

September 6, 2015
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.



WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

September 9	6:00 PM	
Joseph Kelso		SI
September 11	10:30 AM	
Veronica Vernon		RIP
September 12	5:00 PM	
Jeanne Taller		RIP
September 13	8:30 AM	
Nancy Palmieri		RIP
	10:30 AM	
Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	
Veronica Vernon		RIP

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

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

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever. I called to the Lord in my distress; he answered and freed me.
 Ps. 118: 1,5.

Everyone mourns in their own way, we meet, have a cup of coffee, talk about how we are getting on and draw strength from our faith, yes and each other. All are welcome.

Daily Worship
Week of September 6, 2015

Monday, September 7	Colossians 1:24 — 2:3 Psalm 62:6-7, 9 Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday, September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 13:6abc Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday, September 9	Colossians 3:1-11 Psalm 145:2-3, 10-13ab Luke 6:20-26
Thursday, September 10	Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 150:1b-6 Luke 5:27-38
Friday, September 11	Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 150:1b-6 Luke 6:27-38
Saturday, September 12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	1 Timothy 1:15-17 Psalm 113:1b-7 Luke 6:43-49
Sunday, September 13 <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Isaiah 50:5-9a Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

POPE FRANCIS & THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop Peter Sartain invites you to join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Sept. 22-27. This is an historic opportunity to see Pope Francis on his first visit to the U.S. The week-long Congress also offers inspiring keynote speakers and dozens of timely workshops. For complete information on how to register for this exciting pilgrimage, visit www.seattlearchdiocese.org/wmf.

SERVANTS OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. Cecilia Room
 "The Lord is good to all and compassionate towards all his works. Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you."
 Ps. 145:9-1.

If you have never been to a prayer group meeting, why not come and see if it is for you. We sing and praise God, there is a scripture reading and a small teaching followed by quiet time that we may grow in listening to God. 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 12:30, 3:30, and 4:30 PM.
 If you are able to help, call Linda at 595-4366.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY on Wednesdays after Mass 6:45-8:30 PM

"May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
 Ephes.3:17-21.

Looking for help with work, family or health problems? May we join you as you go to the Lord for help. It is quiet and confidential.
 Info. call Nancy Fudge, 734-9563.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES

The next baptismal classes will be on Saturday September 12 & 26 at 9:30 AM in the Stafford room. You must attend both classes.

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

OUR SCHOOL

At Assumption Catholic School we strive to do all things in excellence. Central to that effort is the staff which provides a quality, faith-filled education for all students. Joining our outstanding faculty this year are several new teachers:

Nany Lawrence ~ Resource Teacher
Henna Reese ~ Fifth Grade
Michelle Schulte ~ Preschool
Anna Whelan ~ Kindergarten

And coming out of retirement to serve as the music teacher is long-time Assumption teacher, Susan Roland.

Please keep them and all the school in your prayers. And if you ever have questions or just want to know more about the school, please contact Bill Attebery, the school principal, at 733-6133.

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC MOMS!

We would like to invite you and your children to join us for an informal social gathering. We are a group of Catholic moms who meet twice a month (the second and fourth Thursday) in the Stafford Room. The children (of all ages) join us as we discuss the joys and challenges of our vocation as mothers. Our first meeting will be held on September 10th at 11:00 AM with the next one following on September 24th. For more information or if you have questions please contact Bev Williams at 920-7592 or bevjohnson_13@hotmail.com.



5:00 PM SUNDAY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Mark this date on your calendars: **Sunday, September 20th at 3:45pm.** We want to get off to a great start with the music at the first 5pm Sunday Mass, which is September 27th. So, for this Mass we will have an additional rehearsal on September 20th. Usually, rehearsals will be Sundays before the Mass at 3:45pm. All are welcome. We need instrumentalists and singers. We especially need youth and young adult participation! Please contact Mary Ehle (marye@assumption.org) or Grace Bandolon (graceb@assumption.org) if you are interested in participating in the music at this Mass. Come, join in the music and help us all prayer well together!

