

March 8, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The law liberates and leads us to freedom. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. Jesus speaks of the ultimate freedom to be won for us by his being raised up. He is the sign of the power and wisdom of God.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

March 9	10:30 AM	
Peter Fong		RIP
March 11	6:00 PM	
Veronica Vernon		RIP
March 12	10:30 AM	
Theresa Shih		SI
March 13	10:30 PM	
Linda Morrell		SI
March 14	5:00 PM	
Joseph Fogarty		RIP
March 15	8:30 AM	
Dorothy Heller		SI
	10:30 AM	
Betsy Lundy		SI
	12:30 PM	
Pro Populo		
	5:00 PM	
Kay Stommes		SI

SI = Special Intention

RIP = Rest in Peace

Pro Populo = For the people of the parish



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Lillian Rowe

Daily Worship
Week of March 8, 2015

Monday, March 9 Saint Frances of Rome	2 Kings 5:1-15b Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 10	Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Psalm 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 11	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 12	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9 Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 13	Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, March 14	Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21b Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent	2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Psalm 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21



SERVANTS OF THE LORD

PRAYER GROUP

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

"Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse the glory of your kingdom, and speak of your might." Ps. 145:10-11
All are welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

"When the just cry out, the Lord hears them. And from all their distress he rescues them. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." Ps. 34:18-219

Did you have a loss of someone you loved in your life and trying to make sense of how to carry on? If so, there is a small group in the parish where you are very welcome. Each of us are going through the same heartache. We draw strength from our faith and each other, and learn to grow in our healing journey.

Info. call Nancy Fudge, 734-9563



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.

If questions, please call Karen at 671-1544

"I have searched among them for someone who could build a wall or stand in the breach before me to keep me from destroying the land, but I found no one."

Ezekiel 22-30.

Christians believe in the power of prayer to God and that it does hold back the darkness. At Mass and during the Liturgy of the Hours, we pray the intercessory prayers for our Church, our Holy Father, our church leaders, our sick, our loved ones, our country and the world. What are you giving up for Lent? Why not make it an hour of your time on Monday evening?

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesdays after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses but one who was tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." Heb.4:14-16.

If you have a need in your life, why not come and have someone pray with you to the Lord for help? No appointment necessary. Quiet and confidential.

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

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.



Lenten
Soup
Supper

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Are you planning to get married in 2015? We will be running our 5-week program, Evenings for the Engaged, beginning March 22 for those planning to get married in the Church during 2015. For more information, please go to the parish website or contact Judy Ziels at jjziels@live.com.

BLESSING OF THE UNBORN

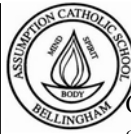
On Sunday, March 22 at the 5:00 evening mass, we will have a special blessing of all children in the womb. We wanted to offer this special blessing close to the Feast of the Annunciation. If you are expecting, please come to this special Mass and we'll have a blessing at the end of the Liturgy.

CALLED TO PROTECT RENEWAL

Have you renewed your Called To Protect for Ministries training? Each year we are required to take an online refresher course. If you haven't yet taken this online training, please go to www.seattlearchsep.org. Select "Register for Classes" (on the left side) and click on "My Obligations". **Please complete this renewal by April 1st.** If you have questions, contact Karen in the Parish Office.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

For information and instruction, contact Kathy St.Hilaire, certified teacher of Natural Family Planning, 671-4836.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The 7th grade students of Assumption Catholic School will be hosting Live Stations of the Cross on March 31 at 2.p.m. Please join us for this special live and moving stations.



On April 10, at the 10:30 mass we invite all of our parishioners who would like to receive the anointing of the sick to come to mass that day. We will have the anointing during mass and afterwards everyone is invited to a luncheon in your honor in the gym. Please come and enjoy each other's company.

BIBLE STUDY

A 5-week Bible study, GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP, begins Tuesday, April 7, in the Stafford Room at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m., your choice. Cost is \$10. Please PRE-REGISTER by calling Christine at 671-9712.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

COLECTA DE CRS

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta de Catholic Relief Services. Esta colecta otorga fondos a seis agencias católicas que tocan la vida de más de 100 millones de personas en el mundo. Los fondos de esta Colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados, el amor de Cristo y el respeto a todas las personas. Por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta de Catholic Relief Services de la próxima semana y ayuden a Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarías?

