 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

Offertory Collection - \$9,152 ~ **Thank you!**

Next weekend the 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 working poor. Next weekend, August 30th and 31st, is the second to last 5th Sunday St. Vincent DePaul collection for 2008. 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. With this difficult current economy, many of our neighbors are struggling - milk is up 10% this year; bread is up 14%. There were 1,352,000 unemployed people in California last month - 70,000 more than in June and up by 374,000 compared with July 2007*. (*Source: SF GATE 8/16/08). And the need for assistance continues to increase. Please consider a donation next weekend if you are able to. **Thank you.**

Stewardship by the Book: *In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, ". . . offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."*

St. Charles Church welcomes its newest member through the waters of Baptism:
Lucas John Moretti

Faith Formation

SOS: THE CHILDREN OF ST. CHARLES ARE LOOKING FOR ADULTS WHO WILL HELP THEM LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR FAITH.

Can you help? We have positions to fill in Kindergarten, third and fourth grades on Sundays. We need **catechists (teachers)** and **assistants**. **Right now we are in desperate need in all classes on Mondays.** In September we will have training sessions on Sunday mornings for all new catechists and for those returning. It was our own patron saint, St. Charles Borromeo, who drew up a code of rules known as the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** and established it in every parish of his diocese, so that the children might be carefully and systematically instructed in the faith. This was the beginning of what we now know as Sunday School, or CCD. If you are interested in sharing the tradition of St. Charles Borromeo, our patron saint, please call Nancy at 591-7349 ex. 27.

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. 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 contact Barbara O'Rourke, at Barbara@stcharlesparish.org, or call 591-7349 x 34.

Confirmation Update

We are revising our Confirmation process to deepen the meaning of the experience and to offer greater flexibility for today's increasingly busy teens. This will affect all teens who will newly enter the program but not those continuing from last year. For more information, please come to a Confirmation Information Meeting. We are offering this same information on two nights to accommodate more schedules: Monday, September 8 and Tuesday, September 9, each meeting is at 7:30-8:30 pm in the Church. This meeting is for all high school students and parents interested in Confirmation (and who have not yet received the sacrament); especially high school freshman and their parents. Those continuing in our Confirmation program from last year do not need to attend this meeting. If you have questions, please contact Tami Palladino: 591-7349 x 31 or tami@stcharlesparish.org.

Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta, whose memorial is September 5, 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; that is why we need the Bread of Life; that is why we have Adoration"**.

September 5th is the **First Friday** of the month which means that there will be **Eucharistic Adoration** here in the St. Charles chapel at the parish center beginning at 9:00am and continuing until midnight. **All are welcome.**

WINGS*Women In God's Spirit***A new season! A new format!**

Come to enjoy fellowship as we explore and share our faith journey. These sessions will be based on readings from the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. The evenings will begin promptly at 7pm and end at 8:30pm. The dates are: Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1st.

If this sounds like something you are interested in please call Claire Donohue at 654-1815 or Allison Stastny at 369-2866. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 4.

**FISH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS***(Friends in Service to Humanity)*

FISH is run entirely by volunteers who provide transportation to medical appointments, and food supplies to those who have been referred by a social worker. You can either coordinate requests using your home phone, 1/2 a day a month, or be a driver 1/2 a day a month, Monday through Thursday. You can also be a substitute driver if you do not want to commit to a particular calendar day. For information, please call Carolyn Ranken (593-3721). Volunteers - please pick up your calendars on the table inside the side entrance by Sept 7th. If there is not one there for you, please contact Carolyn .

**Women's Catholic Scripture Study****starts again Sept 11, 2008****Thursdays from 10am to noon****St. Mark's Parish, Belmont**

We will be using the book, *Understanding the Scriptures: A Complete Course in Bible Study* by Dr. Scott Hahn. This will be the perfect study for those new to Bible study as well as those who would like a deeper understanding of the "overall picture" of salvation history. This book is being used in Catholic high schools, seminaries, and parish Bible study groups. The study involves home study questions, small group discussions, and a live wrap-up lecture. A thirty minute DVD of the author discussing this book is available in the Parish Office. Stop by to borrow it if interested.

To learn more check out www.cssbelmont.com or for more information and to register, contact: Tami Palladino:

tami@stcharlesparish.org or 591-7349 x31 or Christine

Fenwick: cssbelmont@gmail.com or 704-7881.

**WAYNE WEIBLE AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th**

St. Mark's Faith Conference features author on Medugorje, Wayne Weible. Conference begins at 9:00am followed by the Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Confessions and Mass at 4:30pm. (*Bring a bag lunch*) All are welcome. No Charge.

