

O God,  
who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary  
bestowed on the human race  
the grace of eternal salvation, Grant, we pray,  
that we may experience the intercession of her,  
through whom we were found worthy to receive  
the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen

### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO FR. JOHN!

St. Patrick Parish wishing you a birthday filled with many blessings  
and a year filled with joy and peace.

### PASTOR ON VACATION

Fr. John will be on Vacation from Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> through  
Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Monsignor Dennis O'Donovan will be our  
presider for Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and Fr. Bob Barricks will be our  
presider for Sunday, January 15. Please take a few moments after the  
Mass next weekend to make them feel welcome.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Because Fr. John will be on vacation there will be **NO Daily Masses**  
from **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. **However**  
**we will have communion services on those days.**

### LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT, WHY NOT GIVE TICKETS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB DINNER AND AUCTION

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Knights of Columbus Crab Dinner and Charity Auction  
will be held **February 4, 2012** at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds.  
This fundraiser enables the Knights to support many local programs.  
Tickets are \$35. Doors open at 4:30pm. Silent Auction 4:30-6:30pm,  
Dinner 6:45-8:00pm and Oral Auction 8:00-9:30pm. You can reserve a  
table for 8 people for \$25 but you must also buy 8 tickets at the same  
time. Tickets are sold at the weekend Masses (except Christmas  
weekend), or you can contact Duane Kloser at 503-913-2895. We are  
always looking for additional auction items. If you have something  
that you would like to donate, contact Mike Schmader at 503-266-  
1331.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the Sacrament of  
Confirmation? Is this something you have been thinking about but  
didn't know who to speak with? Would you like to know more about  
what you would need to do to prepare? If you are interested in Adult  
Confirmation please call Sara Creel or Deacon Jerry for more  
information.

### REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

On this, the octave day of Christmas, we see a further unfolding of the Christmas festival. The gospel tells us that Mary was someone who reflected on the marvelous revelation of God's new in-breaking. This mystery is so deep that we cannot grasp it from reading the gospels. We cannot grasp it from simply having it announced to us. We cannot grasp it from even living it. We can only begin to grasp the Christmas message when we, like Mary, take all the wondrous things God has shown us and done for us and reflect on them in our own hearts. This octave day of Christmas-and the first day of the New Year-reminds us that the incarnation is an ongoing mystery in our lives and it is only by reflecting on it that we can receive and accept it. Mary's utter openness and acceptance of this mystery came from a trust that enabled her to give room and time to God. But it was not always easy. What are the things Mary reflected on "in her heart"? Both marvelous events such as the angelic message relayed by the shepherds and painful circumstances such as a birth in a stable. Mary grappled with both sides of the mystery of Jesus' birth: the miraculous and the everyday, the joyous and the painful, what was already unfolding and what was yet to be revealed. Mary's reflection allows her to integrate what she hears and sees about the Mystery she is living. In all this she was really pondering the mystery of God's Presence and thus sublimely models how we too can recognize the Word being made flesh and dwelling among us. No circumstances of our lives are beyond the touch of God, beyond where God can be, beyond God's saving action on our behalf. We too must give room and time to God. We too must learn a posture of reflective openness so that we can be attentive in differing times and places, through many people and circumstances, and through easy and difficult times to God's abiding Presence. Because God loves us so much, the Son was born of our flesh and lived among us. In this, humanity is raised up to share in divinity. Because of this, we join the shepherds in "glorifying and praising God." Because of this, we are blessed too: "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace". This blessing for our New Year is a promise that God is always with us.

Living Liturgy - Year B

## EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

### FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER PRESENTS: BOOK STUDY: WOMEN, FOOD AND GOD

This best-selling book by Geneen Roth invites readers to explore the meaning of food and the way we eat, and discover how our relationships with food mirror our feelings about love, fear, anger, transformation, and God. To register, please contact Franciscan Spiritual Center, 503-794-8542. Visit their website at

[www.FrancisSpCtr.com](http://www.FrancisSpCtr.com).

Dates: Tuesdays Jan 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Cost: \$65 for series

Facilitator: Mary Jo Saavedra

### UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND TO HOST RETREAT FOR THOSE WHO ARE PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF AGING RELATIVES

The University of Portland is hosting "Compassion in Action," a two-day retreat for those who have become primary caregivers for aging relatives, on Jan. 27-28, 2012. The retreat will take place at the Griffin Center (11957 SE Fuller Rd., Milwaukie, OR) and costs \$35 per person for meals, lodging, and retreat materials.

Reservations are due by Monday, January 16 and can be made by email at [alumni@up.edu](mailto:alumni@up.edu) or by phone at 503-943-7328. This overnight retreat is limited to 24 participants. Scholarships may be available-please inquire when making reservations.

The retreat is aimed at non-professional caregivers who have become primary caregivers for aging relatives. Many people who find themselves in this situation find themselves feeling overwhelmed or otherwise unprepared to provide proper care not only for their loved ones, but also for themselves in their new role.