SEE GOD'S PLAN REVEALED FROM GENESIS THROUGH REVELATION, WITHOUT HAVING TO READ THE WHOLE BIBLE! Tuesday Adult Bible Study "Bible Adventure" meets at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (same program either time) for your convenience, in the Stafford Room beginning September 8, 11 sessions total. Fee is \$5. Bring your own Bible. (If you don't have one, we'll provide one.) For further information and to register call Christine at 671-9712. (No meetings Sept. 15 - Harvest Festival set-up.)

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

(16- TO 19-YEAR OLDS) —Registration & Information Meeting for Year One & Year Two **Candidates and their Parents:** Monday, Sept. 14, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., School Library.

1ST RECONCILIATION / 1ST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

PROGRAM—Registration & Information Meeting for **Parents only** of the Year Two **Candidates:** Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARACIÓN PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN PARA JÓVENES

(16 A 19 AÑOS) — Registración e Información para los candidatos del año uno y año dos y los padres: Lunes, Sept. 14, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., biblioteca de la escuela

PROGRAMA DE PREPARACIÓN DE 1^{RA} RECONCILIACIÓN /

1^{RA} PRIMERA COMUNIÓN — Junta de Registración e Información solo para los padres de candidatos del año 2:

Sábado, 3 de octubre a las 10:00 a.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RAFFLE 2015

Tickets for this year's Harvest Festival will be on sale after Saturday and Sunday Masses, Sept. 5 - 6, and Sept. 12 - 13. The price is \$1 a ticket. The prizes remain fabulous, including generous donations from Haggen, Diehl Ford, Swans Clean Care, Salon Capelli, The Greenhouse, McEvoy Oil, Avenue Bread, Village Books, Trader Joes and Rocket Donuts. Please help support your Assumption School by purchasing tickets for yourself and your loved ones. You need not be present to win!

FAITH FORMATION, SCHOOL, PARISH EVENTS

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 Feeley
John Hutson
Gabriel Rodriguez
Steven Faecke
Lt Col Gregory DeMarco
Keanu Franco
Michael Dabl
Matt Edge
Kurt DeVries
2nd Lt. Garrett Burnham
Bob Iverson
Lt. Michael Bertschinger
Capt. Eric Stein
Caleb Trotter

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
Michael DiSpigno
Pastoral Care
Carol Frazey
Building & Grounds
Andrew Krzysiek
Stewardship/Engaged
Church
Anne & Bill Turnbull
Finance Council
Bill Zang
Pastoral Council
Jim Gibson
Bill Attebery
Belen Saturay

FRANCIS PLACE

1122 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham WA 98225
Phone: (360) 671-3529 Fax: (360) 671-0410

Thank you for your interest in supporting Francis Place, a new housing project designed and operated by Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services. Francis Place provides a total of 42 units of affordable housing to individuals that have experience chronic homelessness. Residents benefit from 24/7 supportive services, therapeutic programming and ongoing case management. Francis Place represents what can be accomplished when a community is committed to honoring the dignity of each community member. Thank you for making this possible! We have a growing list of items that we would love to have here at Francis Place. Some of them would be for programming, some would be directly given to residents to have in their own apartments, some are a bit outrageous but we thought we'd ask anyway-you never know. If you have any questions or would like to find out how to get involved/volunteer at Francis Place, please contact Malora Christensen at (360)393-7745, malorac@ccswv.org. Please contact Malora directly to coordinate donation of items. Thank you for your continued support!

FP Wishlist

First Aid supplies
Band-aids, Neosporin, ace bandages,
ice packs, etc.
Computer Speakers
Headphones
Small sound system to be able to play
music in the community room
Music CD's in good condition
Art work
All sizes, framed and unframed
Frames of all sizes

Books for resident library
DVD's for DVD library
Lamps
Bookshelves
Couches and/or love seats in good
condition
Armchairs
End tables

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST**

Friday September 18, 5:30-6pm
Hosted by: First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ
495 E Bakerview Road, Bellingham, 360-734-6820



Back to School was a huge success, thanks to everyone who donated supplies and backpacks, we were able to help almost 200 children go back to school with shiny new supplies in hand. Thanks!
Now that the kids are back in school, Mother Nature decided to answer our prayers for some rain and cooler weather, and we are loving it. However, it has made for some cold nights for the homeless, and every family is looking for blankets and warm clothing. We have NO blankets at this time, and our supply of men's jackets/coats is zero! If you can spare a blanket or men's coat/jacket, please drop it off at Hope House or in the box in the Gathering Space. I love this time of year, and I know all of you will be supporting us with prayers and donations during the coming autumn and holiday months!