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 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 Feely
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*

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

**PASTORAL
COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Bill Attebery
Jim Gibson
Jerilou Jones
Carlos Muñoz
José Ordóñez
Denise Plaisier
Sam Raines
Belen Saturay
Jean Wilford
Tashie Zang

**COMMISSION &
COMMITTEE
CHAIRS**

Faith Formation Commission
John Getchell
Parish Life & Social
Mary & Bill Chambers
Spiritual Life & Worship
Ronald Delbecq
School Commission
Kathy Buford
Life, Justice & Peace
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Eric Schueler
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Patti & James Wright
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2 - 3pm at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St. in Bellingham). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, March 15, rain or shine. Let us pray for an end to all abortions and healing for all women suffering from post-abortion syndrome. For more information call Kathy St.Hilaire, 671-4836.

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING
FACT SHEET**

Whatcom Hospice is looking for caring individuals interested in providing companionship, respite care, light chores, transportation, or errands for those with a life-limiting illnesses and their families. They may also prefer not to provide direct patient care and instead make deliveries, provide landscape support, work in the office, knit, sew or sing.

WHAT: Whatcom Hospice Volunteer Training Informational Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, March 18th 4:30-6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hospice Administration Building,
Lower Level
2800 Douglas Ave., Bellingham

CONTACT: Dianne Gillespie, Volunteer
Coordinator Whatcom Hospice
2800 Douglas Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225
Phone: (360) 788-6892

E-Mail: dgillespie@peacehealth.org



Our waiting room is chockfull of families needing assistance on this cold, sunny day. So I have little time to write this, but wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your incredible support all year long. We are currently in need of shoes for all genders and ages—please make sure they are in good condition and clean. Socks would be great as well, and I can't even tell you how important new underwear is to the human psyche.....

Many thanks, much love from the staff and clients of Hope House,
Cheri

“GLORIFYING GOD: MIND, BODY, AND SOUL” MEN’S RETREAT April 17-19, 2015

Led by: Fr. John Antony Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way \$199 per person, \$165 for a shared room, \$99.50 per young adult (aged 18-30) Register now!

www.seattlearchdiocese.org/palisades or
(206) 274-3130

Saint John Paul II made an astounding claim: *“The body, and it alone, is capable of making visible what is invisible, the spiritual and divine. It was created to transfer into the visible reality of the world, the invisible mystery hidden in God from time immemorial, and thus to be a sign of it.”* By those words, the saint-pope ushered in a new era of Catholic theology with his ground-breaking “theology of the body.” Applying John Paul II’s reflections on the human body like a kind of “leaven,” we will explore various themes relevant to daily life, as a single or married man.

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!

Please consider supporting the vendors listed on the back of the bulletin. Their advertising allows us to have the cover page of the bulletin printed free.

WEEK	<u>Monday, March 9th</u>		
	10:30 PM	Mass	Church Blessed
	11:30 PM	Rosary Prayer Group	Stafford
	5:30 PM	Just Faith	PCLR
	6:30 PM	One King Light Weigh	St. Cecilia
	6:30 PM	Servant of the Lord Prayer Group	Gym
	7:00 PM	Edge	LMC

KAT	<u>Tuesday, March 10th</u>		
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack 16	Stafford
	6:00 PM	Frassati Young Adult Group	PCLR
	6:30 PM	Adoration	Church
	6:45 PM	Girl Scout Troop 50222	Room 1
	7:00 PM	Knights Of Columbus Mtg.	Stafford
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.	Gym
7:00 PM	Confirmation Choir rehearsal	St. Cecilia	
7:00 PM	Coalition Against Human Trafficking	LMC	

AWG	<u>Wednesday, March 11th</u>		
	12:00 AM	Adoration	Church
	10:00 AM	Women's Scripture Study	Stafford
	11:00 AM	Deanery Meetings	Off-site
	3:00 PM	Cub Scout (Tiger) Pack	Room 1
	5:45 PM	Benediction	Church
	6:00 PM	Mass	Church
6:45 PM	Prayer Ministry	Church	
7:00 PM	Spiritual Life & Worship Commission	PCLR	
7:00 PM	St. Teresa of Avila	Stafford	

