

January 31, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

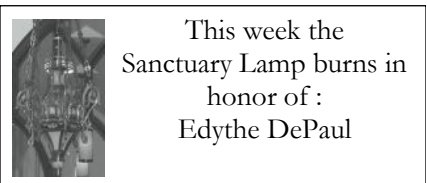
"No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown." Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all the gifts: love.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

February 5	10:30 AM	
David Fredrick		SI
February 6	5:00 PM	
Shirley Robinson		RIP
February 7	8:30 AM	
Bill Boyle		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Mary Johnson		SI
	12:30 PM	
Pro Populo		

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



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
 Edythe DePaul



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

- 10:30 AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 12:15 PM Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 7:00 PM Bilingual Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Daily Worship
Week of January 31, 2016

Monday, February 1	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Psalm 3:2-7 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday, February 2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24:7-10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
Wednesday, February 3 Saint Blaise	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday, February 4	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chronicles 29:10-11b, 11d-12 Mark 6:7-13
Friday, February 5 Saint Agatha	Sirah 47:2-11 Psalm 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday, February 6	1 Kings 3:4-13 Psalm 119:9-14 Mark 6:30-34
Sunday, February 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11



Year of Mercy
Weekly Reflection

Theme: Spiritual Works of Mercy – Pray for the Living and the Dead (1/31/16)

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:9)

Reflection: It is natural to pray for the living – there are so many needs, reasons to ask forgiveness, to give thanks and to praise God. What do you think we should ask of God when we pray for the dead? Why?

If you would like to share a reflection or make a comment, please visit our Year of Mercy blog at <http://ams1516blog.blogspot.com>. This is a moderated blog site, so it may take upwards of 24 hours for comments to appear.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room

Our group is small but we come to share our stories to pray and help each other on our healing journey. 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.
 Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, and 12.30, 2:30 & 3:30 PM.
 If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesday eves. after Mass from 6:45-8:30 PM
 It is with regret that Assumption Healing prayer ministry has been cancelled. It is planned to reopen as a mid-morning week day ministry. Please stay tuned for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Are you planning to get married in 2016? We will be running our 6-week program, Evenings for the Engaged, beginning Feb. 14 for those planning to get married in the Church during 2016. For more information, please go to the parish website or contact Judy Ziels at jjziels@live.com.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday, March 5 & 12 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

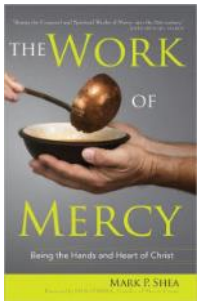
ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH MY SPIRITUAL NEEDS ARE MET.

OPEN HOUSE AT OUR SCHOOL

Assumption Catholic School is having an Open House on Saturday, February 6, from 2:00 – 5:00. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Catholic education in our county and why Assumption is a unique, affordable and successful educational option for all students. We encourage everyone to attend, particularly parents of school-age children.

2016 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EDUCATION CONTEST

THEMES: WE ARE STEWARDS of GOD'S CREATION or HOW DO WE CARE for the ENVIRONMENT? Details for this contest are posted on the Assumption Parish Website. We accept entries in Poetry, Essay, Art, Computer Art, Music, and Photography, due Feb. 1, 2016. Contact Jo Hulse at jbuurmanhulse@gmail.com with any questions and to arrange pick-up of submission.



SAVE THE DATE

On **Wednesday, February 3** following the 6pm mass, we will have the joy and privilege of hosting Mark Shea, well-known Catholic speaker, blogger and author of **The Work of Mercy: Being the Hands and Heart of Christ**. Mark's talk will focus on

the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy which are at the very heart of the Gospel message. Just as Jesus was God "hidden" in the flesh, mercy is the incarnational echo of God's presence in our world. His light shines forth through you and me, powerfully illuminating the dark places and guiding us along the path of sanctification. In *The Work of Mercy*, we take a good look at these fourteen forms of service to the weak, defenseless, and poor that have been embedded in the Christian tradition from the beginning and learn how each of them must and can be carried out today by God's people. Spiritual and practical, *The Work of Mercy* helps a 21st Century reader live the ancient teaching of the One who said, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

LENTEN LONGINGS

A TIME FOR QUIET AND PRAYER

Lent is a time to renew our faith — something that requires prayer and reflection. In a small community we can see how Jesus himself, in the midst of activity, always took time for silence and prayer, and we realize how important it is for us to do the same. Why not add a special ingredient to your observance of the Year of Mercy by taking time this Lent for quiet, prayer and sharing in a small community? Sign up for a day and time of the week that works for you. The change you experience will be well worth the time. For more information or call Gina DePalma at 733-1380 ext. 4222.

