

February 22, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mindful of his covenant, the Lord promises never to destroy creation again by flood waters. The waters of baptism bring salvation and forgiveness through the death of Christ. After fasting forty days and being put to the test, Jesus begins his public ministry.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

February 26	10:30 AM	
Toshi Petty		RIP
February 27	10:30 AM	
JoAnne Edell		SI
February 28	5:00 PM	
Christo Greene		RIP
March 1	8:30 AM	
Frank & Eva McAdam		RIP
	10:30 AM	
John Hogan		RIP
	12:30 PM	
Pro Populo		
	5:00 PM	
Teresa Barbarino		RIP

SI = Special Intention
RIP = Rest in Peace
Pro Populo = For the people of the parish



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
 Adriana Reyes-Ramos

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday March 7 & 14 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

Daily Worship
Week of February 22, 2015

Monday, February 23	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19:8-10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday, February 24	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday, February 25	Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday, February 26	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12
Friday, February 27	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-8 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday, February 28	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 116:10, 15-19 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Cecilia room

"May the Father grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; To know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16-17, 19.

If you are interested in growing in your spiritual life, we invite you to join us as we pray, sing, read Scripture and learn to sit and listen to the Lord. All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM, Stafford Room

"Towards the faithful, you are faithful; toward the wholehearted you are wholehearted. You are my lamp. O Lord! you brighten the darkness about me." 2 Samuel 22:26, 29

We are a small group who gather each week to draw strength from our Lord and from each other to continue on our healing journey, not to forget but to reconcile to our new life. All are welcome.

EVENING PRAYER and EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Wednesday evening and ends with Benediction at 5:45 PM, and Mass at 6 PM.

We are looking for someone at the 11:30 pm time on Tuesday night. Any questions, please call Karen at 671-1544.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesdays after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM

"Those who receive my commandments and keep them will be the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love them and show myself to them...and we shall come and make our home with them." Jn. 14:21-23

Do you have a burden in your life that you are struggling with? Why not come to the Lord who loves you and ask him to help you? A prayer team of two would be honored to pray with you. It is quiet and confidential. No appointment is necessary. Info: call Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross.



VIA CRUCIS

Cada viernes durante la cuaresma tendremos la Via Crucis a las 7:00 PM.

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.

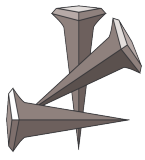


Every Friday during lent we will be having a soup dinner in the Gym after Stations of the cross.

Please bring a soup to share and some bread.

Drop them off in the Gym

prior to the Stations and provide a label with each soup with the type as well as ingredients to prevent an allergic reaction to some types of food. It would also be a good idea to put your name on the container and lid so it does not get lost.



We will be providing nails to carry in your pocket during Lent. Please take one at each entrance of the church and carry one in your pocket or purse until you return it at the Good

Friday service. Each time you reach in your pocket or purse you will be reminded of the suffering our Lord went thru on the cross for our sins.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will be meeting Thursday, February 26th at 1:00 in the Stafford Room at Assumption. We will be judging the Catholic Daughter Education Contest entries. Dessert and beverage will be served. All ladies of the parish are invited.

SAVE THE DATE....

For the 15th annual *Growing Great Kids Auction & Gala Event*

Benefiting Assumption Catholic School:
Excellence in Body, Mind and Spirit

Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Bellingham Golf and Country Club For information please visit:

www.school.assumption.org

email: growinggreatkidsauction@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook – Growing Great Kids Auction and Gala

BLOOD DRIVE - SAVE THE DATE

Assumption will be sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, June 26, from 12:00-6:00 pm in the parking lot as a ministry to the community. Mark your calendar if you would like to donate blood on that day. Sign-ups will be taken in May. For details, please contact Joe St.Hilaire at 671-4836. As you may recall, Assumption held a blood drive last summer. (Regular donors: the last date to donate blood elsewhere and still be eligible to donate at the Assumption Church Blood Drive is May 1.)