**VOLUNTEER WITH CAST A NEW
INTERFAITH COALITION PROGRAM**

Is in need of volunteers to help make sandwiches on a regular basis
Shifts are available Monday - Thursday from 3 to 4pm. To become involved in this marvelous program, please contact volunteer coordinator Mary Ann O'Hara by calling 360-325-2613 or emailing her at maryann.ohara@gmail.com

**A NEW BEGINNING FOR YOUR
MARRIAGE**

Are you going through a difficult time in your marriage? Do you wish you could take back divisive or mean spirited words and actions? It is possible to move past this hurt. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) helps struggling couples rediscover each other and take positive steps to begin a new life of healing, commitment and love. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning **Sept 18-20, 2015** call **360-671-6479** or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

WEEKEND ANNOUNCE

Monday, September 7th

Labor Day ~ Office Closed

6:30 PM Bible-based Weight Loss PCLR

Tuesday, September 8th

1:00 PM Bible Study Stafford

6:00 PM Protecting God's Children LMC

6:30 PM Adoration Church

6:45 PM Girl Scout Troop #50222 Room 1

7:00 PM Bible Study Stafford

7:00 PM Frassati Young Adult Group PCLR

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 16 Mtg. Gym

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg. St. Cecilia

Wednesday, September 9th

12:00 AM Adoration Church

10:30 AM Deanery Meeting Off-site

3:30 PM PTC Executive Meeting LMC

5:45 PM Benediction Church

6:00 PM Mass Church

6:30 PM St. Teresa of Avila Stafford

6:45 PM Prayer Ministry Church

7:00 PM Spiritual Life & Worship Comm. PCLR

Thursday, September 10th

10:30 AM Word & Communion Church

11:00 AM Mothers & Children Stafford

11:00 AM School Cantor Rehearsal Church

11:30 AM Rosary Prayer Group Church

1:00 PM Purple Readers Group Stafford

5:30 PM Life Teen Core Team PC 3rd floor

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Stafford

7:00 PM RCIA LMC

Friday, September 11th

10:30 AM Mass Church

1:30 PM Grief Support Group Stafford

6:00 PM Rosary Makers Stafford

7:00 PM Grupo de Oración LMC

Saturday, September 12th

8:00 AM Core Team Retreat Off-site

9:00 AM Non-Violence Workshop LMC

9:30 AM Baptism Classes Stafford

3:00 PM Tagalog Choir Church

3:30 PM Reconciliation Church

4:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal St. Cecilia

5:00 PM Mass Church

Sunday, September 13th

Campaign for Human Development

7:45 AM Choir Rehearsal Church

8:30 AM Mass Church

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal Church

9:30 AM RCIA/C Sessions Stafford

10:30 AM Mass Church

11:00 AM Ensayo de Coro St. Cecilia

11:30 AM K-5 Faith Formation School

12:30 PM Misa Iglesia

2:00 PM MFCC Junta de lideres Gimnasio

6:00 PM Lifeteen 3rd floor

COME EXPLORE NONVIOLENCE WORKSHOP

On September 12, Pax Christi is sponsoring a workshop on nonviolence in the Assumption School Library from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided as we explore what nonviolence means in our daily lives. To register, call Nick Mele at 360-223-7098

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2015

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20

The Festival is just two weeks away with all of its fun, food, games, crafts, classic cars, and more! Please come and participate AND come and volunteer. Sign up online for the area/shifts that work for you. Go to www.assumption.org and scroll down the homepage to find the links to the different volunteer areas of the Festival.