REFLEXIONES EN CUARESMA

¿ESTÁ TU CORAZÓN LISTO PARA EL CAMBIO?

La Cuaresma es el tiempo para cambiar nuestro corazón. Claro que no es nada fácil. Pero con la ayuda de una pequeña comunidad si se puede cambiar. En su pequeña comunidad de discípulos, vemos como el mismo Jesús en medio de la actividad del día sacaba tiempo para la oración y estar en silencio, para nosotros esto también es importante. ¿Por qué no tomar algún tiempo en esta Cuaresma para meditar en silencio, orar y compartir en un pequeño grupo? Por favor inscríbete en el día y la hora que más te convenga. El cambio que experimentarás bien vale la pena. Para más información llame a Adriana Estrada al número 733-1380 ext. 4224.



JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

June 20th to the 24th which will be a bi-lingual tour with round trip air from Seattle. Price is \$2020.00 pp including air, hotel and tours. Tour will be led by

Fr Bob Kantor (has been a visiting Priest from Fla. on a few occasions)

Visit the "Tilma" where Our Lady's image was miraculously imprinted, visit the tomb of Fr Miguel Pro, the Jesuit martyr, plus many more Holy sites. For more detailed information please phone Dan Parsons at 360-599-0752 or email at danstravelco@yahoo.com.

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 between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Thank you for your support!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Floyd Carpenter
Chris Formichella
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 Faেকে
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dahl
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trottnr

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

**COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT
&
LIFE, JUSTICE &
PEACE
MINISTRY**

**PASTORAL
COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Chris Craven
Blanca Cruz
Dick Etter
John Getchell
Colleen Jeffrey
Edwin Ordóñez
Dan Parsons
Doris Torres
Bonnie Trenouth
Jean Wilford
Nancy Wopperer

**COMMISSION &
COMMITTEE
CHAIRS**

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Chris Attebery
School Commission
Ross Driscoll
Life, Justice & Peace
Nick Mele
Pastoral Care
Tashie Zang &
Belen Saturay
Building & Grounds
Andrew Krzysiek
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Anne & Bill Turnbull
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council Exec.
Comm.
Chris Craven
Dick Etter
John Getchell

**Hope is on the Way! Save the Date for the
Interfaith Hope Auction!**

Mark your calendar: Interfaith's 25th Annual Hope Auction happens on **Saturday, March 19th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** The auction will again take place at the newly-named Four Points by Sheraton (formerly Best Western Lakeway Inn, 714 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham).

Whatcom County's friendliest auction fundraiser features fellowship, inspiration, hope and lively bidding on great auction items. Please join us as we continue in our work of transforming struggling lives.

You can help in these ways:

Do you have an auction item to donate? A service you offer, your own artwork, gift certificate, tickets to popular sporting events, vacation home getaway, ...let your imagination soar and think of what you might be able to donate, and get in touch with us!

Buy tickets to the auction. Tickets are \$50 each, including dinner.

Become a business sponsor or ask your favorite businesses or employers to support Interfaith with a dedicated donation.

We make a difference in the lives of homeless families, men and women. Partner with us by attending Hope Auction and lifting up our brothers and sisters! To donate an auction item and purchase tickets, please contact Richard Pope, your congregational representative, at 223-0276 or Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983 or through the website: www.interfaith-coalition.org

INTERFAITH CHOIR FESTIVAL

Enjoy a concert of spiritual music by attending the Interfaith Coalition Choir Festival on **Sunday, February 21 at 3:30 p.m.** Individual choirs (including our church choir!) perform a song from their faith tradition, then join together in two songs with a combined choir of over 200 voices. The combined choir will sing two selections: *Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace* and *All Lifted Hearts*. *All Lifted Hearts* is a beautiful melody interspersed with spoken lines on the subject of the golden rule from different faiths, making a powerful statement about working together for peace.

Individual singers are invited to participate in the combined choir. Please contact Interfaith Coalition at 734-3983 if you are interested in singing. An offering to benefit Interfaith Coalition programs, will be gratefully accepted.



As I sit here trying to overcome a writer's block, I hear a little voice singing a song outside my office door—the cutest thing ever! One of the biggest perks of this job is the chance to interact with beautiful children every day. Whether it is holding someone's newborn while they shop, offering crayons and coloring pages to an older child or fruit snacks and oranges to all ages, we LOVE seeing the children at Hope House. They make our days brighter in many ways. Watching their parents struggle to provide reminds of our family's early years—didn't we all have times when we felt stretched to the max and scared for the future? At Hope House we hope to help young families through some of those years. In fact, since we have been open for 15 years, we have actually seen the transition in many of our clients' families from struggling to almost not needing us. It is gratifying to be part of that journey! Thanks to your donations we are making a difference in our community.