You Can Help the Homeless: Interfaith Coalition's Hope Auction is March 28

Do you ever wonder how to reach out to those in need in our community? As a member of the Interfaith Coalition, your congregation has the opportunity to lift up our most vulnerable neighbors with homes, warmth and hope. Interfaith's annual Hope Auction raises money to support its 11 homes for homeless families here in Whatcom County, and it supports two Severe Weather Shelters. You can help us do this essential work.

How? Donate items for Hope Auction. A homemade craft or artwork, a service your business offers, weekend or vacation home getaways, gift cards, live performance tickets, a themed party or specially-prepared dinner...endless unique options help Interfaith reach out to those in need. The second way you can help is by attending the auction. It's an evening of fun, community spirit and pure inspiration for people of faith. Put together a table of your fellow congregation members. Tickets (\$45 each) include a plated dinner. Two simple ways: donate and attend. Make a difference in the lives of our neighbors and affirm your commitment that everyone deserves a home, warmth and hope. To donate or purchase tickets, contact Mike DiSpigno, your Interfaith board representative, or call Interfaith at 734-3983. But don't wait: this is an annual sold-out event!

"Home Grown Art ~ The Work of Human Hands"

Every year Assumption Parish supports the good work of Interfaith Coalition by donating a PARISH GIFT to the annual auction. This year our Life, Justice and Peace Commission is asking our parish crafters, artists and writers to consider a donation of one of their works for the Auction. Do you...Knit? Sew? Crochet? Paint, sculpt, do pottery? Write novels, short stories, poems? Create garden art, bonsai plants, etc?

Interfaith and its member congregations join together to help the most vulnerable in our community. Together we make a difference! Let's share the beauty we create to raise needed funds to continue this awesome work!

Please contact Kathy Ernst at kathye@assumption.org or 733-1380 extension 4223 to let me know what you will be donating. The deadline to collect items will be mid-March. Thank you in advance for sharing your God-given talent for those who need our special care and concern.

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

ATTENTION SCRIP SUPPORTERS

Please support our school by purchasing Scrip. It is available on the first and third Sunday of each month. Thank you for your support!

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formicbella

Don Veltum

Capt. Mark Bieda
Capt. Trevor Corrigan

Adam Honda

Jason Woolsey

Steve Ploog

Corey McDaniel

Patrick Kelley

Patrick L. Blake

Capt. Paul Cleary

Michael Condit

Gabriel Feehy

John Hutson

Gabriel Rodriguez

Steven Faecke

Lt Col Gregory DeMarco

Keanu Franco

Michael Dahl

Matt Edge

Kurt DeVries

2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham

Bob Iverson

Lt. Michael Bertschinger

Capt. Eric Stein

Please remember Assumption Church and/or Assumption Catholic School in your Will.

WEEK	<u>Monday, February 23rd</u>	
	10:30 PM	Word and Communion Church
	11:30 PM	Rosary Prayer Group Blessed
	11:30 PM	Pastor/Principal/Parent Stafford
	5:30 PM	Just Faith Stafford
	6:30 PM	Parents of Troubled Adults Stafford
	6:30 PM	One King Light Weigh PCLR
	6:30 PM	Servant of the Lord Prayer Group St. Cecilia
	7:00 PM	Edge Gym
	7:00 PM	Confirmation LMC

ATK	<u>Tuesday, February 24th</u>	
	1:00 PM	Bible Study for those who signed up Stafford
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack 16 Stafford
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout Room 1
	6:00 PM	Frassati Young Adult PCLR
	6:30 PM	Adoration Church
	6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus First Degree St. Cecilia
	6:45 PM	Girl Scout Troop 50222 Room 1
AT	7:00 PM	Bible Study for those who signed up Stafford
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym

AT	<u>Wednesday, February 25th</u>	
	12:00 AM	Adoration Church
	10:00 AM	Womens Scripture Study Stafford
	12:00 PM	Life, Justice & Peace Commission PCLR
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout (Tiger) Pack Room 1
	5:45 PM	Benediction Church
	6:00 PM	Word & Communion Church
	6:45 PM	Prayer Ministry Church
	7:00 PM	Theology on Tap Off-site
	7:00 PM	School Commission LMC
GL	7:00 PM	Rite of Election Off-site

