

November 22, 2015
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

To Jesus Christ be glory and power for ever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and his kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

November 23	10:30 AM	
Ricardo Belleza Frayna Dec	RIP	
November 25	6:00 PM	
Ronnie Dell'Aquila	RIP	
November 28	5:00 PM	
Pro Populo		
November 29	8:30 AM	
Theresa Hoang Fleming	RIP	
	10:30 AM	
Mary Tuoi Le	RIP	
	12:30 PM	
George Butenschoen	RIP	
	5:00 PM	
George Thorpe	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:
Paul Barci

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Rm.
 Cancelled until further notice.

Daily Worship
Week of November 22, 2015

Monday, November 23 Saint Clement	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 Daniel 3:52-56 Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 24 Saint Andrew	Daniel 2:31-45 Daniel 3:57-61 Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday, November 25 Saint Catherine	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Daniel 3:62-67 Luke 21:12-19
Thursday, November 26	Daniel 6:12-28 Daniel 3:68-74 Luke 21:20-28
Friday, November 27	Daniel 7:2-14 Daniel 3:75-81 Luke 21:29-33
Saturday, November 28 Blessed Virgin Mary	Daniel 7:15-27 Daniel 3:82-87 Luke 21:34-36
Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Fridays, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Stafford Room
 "I will lead the blind on their journey; By paths unknown I will guide them. I will turn darkness into light before them and I will not forsake them."
 Isaiah 42:16.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one in your life, we invite you to join us.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL MASSES

Thanksgiving Eve Mass Nov. 25
 at 6:00PM at Assumption Church

Please bring a nonperishable food item for the poor and a food item that you would like to have blessed for your Thanksgiving meal



Thanksgiving Day Mass Nov. 26
 at 9:00AM at
SACRED HEART CHURCH

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 **one hour early this week at 4:45 PM,** and Mass at 6 PM.

Are you being called to spend an hour with the Lord? We especially need someone on Tuesdays at 11:30 PM and Wednesdays at 1:30 & 2:30 AM and 3:30 & 4:30 in afternoon. If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Wednesday eves. after Mass from 6:45-8:30 PM

"God endows men with the knowledge to glory in his mighty works, through which the Doctor eases pain and the druggist prepares his medicines; thus God's creative work continues without cease in its efficacy on the surface of the earth. My son, when you are ill, delay not, but pray to God, who will heal you." Sirach 38:6-9.

Prayer may be for whatever burden you carry in your heart. It is quiet and confidential.

BLESSING OF THE UNBORN

On Monday, Dec. 7 at the 7:00 PM bilingual Mass, we will have a special blessing of all children in the womb. If you are expecting, please come to this special Mass and we'll have a blessing at the end of the Liturgy.

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

OUR SCHOOL

Service learning is an important part of our school community. It is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection in order to enrich the learning experience. It is a powerful way for our students to learn about caring, service, Catholic social teaching and putting faith into action.



Dear Parishioners:

I recently had a meeting with our musicians about the recent departure of our Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy—Mary Ehle.

We are so sad to see her go, but we need to start looking forward to what we need to do. First, we are trying to set things up for the immediate needs of the music ministry program. To that end, I've asked **Chris Attebery** to step in as the part-time coordinator for our music ministry. She'll be scheduling accompanists and cantors for all masses. She'll also be the contact person for questions people have regarding music ministry. I'll be meeting with her on a regular basis and in turn she will be in touch with all of our musicians.

Bill Turnbull has graciously agreed to serve as Director for the 8:30 mass and will help conduct rehearsals on Thursday evenings. **Jenna St. Hilaire** will be directing the 10:30 mass and **Roman Mata** will stay on as Director for 12:30. **Michelle Richmond** and **Natalie Maeda** have agreed to serve as directors of the LifeTeen Mass on Sunday evenings. Thank you to all of those who have stepped up to help us in these ministries.

Secondly, we will be sitting down with all of our musicians to begin the work of evaluating our music ministry and trying to put next steps in place with regard to hiring a new Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy. I don't have any specific plans right now, but await your input. I doubt that we can get someone in place before Easter as the majority of qualified candidates are likely tied up in their current positions until then. I think we'd be making a bad move to try to hire someone too rapidly. I hate to put things off too long, but I think we need to do it right and make all the proper preparations. In the meantime, let us continue to hold one another in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. K. Scott Connolly
Pastor



PANCAKE BREAKFAST DEC. 6

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage on **Sunday, December 6**. The

breakfast will be held from 9:00 to 12 noon. All are welcome. As you know, the Knights are breakfast experts, so you won't want to miss this one. Even if you attend a Mass other than 8:30 or 10:30 you should make the trip to church for this good breakfast.

Wanted: CATHOLIC ADULTS SEEKING CONFIRMATION

Information & Registration Night, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m., School Library

Have you wanted to get confirmed, but for some reason it just never happened? If so please join us for our adult Catholic confirmation preparation process. An information & registration session will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.