We are in need of canned fruit, baby formula, size 5 diapers and anything Easter you may not need! And I guess that little song broke apart my block!

Peace,
Cheri



**ATTENTION ALL
SINGERS!**

The Assumption Choir will be participating in the Interfaith Choir Festival on Feb. 21st at the First

Congregational church in Bellingham, and all singers from Assumption are invited to join us! We will have a special rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Assumption church to prepare the songs we will sing in the concert.

Rehearsal for the Festival Chorus begins at 1:30 on the 21st, and the concert begins at 3:30. Please contact Chris Attebery at chrisa@assumption.org with questions or to indicate your interest in singing.

All are welcome!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Monday, February 1st

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church
11:30 AM Centering Prayer Stafford
6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss PCLR
7:00 PM Edge Gym
7:00 PM Confirmation Classes (Yr. 1) LMC

Tuesday, February 2nd

1:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
3:00 PM Cub Scouts Webelos 2 Stafford
3:00 PM Cub Scouts Webelos 1 Room 1
6:00 PM Frassati Young Adult Group PCLR
6:30 PM Adoration Church
7:00 PM Bible Study Stafford
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym
7:00 PM Cub Scouts Webelos 2 St. Cecilia
7:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class LMC
7:00 PM Pax Christi Stafford

Wednesday, February 3rd

12:01 AM Adoration Church
10:00 AM Women's Scripture Study Stafford
3:00 PM Little Flowers Stafford
3:30 PM PTC Executive Meeting School
5:45 PM Benediction Church
6:00 PM St. Blaise ~ Word & Communion Church
7:00 PM Mark Shea Presentation Church
7:00 PM Parish Life and Socials PC 2nd floor

Thursday, February 4th

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church
11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group Church
1:00 PM Purple Readers Group Stafford
3:00 PM Cub Scout Tiger Den Room 1
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Edge Core Team PC 3rd floor
7:00 PM RCIA Stafford

Friday, February 5th

10:30 AM Mass Church
1:30 PM Grief Support Stafford
3:00 PM Auction Committee Room 1
5:30 PM Just Faith Stafford
7:00 PM Talent Show Gym
7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

Saturday, February 6th

10:00 PM RCIA Retreat LMC
12:00 PM MFCC Stafford
1:00 PM Art & Environment Comm. PCLR
1:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford
2:00 PM School Open House School
3:30 PM Reconciliation Church
4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia
5:00 PM Mass ~ Confirmation Rite #3 Church

Sunday, February 7th ~ Boy Scout Sunday

7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
8:30 AM Mass Church
8:30 AM RCIA/C Dismissal Stafford
8:30 AM RCIA Dismissal PCLR
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church
9:30 AM RCIA/C Sessions Stafford
9:30 AM Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Gym
10:00 AM MFCC Room 1
10:30 AM Mass ~ School is serving Church
10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word LMC
10:30 AM Clase de Confirmación para adultos Teacher's Lounge
11:00 AM Ensayo de Mariachi St. Cecilia
11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation School
12:30 PM Misa Iglesia
12:30 PM Liturgia de la Palabra para niños Biblioteca
2:00 PM Legión de Maria Room 1
6:00 PM Lifeteen Gym

Please note: there will not be a 5:00 PM Sunday Mass

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Boy Scouts will be serving breakfast on Sunday, February 7th after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. We will have french toast, biscuit and gravy, scramble eggs, ham, sausage and hash brown. Hope to see you there.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning February 12 every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent we will be having the Stations of the Cross.

VIA CRUCIS

Empezando el 12 de febrero cada viernes durante la cuaresma tendremos la Via Crucis a las 7:00 PM.



RECONCILIATION/ SOUP SUPPER

We will also be having Reconciliation and Soup Supper at 6:00 PM every Friday during Lent.

RECONCILIACIÓN / SOPA DE CENA

También tendremos Reconciliación y Sopa de Cena cada Viernes a las 6:00 PM durante la cuaresma.














SOUP SUPPER

Come join us in Lenten fellowship Fridays at 6 P.M. in the gym for our Parish's Soup Supper. Bring a pot of meatless soup and/or a loaf of bread and enjoy a lovely meal together. Each supper is sponsored by a different parish collective with the following schedule: 2/12/16 Funeral Committee, 2/19/16 Hispanic Community, 2/26/16 Catholic Daughters, 3/4/16 Knights of Columbus, 3/11/16 Youth Ministry, and 3/18/16 Boy Scouts. Looking forward to seeing you there!