ALLAN	<u>Thursday, March 12th</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	11:00 AM	Mothers & Children	Stafford
	1:00 PM	Purple Readers Group	Stafford
	5:30 PM	Lifeteen Core Team	PC 3rd floor
	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (8:30)	Church
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Council	Stafford
7:00 PM	RCIA	LMC	
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (10:30)	Church	

CENE	<u>Friday, March 13th</u>		
	10:30 AM	Mass	Church
	1:30 PM	Grief Support	Stafford
	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, March 14th</u>		
<u>Catholic Relief Services Collection</u>		
9:30 AM	Baptism Classes	Stafford
10:00 AM	First Communion Classes	Church/LMC/Gym
10:00 AM	Certificación de Catequista Año 2	Teacher's Lounge
1:00 PM	Rosary Makers	Stafford
3:00 PM	Cantor Rehearsal	St. Cecilia
3:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 PM	RCIA/C Dismissal	Stafford
5:00 PM	RCIA Dismissal	PCLR
5:00 PM	Mass—2nd Scrutiny	Church
6:00 PM	Dinner Club	Off-site
6:30 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church

<u>Sunday, March 15th</u>		
<u>Catholic Relief Services Collection</u>		
7:45 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
8:30 AM	Mass	Church
9:30 AM	English Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour	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 Coro	St. Cecilia
12:30 PM	Misa	Iglesia
12:30 PM	Liturgia de la Palabra para niños	LMC
3:45 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:00 PM	Mass—Confirmation	Church
6:00 PM	Confirmation Reception	Gym

MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE A PRIORITY THIS LENTEN SEASON

It's not too late to focus on something positive this Lent -- making your marriage everything God intended it to be. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) can help you rediscover your spouse and move forward in a more positive and loving way. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning April 24-26, 2015 call **206-706-2608** or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Living the Eucharist group leaders, hosts, participants and especially to Kathy Delbecq, Adriana Estrada and Kathy Ernst for all of their hard work to make this year's program a success. We hope that by this faith sharing you will strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ as you bring your own life experiences into the context of the Lenten gospel readings. We pray that the Holy Spirit will be with you as you gather in Jesus' name in prayer and reflection while reading and listening to the presentations and scripture readings each week. Think how much more meaningful the celebration of the Eucharist will be for you having prepared yourself for the Sunday celebration of Mass in fellowship with others in your Living the Eucharist small group. Your Faith Formation Commission

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(03/01/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,173	\$ 18,173	\$ 636,055
Contributions received:	\$17,343	\$ 17,343	\$ 633,277
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 830	-\$ 830	-\$ 2,778

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

	Wk(03/01/2015)	Month	YTD
Debt Reduction			
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,058	\$ 37,030
Contributions received:	\$ 907	\$ 907	\$ 26,497
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 151	-\$ 151	-\$10,534

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House	\$ 129
Easter Flowers	\$ 605
Catholic Home Missions Campaign	\$ 30

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

CALLED TO PROTECT CLASSES

The *Called to Protect for Ministries* class is a 3 hour training designed to teach participants how to keep our ministries, programs and schools safe. Required for clergy, employees and volunteers with ongoing unsupervised contact with minors and vulnerable adults. To be in compliance with the Archdiocese, **all new volunteers should take this training.**

Choose one of the following upcoming classes:

March 21, Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

March 24, Tuesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm

All classes are in the Assumption School Teachers' Lounge

You may register online for these classes by visiting www.seattlearchdiocese.org; click on the box for the Safe Environment Program (found on the left side of the page) and click the link that says "Register for Classes".

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

"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

"No codiciarás" es quizás un mandamiento difícil de cumplir en nuestra sociedad de consumo. Pero, como administradores Cristianos, nosotros sabemos que somos los receptores y guardianes de los muchos regalos de Dios. Que este entendimiento de que *todo* es un regalo nos ayude a resentirnos menos de los regalos de los demás.



O God,

When I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;

And remembering
Help me to destroy my complacency;

Bestir my compassion,
And be concerned enough to help; By word and by deed,
Those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

Samuel F. Pugh