Classes will be held on the following Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library:

Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; and Feb. 2, 9, 16. The Rite of Confirmation will be on Sunday, Feb. 21, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and the final class, mystagogy, will be on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the School. Please contact the Parish office with any questions.

En busca: ADULTOS CATÓLICOS QUE BUSCAN CONFIRMACIÓN

**Primera clase empieza el domingo 22 de
Noviembre en la Escuela**

¿A querido ser confirmado (a), pero por alguna razón nunca sucedió? Si es así por favor, únase a nosotros en nuestro proceso de preparación de la confirmación de adultos católica. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en los siguientes domingos a las 10:30 de la mañana, en la Escuela; 22 de noviembre; 6 de diciembre; 17, 24 y 31 de enero; y el 7 y 14 de febrero. El rito de la Confirmación será en la Misa del domingo 21 de febrero a las 5:00 pm, y la clase final, mistagogia, será el domingo, 28 de febrero, a las 10:30 de la mañana, en la escuela. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia con cualquier pregunta.

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 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 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
Caleb Trottnr*

ENGAGED CHURCH—IN MY PARISH I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT I DO BEST.

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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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

“PLUNGING DEEPER INTO THE MYSTERY”

The Advent season provides us with the opportunity to reflect on Mary’s “Yes” that led to the Incarnation and our daily “yesses” that have the potential of birthing Christ in the here and now. In a contemplative manner, we will look at how we are always being invited to plunge deeper into the Mystery of being Christ bearers, and what spiritual practices, such as the “Welcoming Prayer”, might help us respond to these invitations. Cherry Haisten, from Contemplative Outreach Northwest, is our facilitator for this offering. Please join us on Sat., Dec. 5th for this Advent Day of Reflection
Place: Stillpoint at Becksides Spirituality Center, 1625 Huntley Road, Bellingham
Fee: \$45-\$55.00 (Sliding Scale available) Registration required. Contact: Linda Conroy, 360 733 9414, website: stillpointatbeckside.com

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST NEEDED AT SACRED HEART PARISH

Duties include answering phones, distributing mail, and general office tasks. Reliability, computer proficiency and familiarity with MS Publisher and MS Office (Outlook, Word, etc.) necessary, along with grammar and keyboarding skills. No more than 30 hours/week, 10-4, M-F. Salary in keeping with Archdiocesan norms. Apply online at www.sacredheartbellingham.org or stop by parish center for application packet. Job opening closes December 26 and begins January 4th, 2016.



They come in, shivering, thankful for hot coffee and cookies. But what almost everyone who comes through that door requests these days is a blanket. No one can get warm enough and we are always out. As fast as they come in, they are given out. Please check your closets for any you could spare—we have people who would accept them so gratefully! If you’ve read my blog (www.bellinghamhopehouse.com), you have read of what I call “God shots”, or direct intervention/answers to needs by Him. It happens so frequently, and sometimes He likes to have fun with us (He has a sense of humor!). Yesterday morning, as we were preparing the coffee and cookies area, we realized we were out of napkins again. As I contemplated a run to Cash and Carry in the bitter cold, I decided to borrow a few from the church kitchen and went over to grab a handful. When I returned, I opened two different bags of donations and found two packages of napkins—a donation we NEVER receive! I just love His sense of humor and how He sometimes plays with us just to let us know He is watching. We are blessed with His presence in so many ways: donors, donations, staff, and of course, our clients—all of us part of the Body of Christ.

Please bring size 3 & 4 diapers to our Thanksgiving Eve Mass!

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1, 2015

Giving Tuesday is December 1, 2015 – Please Support the ACA in your Giving Tuesday Plans!

As a spin-off of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving is a special day created a couple years ago as a **National Day of Giving** to inspire and encourage charitable giving. And what better reason to give than to support over 60 ministries and services throughout Western Washington? Your gift of any amount to the Annual Catholic Appeal is welcome and will make a huge difference! We hope you will participate!

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Monday, November 23rd

8:30 AM Human Food Chain Prayer Service
 10:30 AM Mass
 11:30 AM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss
 6:30 PM Parents of Troubled Adults
 7:00 PM Confirmation (Yr. 2)

Church
 Church
 Stafford
 PCLR
 Stafford
 LMC

Tuesday, November 24th

6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
 6:30 PM Adoration
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus First Degree
 6:45 PM Girl Scout Troop #50222
 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg.