FIESTA DE LA COSECHA 2015!

Sábado y domingo, 19 y 20 de septiembre

El Festival estará de regreso en solo dos semanas mas. ¡Regresa con todas sus diversiones, comida, juegos, artes y oficios, coches clásicos, y mucho más! Por favor, venga y participe Y apúntese para ser un voluntario. Inscríbete en línea para la zona y en los turnos que funciona para usted. Visite el Web al www.assumption.org y desplacé hacia debajo de la página para encontrar los enlaces a las distintas zonas de voluntarios del Festival.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the Crocodile Classic 9-Hole Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The event is Saturday, September 26th at Raspberry Ridge Golf Course. We'll have several fun games and prizes for players in all skill levels. You can't possibly be the worst golfer (that guy is already coming!). Please contact Kevin Schmid (319-9843) or Tom Bernard (223-5648) to register. Visit www.kofc829.org to for more information.

Harvest Festival



Sept. 19-20, 2015

We accept all types of your
favorite pies, cakes, cupcakes,
cookies, rolls or bread

(except cream pies or canned goods ☹).



Please bring your item to the
gym on Friday, Sept. 18
between 11:45 a.m.-5 p.m.
or on Saturday, Sept. 19
between 8 a.m.-12 p.m. .

Thank you!!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	Wk(08/30/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$18,077	\$ 90,385	\$ 162,693
Contributions received:	\$14,038	\$ 78,201	\$ 143,714
Over/under for wk/mo/yr	-\$4,039	-\$ 12,184	-\$ 18,979
<i>Thank you for sharing God's blessings with our parish community.</i>			
Debt Reduction	Wk(08/30/2015)	Month	YTD
Contributions needed:	\$ 1,058	\$ 5,290	\$ 9,522
Contributions received:	\$ 270	\$ 3,162	\$ 5,744
Over/Under for wk/mo/yr	-\$ 788	-\$ 2,128	-\$ 3,778

GIFTS FROM THE OTHER HALF OF OUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING

Hope House \$ 54

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

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT, ST MARY PARISH
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PART-TIME**

St. Mary Parish is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant, 28 hours/week. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/GED, additional office or business management education a plus. 2-5 years office and customer service experience; proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, specifically Publisher, Word and Excel. Knowledge of Parish Data Systems and website management a plus; strong communication skills. Leads a life consistent with the Catholic faith and moral teaching. Salary consistent with Archdiocesan guidelines. For the application packet, contact Ruth Miller at saintmaryanacortes@gmail.com
Closing date: September 30.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Archdiocese of Seattle has recently changed their Safe Environment program provider to a new company called Virtus. Virtus provides a live training for new volunteers and employees called *Protecting God's Children*. This class is a 3-hour training designed to teach participants how to keep our ministries, programs, and schools safe. Any volunteers who have previously taken the *Called To Protect for Ministries* training DO NOT need to take this new class.

Anyone with an interest in the safety of children and vulnerable adults is encouraged to attend *Protecting God's Children*, however, it is required for new employees and volunteers with ongoing unsupervised contact with minors or vulnerable adults. To be in compliance with the Archdiocese, **all new volunteers must take this training.**

The next available class:

Sept. 8, Tuesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm

All classes are in the Assumption School Library Media Center

You must register online with Virtus to enroll in one of these classes by visiting www.virtusonline.org. Click on the "Registration" link and follow the instructions.

A Stewardship Moment

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

Un Momento De Corresponsabilidad

El buen administrador de los bienes de Dios no debe mostrar favoritismo. El rico puede tener muchos dones materiales para compartir, pero San Santiago nos recuerda en la segunda lectura que Dios ha elegido a los pobres del mundo para que sean ricos en fe y herederos del reino de Dios.



Dear Lord,

Thank You for earthly sustenance that gives us the strength of body to do our work.

But, more so, thank You for Your spiritual food that fills us with the grace and knowledge that we are indeed Your people.

Be with us, touch our hearts, invigorate our minds and give us the energy to go forth and grow in Your image.

Amen.