Mr. Weible will also speak at St. Luke's Church, Foster City, after the 5:00pm Mass. 650-591-5937 For information contact: Tony at (650)-576-7947.

An opportunity close to home
during this year dedicated to **St. Paul**
to pray and to learn together as we read

our way through the **Book of Acts** for seven Tuesdays,
starting, September 16th, 10:00am-12:00pm.

For information contact Helen Koenig (Coordinator)
at (650) 592-4793.

**Men's Club Business Meeting &
Annual Planning Dinner**

Thursday Sept. 4th, Borromeo Hall

Doors open at 6:30pm

Kickoff Barbecue with all the "fix-ins", open to all men of the parish. Meet other members of the Men's Club, hear about and get involved with the variety of events and ministries that we sponsor, plus share your ideas for new events and projects this year. After the meeting mingle with others and try your luck with 'games of chance'.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

The Adult Choir and the Children's Choir are gearing up for the new year. The Adult Choir has started their rehearsals. They meet on Thursday at 7:30 pm in the church and the Children's Choir (*open to all children in the parish from 3rd grade up*) starts on Wednesday September 3 at 3:15 to 4:15 in church. What a wonderful way for people of all ages to participate in our Liturgies.

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

The 5:00pm Mass on Sunday

We are trying to get a youth choir going at the 5:00 Mass on Sunday. This Mass is already youth based and practically youth run, and we would like to involve you in the music as well. We would need singers and instrumentalists (I think we have a drummer!) and it would involve a rehearsal before Mass around 4:00pm) and Mass itself at 5:00pm. We will have a meeting on Wednesday, September 10th, at 7:00pm in the church, to sing and play a bit together, and see when our first Mass will be!

Experience a fresh anointing at the Holy Spirit Conference Archbishop Riordan High School, 175 Phelan Ave, San Francisco (next to City College of SF) Sept 19th Friday 7:00 P.M. Mass and Healing Service No Charge Sept 20th Doors open at 8:00 A.M. Healing Mass at 11 AM Sept 21th Doors open at 8:00 A.M. Closing Mass at 2 P.M. \$25 Per Day or Sat & Sunday \$35, Youth \$10, Hot lunch \$6. Bishop Mylo Hubert C. Vergara, D.D., Fr. Lou Cerulli, Fr. James Tarantino, and Carolyn Suty.

Questions call Moriah 756-5505 or Ernie 415-664-PRAY; Hispanic 415-297-1709, Youth 415-350-8677 .

Help save the unborn by joining us to pray the rosary on the first Saturday of the month, September 6 at 9:00am in front of Planned Parenthood, 1230 Hopkins, Redwood City. (For information contact Vicki, 650-365-5718 or in San Mateo at 2211 Palm Avenue. For information contact Jessica, 650-572-1468.)

Cathedral Festival of Flowerswww.cathedralflowers.org

Acclaimed flower designers and arrangers from throughout the Bay Area will come together at St. Mary's Cathedral this upcoming October 3-5 to create a breathtaking feast of color and scent. Come also for the **Little Flower Festival**, a showing of floral arrangements in the Cathedral Event Center (lower level) by parish liturgical art & environment ministers from throughout the Archdiocese. Festival hours are:

Fri, Oct. 3, 6-9pm (*Opening Gala*)

Sat, Oct. 4, 9am-7pm

Sun, Oct. 5, 8:30am-5pm

FREE admission on Saturday & Sunday.

For more information on Opening Gala tickets and Mass times, when the exhibit will *not* be accessible, please call 415-567-2020.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 3	Children's Choir 3:15pm, Church Back to the School Night, 6pm
Sept. 4	Adult Choir, 7:30pm, Church
Sept. 5	Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00am. Chapel
Sept. 8	Confirmation Information Meeting 7:30pm, Church Consolation Ministry, 7:00pm, Chapel
Sept. 9	Confirmation Information Meeting 7:30pm, Church
Sept. 10	Children's Choir 3:15pm, Church WINGS, 7:00pm, Borromeo Hall
Sept. 11	Baptism Preparation Class, 7:30pm, St Francis Room SVdP Meeting, 7:30, St. Charles Room Adult Choir, 7:30pm, Church

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.

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AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHURCH

St. Charles Parish invites you to reflect on your relationship with Jesus Christ and to consider participating in the journey towards full membership in the Catholic Church. *Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God?* The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) dates back to the earliest days of Christian communities when all members shared their faith with newcomers as a way of teaching them about the new life. This process welcomes anyone who has a desire to learn more about the Catholic Church, baptized or unbaptized, active members in other Christian denominations, or without religious training.

If you are interested, call Nancy Farrant, 591-7349 ext. 27.