GL	<u>Thursday, February 26th</u>	
	10:30 AM	Mass Church
	11:00 AM	Mothers & Children Stafford
	1:00 PM	Catholic Daughters of America Stafford
	5:30 PM	Finance Council PC 2nd floor
	5:30 PM	Lifeteen Core Team PC 3rd floor
	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (8:30) Church
	7:00 PM	Stewardship/Engaged Church Commission PCLR
	7:00 PM	RCIA LMC
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (10:30) Church

GL	<u>Friday, February 27th</u>	
	10:30 AM	Mass Church
	1:30 PM	Grief Support Stafford
	4:00 PM	Campaign Project Committee Stafford
	4:30 PM	Lifeteen Retreat Off-site
	5:30 PM	Stations of the Cross Church
	6:00 PM	Reconciliation Church
	6:00 PM	Soup Supper Gym
7:00 PM	Via Crucis Church	

<u>Saturday, February 28th</u>	
6:00 AM	Lifeteen Retreat Off-site
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers Stafford
3:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia
3:30 PM	Reconciliation Church
5:00 PM	Mass Church

<u>Sunday, March 1st</u>	
6:00 AM	Lifeteen Retreat Off-site
7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal Church
8:30 AM	Mass Church
8:30 AM	Rite of Full Communion Church
9:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast (KoC) Gym
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal Church
9:30 AM	RCIA/C Sessions Stafford
9:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast (KoC) Gym
10:30 AM	Mass Church
10:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
11:30 AM	K-5 Faith Formation School/LMC
11:30 AM	Ensayo de Mariachi St. Cecilia
12:30 PM	Misa Iglesia
12:30 PM	Liturgia de la Palabra para niños LMC
2:30 PM	Faith & Light Gym
3:45 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal Church
5:00 PM	Mass Church
7:00 PM	Events Planning Committee Off-site

Theology on Tap

What? A chance to learn more about your faith over a cold beverage.

When? February 25th! 6pm for Mass at Assumption, presentation starts at 7pm.

Where? Aslan Brewery

Who? Young Adults ages 21-35



Questions? Contact Lizzy-lizzyd@assumption.org










CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY: Proclaim Justice and Life for All. March 26th/9:00am—3:00pm/Olympia

All parish members and staff and Catholic organizations are invited to join us to ensure that the Gospel message to care for our brothers and sisters is heard in Olympia. The purpose of Catholic Advocacy Day is to meet with our legislators to advocate for people who are poor and vulnerable, based on Catholic Teaching. Chartered bus for registered participants! (free will offering). Online registration

www.ccsww.org (go to Get Involved, Advocacy) and www.ipjc.org



2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1  Second Sunday <i>Lent</i> Events Planning 7PM</p>	2	3	4 Faith Formation Commission 7PM	5 Word & Communion Service 10:30AM	6  Stations 5:30PM Reconciliation 6PM Soup Supper 6PM Via Crucis 7PM	7 Jr High Youth Rally Baptism Class 9:30AM Liturgy Planning Team 1PM Clase de Bautismo 3PM School Auction 5PM
<p>8 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>  Time to Spring Ahead</p>	9	10	11 Spiritual Life & Wor- ship Commission 7PM	12 Pastoral Council 7PM	13  Stations 5:30PM Reconciliation 6PM Soup Supper 6PM Via Crucis 7PM	14 Baptism Class 9:30AM First Communion Class 10AM
<p>15 Fourth Sunday <i>Lent</i> Confirmation Mass 5PM</p>	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>  Prayer Service & Fun Run 1:30PM	18 Theology on Tap 7PM School Commission 7PM	19 <i>St. Joseph</i>	20  Stations 5:30PM Reconciliation 6PM Soup Supper 6PM Via Crucis 7PM	21 First Communion Class 10AM
<p>22 Fifth Sunday <i>Lent</i> in</p>	23	24	25 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> Science Fair 3PM Word & Communion Service 6PM Life Justice & Peace 7PM Christm Massin Seattle 7PM	26 Word & Communion Service 10:30AM Pastoral Care Committee 7PM	27  Stations 5:30PM Reconciliation 6PM Soup Supper 6PM Via Crucis 7PM	28 Interfaith Coalition Auction 5:30PM
<p>29 <i>Palms Sunday</i>  Community Meal 1PM</p>	30 Church Cleaning 11:30AM  Join Us for <i>Holy Week Cleaning</i>	31			<p>Please remove this calendar from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of March events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.</p>	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(02/15/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,173	\$ 54,519	\$ 599,709
Contributions received:	\$12,094	\$ 48,693	\$ 595,808
Over/ <u>under</u> for wk/mo/yr	-\$6,079	-\$ 5,826	-\$ 3,901