Stafford
 Church
 St. Cecilia
 Room 1
 Gym

Wednesday, November 25th

12:00 AM Adoration
4:45 PM Benediction
 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Mass
 6:45 PM Prayer Ministry

Church
 Church
 Church
 Church

Thursday, November 26th
Office Closed

Friday, November 27th
Office Closed

12:00 PM Lighthouse Thanksgiving Dinner
 1:30 PM Grief Support Group

Gym
 Stafford

Saturday, November 28th
Baptism Weekend

1:00 PM Rosary Makers
 3:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Mass

Stafford
 Church
 St. Cecilia
 Church

Sunday, November 29th
Baptism Weekend ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
 8:30 AM Mass
 8:30 AM RCIA/C Dismissal
 8:30 AM RCIA Dismissal
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM MFCC
 10:30 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro
 12:30 PM Misa
 3:45 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Youth Mass

Church
 Church
 Stafford
 PCLR
 Church
 Teacher's Lounge
 Church
 St. Cecilia
 Iglesia
 Church
 Church



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling all children in grades K-8 of Assumption Parish. Come be a part of the Christmas Eve Children's Choir at the 4:00 P.M. Mass on December 24th. Practice dates and times will be Wednesdays, December 2, December 9, December 16 in the church, from 6:45 to 7:45 P.M. If you are interested email Susan Roland sroland@school.assumption.org

A GIFT OF MUSIC

Come gather 'round the Grand for an intimate concert with Pianist - Matthew Ma, Soprano - Wendy Donaghy, and Mezzo Soprano - Sonia Alexis.



Dec. 5th - 7:00 - 8:30 (including intermission with light refreshments). Admission is free.



VOLUNTEER CHORE PROGRAM

Helping Seniors and Adults with disabilities remain living independently in their own homes.

If you have an hour to spare to help a senior or adult with a disability with some essential tasks, Volunteer Chore Program has some clients in your neighborhood that would love your help!

- ◆ Marlene is a disabled senior living in Bellingham and she needs your help with light cleaning in her home. Providing help with mopping her floors and cleaning her home would make all the difference!
- ◆ Cheri lives in Fairhaven and needs to move some items to lower cabinets so she is able to reach them. Cheri also needs help cleaning her floors and freezer as these tasks are too difficult for her. Cheri loves visiting and would appreciate the help and company so much.
- ◆ Sheila would like some help with grocery shopping every other week. She cannot walk through the store and has trouble grabbing items from her motorized cart. She loves to meet new people and a little help can make her life much easier and happier.

According to VCP clients, volunteers: "Make me feel still a part of the community" and "You all are a blessing to those of us that need help"

Volunteers not only make a difference in someone's living situation, but they also lift the spirits of our clients that are limited income and have little support.

A volunteer is not just a helper, they are a friend.

To share some of your time with someone in need, contact Abby Lund VCP Director at: 360-746-2366 or Abbyl@whatcomvolunteer.org

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(11/15/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 54,231	\$ 361,540
Contributions received:	\$13,291	\$ 52,669	\$ 334,688
Over/ under for wk/mo/yr	-\$4,786	-\$ 1,562	-\$ 26,852

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

	Wk(11/15/2015)	Month	YTD
Debt Reduction			
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 3,174	\$ 21,160
Contributions received:	\$ 1,757	\$ 2,715	\$ 14,195
Over/ Under for wk/mo/yr	\$ 699	-\$ 459	-\$ 6,965

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 115

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE COMING TO AN END

About 250 families have turned in their commitment cards so far.

Thank you! Can't find your card? You can also complete your pledge card online at our website www.assumption.org.

If you have not yet turned in your card, **now is the time to do it.** Our Stewardship of Treasure campaign is coming to a close and we will be publishing the names of everyone who has turned in a commitment card. Please call Karen in the Parish Office if you don't want your name

published in the bulletin.



FAITHFUL STEWARDS

For the sharing of their time and talent with Assumption Parish, we acknowledge:

Jeannie Bergholz, JoAnn Collins, Anna Getchell, Linda Morrell & Marilee Wilcox

Have you ever noticed the crisply pressed, clean linens that we use in so many areas of mass? From the altar server robes, the cloths that grace the altar, to the purificators our Eucharistic Ministers use when helping share the precious blood of Christ with the assembly, each of these items needs to be carefully maintained. They are so much a part of our liturgical landscape that it is easy to pay little attention to them, but if they were missing or in poor repair we would ALL notice! We would like to acknowledge the important, behind the scenes individuals who are FAITHFUL STEWARDS of these precious, sacred items. We acknowledge and thank Linda, JoAnn, Marilee, Jeannie and Anna for their dedication and care!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Year-End Payments and Donations

Want to make your Annual Catholic Appeal payment or donation by year-end for tax purposes? Here are 4 ways to do that:

- Visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/pp
- Call the Appeal office at 800-809-4921
- Mail to Annual Catholic Appeal, 710 9th Ave, Seattle 98104 (Postmark by 12/31/15)
- Donate stock by calling 206-382-7316 or 800-422-5417

A Stewardship Moment

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in *the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

La segunda lectura de hoy nos recuerda que el sacrificio de Cristo nos libera del pecado y hace de nosotros una nación real de sacerdotes *al servicio* de Dios. ¿Cómo estoy usando mis dones para servir a Dios y a los demás?



God,

We want to make You our number one priority, but there are so many things to draw us away from you: Material things like bigger houses, bigger cars, distractions like too much TV, computer games; and addictions to things that make us less healthy.

Help us to focus not on fulfilling our wants, but rather on how we can use the gifts you've given us to build up your kingdom.

Thank you for the gifts you have given us and bless them so that we may use them as good stewards to carry out Your will.

Amen