2016

 Indicates days of full
abstinence. Please see
www.seattlearchdiocese.org
for Archdiocesan guidelines.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Catholic Schools Week Word & Communion Service 10:30 AM	2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	3 St. Blaise ~ Blessing of the throat and Word & Communion 6PM Mark Shea The Work of Mercy 7PM	4 <i>Word & Communion Service 10:30 AM</i>	5 Mass with School 10:30AM Talent Show 7PM 	6 Art & Environment 1PM School Open House 2PM Confirmation Rite #3 5PM
7 <i>Boy Scout Sunday</i>  No 5PM Mass	8	9 <i>10 Ash Wednesday</i> Masses: 10:30AM (School) 12:15PM 7:00PM (bi-lingual) 	10 Masses of the Cross 5:30PM Reconciliation 6PM Soup Supper 6PM Via Crucis 7PM	11 Pastoral Council 7PM	12 	13 Dinner Club 6PM
14  FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Evenings for Engaged begins 4PM	15  <i>Resurrection</i> Office Closed No Mass or Word & Communion	16	17 State of the School 7PM Stewardship & Engaged Church 7PM Theology on Tap 7PM	18 Rite of Election 7PM at Immaculate Conception Mt Vernon	19 	20 Mass with School 10:30AM Stations of the Cross 5:30PM Reconciliation 6PM Soup Supper 6PM Via Crucis 7PM
21 Rite of Full Communion 8:30AM Confirmation Mass 5PM  SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	22 <i>Chair of St. Peter</i>	23	24 Life, Justice & Peace 12PM Events Planning 7PM	25 Word & Communion 10:30AM Finance Council 7PM	26  Mass with School (bilingual) 10:30AM Stations of the Cross 5:30PM Reconciliation 6PM Soup Supper 6PM Via Crucis 7PM	27 1st Eucharist class 10AM  Community Meal 1PM
28 First Scrutiny 8:30AM  THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	29 Buildings & Grounds 7PM				Please remove this calendar from the bulletin and post. Check the weekly bulletin for location of February events and all the other activities taking place at Assumption.	

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(01/24/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 72,308	\$ 542,310
Contributions received:	\$17,020	\$ 70,624	\$ 549,019
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 1,057	-\$ 1,683	\$ 6,709
<i>Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.</i>			
Debt Reduction	Wk(01/24/2016)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 4,232	\$ 31,740
Contributions received:	\$ 341	\$ 3,566	\$ 21,719
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 717	-\$ 666	-\$10,021

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$	88
NW Catholic Communications Campaign	\$	848

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

FACILITIES SUPERVISOR POSITION

Assumption Church has an opening for a Facilities Supervisor. This is a full-time position with responsibility for the maintenance of the church, gym, parish office and grounds. For further information or to apply, please go to our website, www.assumption.org, for the application form and job description. Closing date is Feb 19th.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to thank everyone who helped make Molly's funeral mass such a loving tribute. From the early planning with Fr. Scott and Kathy to all the parish support with the sacristans, musicians, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers and volunteers who prepared and served lunch – our thanks are with you.

Our family is forever grateful to Assumption parish and all who kept Molly in their prayers during her journey. Thank you and God Bless, Pat Mallahan



All powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks.

All things are of Your making. All times and seasons obey You.

You chose to create us in Your own image, and set us over the whole world in all its wonder.

You made us the stewards of creation, to praise You every day for Your wisdom and power.

May we imitate Your Son, Jesus, in His life of service.

May we be faithful stewards of all Your gifts among the people of God.

Amen

Please join hundreds going to **Catholic Advocacy Day, Monday, February 8th, 2016 in Olympia.**

To register, go to: www.ipjc.org and give voice to Justice and life.

Invite your friends along! The day will include briefings on legislative issues, Mass and appointments with legislators.

Sponsored by: Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.



Únase a cientos que irán al **Día Católico de Abogacía el lunes 8 de febrero, 2016 en Olympia. Para registrarse visite:**

www.ipjc.org y levante la voz por la justicia y la vida ¡Invite a sus amigos a participar! El día incluirá información legislativa, una misa y citas con sus legisladores. **Patrocinado por:** Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Community/Housing Services, Archdiocese of Seattle, Pierce County Deanery, St. Vincent de Paul Society e Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center.



A Stewardship Moment

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

Jeremías declara que el Señor lo conocía antes de nacer, lo consagró y lo asignó como profeta aún antes de su primer aliento. Nosotros, también, somos conocidos y enviados por El Señor. ¿Qué obras de amor y servicio son míos para realizar?