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.

	Wk(02/15/2015)	Month	YTD
Debt Reduction			
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$ 34,914
Contributions received:	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,023	\$ 24,909
Over/ <u>Under</u> for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 58	-\$ 1,151	-\$10,006

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 112
Catholic Home Missions Campaign	\$ 14

Thank you for sharing God's blessings with the larger community.

TAX FRAUD UPDATES

The Tax Refund Fraud many of us experienced last year has impacted the 2014 tax returns of several parishioners. If you are affected by this fraud on your 2014 return, please be sure to report it to the Archdiocese and follow the steps provided on their website. You can find this information by going to our website at www.assumption.org and clicking on the Tax Fraud link. This will take you to the Archdiocese of Seattle information. Please check frequently for updates from the Archdiocese.

HELP IS NEEDED

BCMP- The Bellingham Community Meal Program is in need of a couple of folks specifically for coffee/donut Hour on the very last Sunday of the month (January thru October) the time sequence is 8-11 AM. Able to help? Please call us: Kasey Potzler email : volunteerbcmp@gmail.com (h) 647-5114 or Joanne Kurtz (h) 734-0782.

SACRED HEART POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II

Sacred Heart is seeking an administrative assistant to accomplish a variety of administrative duties in support of the parish and its activities. Position reports to the Parish Administrator.

Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent; additional education or training in administrative systems and practices and/or principles of bookkeeping or accounting is a plus; three years' experience providing administrative support, preferably to management level leaders. Customer service experience preferred.

Performance requirements: Proficient at MS Office Suite and Outlook; demonstrated written and inter- personal communication skills; direct experience with QuickBooks and bookkeeping. Experience with database management systems preferred; experience with Parish Data Systems a plus.

Position opens February 17, 2015 and closes on March 13, 2015. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain an application and complete job description, or visit the website to download the application at www.shbham.org

A Stewardship Moment

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."

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Las aguas del Bautismo nos hacen parte de la nueva alianza en Cristo. Pero la carta pastoral de los obispos sobre la administración nos recuerdan que "hay una obligación fundamental que surge del sacramento del bautismo...que la gente ponga sus dones, sus recursos — a sí mismos — al servicio de Dios en y a través de la Iglesia."



Lord Jesus, you have challenged us with your holy words in sacred scripture:

That the one who "seeks to save his life will lose it;"

That the one who "loses his life for your sake will save it for all eternity;"

That the "greatest among us is the one who serves the rest;"

That it is "harder for a rich man to enter heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle;"

That our "true treasure is in heaven."

Lord, you have given us your generous promises:

That you treasure greatly the sacrificial spirit of the widow's mite;

That you will reward with hundredfold harvest those who sow in the rich soil of faith;

That you will not be outdone in generosity;

That you will not give us burdens that we cannot bear.

We thank you, above all, for the joy-filled gift of faith and the inspirational witness of generous saints of ages past.

Lord, give us the strength and the faith to respond to your challenging words.

We ask you to help us to be responsible stewards of your gifts.

We ask you to bless us with the courage, generosity, and selflessness to help us multiply your gifts among us for the glory of your name.

Amen