The retreat will teach basic concepts of self-care and connect caregivers with one another for mutual support. How caregiving is a way to share in the mission and compassion of Christ will also be explored. The retreat is sponsored by the University's Office of Alumni Relations. Please contact Ken Hallenius at [halleniu@up.edu](mailto:halleniu@up.edu) or 503-943-8326 for any questions.

### MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY PRESENTS: CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD WINTER/SPRING 2012 SERIES

"The Kingdom of God is Among you"

Speakers for Winter/Spring 2012 Lecture Series

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| 1/14/12 | The Kingdom in the Scriptures - Part 1 - Sister Jeanette von Hermann, OSB |
| 2/22/12 | The Kingdom in the Scriptures-Part 2 - Sister Jeanette Von Hermann OSB    |
| 3/10/12 | The Kingdom of God in Church History - Brother Jonah Wright OSB           |
| 4/14/12 | The Kingdom of God in Modern Times - Abbot Peter Eberle, OSB              |

Cost is \$50 for the series (four Saturdays) or \$15 a session. Student cost is \$20 for the series or \$5 a session. Presentations take place in the Mount Angel Abbey Library Auditorium. Bring a "brown bag" lunch or order a lunch at check in. Mass starts at 8am followed by registration and the lecture until after lunch. Call Cecile Beckermann at 503-393-5041 to register or for more information.

## Parish Happenings

**January 1 - 7, 2012**

### Sunday

5:00pm Bible Study  
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

### Monday

6:00pm Intercessory Prayers  
7:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group

### Tuesday

7:00pm Tuesday evening Mass  
7:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group choir pr.  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus

### Wednesday

8:00am Daily Mass  
7:00pm Journey in Faith, Youth in Action, Confirmation prep, Confirmed and Growing, RCIA

### Thursday

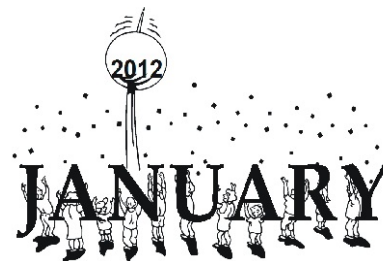
8:00pm Daily Mass  
12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:30pm Religious Education -Spanish Community  
7:00pm Bible Study  
8:00pm Benediction

### Friday

7:00am Marian Prayer Gr.  
8:00am Daily Mass  
7:00pm Hispanic Pr. Gr.

### Saturday

10:00am Epiphany Rehearsal



# PARISH NEWS

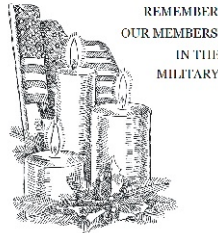
## OUR PRIVILEGE, OUR RIGHT, AND OUR DUTY

As it is written 'even if these forget, yet I will not forget you.' (Is 49:15):

We in the Catholic Church in the Community of St.

Patrick remember, hold in our memory, and pray for the men and women who serve in the Armed

Forces especially: *Cody Amick, Ryan Thomas Blackwood, Ryan Bridges, Aaron Burch, Isaiah Creel, Tanner Cushing, David Davis, Loyd Davis, Kenny Doleac, Brad Dunn, Bill Ellis, Adam Ferrell, David Hannon, Nolan Henden, Joe Hauck, April Kennedy, Patrick Kirsch, Mike Krzmarzick, Sarah Losson, William Losson, Johnny Lugo, Adam Lulay, Alonzo Maronilla, Jordan Martinez, Jordan Morelli, Joey Nikkirk, Daniel Olsen, Keith Schantin, Matthew Schmader, Robert Selner, Kristian Spencer, Tarl Spencer, John Suchanek, Brian Thomas, CJ Trillo, William Walsh, Ivan Wilson.* May they be servants of Christ through service to those in need, and may they be kept safe from all harm.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK January 3-8, 2012

Tuesday, January 3

Special Intention for those who are ill in our parish

**Wednesday, January 4**

Intention of the parishioners

**Thursday, January 5**

+Jim Lyford by Schoen & Newbury families

**Friday, January 6**

Intention of the parishioners

**Saturday, January 7**

5:30p.m. Intention of the parishioners

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

8:30am +Pfc Matthew C. Colin by Dawson family

11:00am Intention of the parishioners

4:00pm Intention of the parishioners

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That in union with Mary, the Mother of God, we who have received Spirit of her Son into our hearts, will pray with zeal for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, We pray to the Lord.

That Mary, Mother of the Church, will guide and protect the Church with her motherly love, We pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the orphaned, the lonely, and the forgotten - that the sorrowful Mother of God will be their consolation and their joy. We pray to the Lord.

On this World Day of Peace, let us pray that Mary, Queen of Peace, will intercede to bring a genuine and lasting peace to all the world. We pray to the Lord.

## PARISH SUPPORT – December 25, 2011

Funds collected for others:

Cemetery:	\$
St. Vincent de Paul	\$225.00
Total	\$225.00
Collection-Parish Operating Expenses:	
Envelopes'	\$17,590.00
Loose	\$926.40
Children's	\$2.00
Poor	\$27.00
Unemployment	\$
Building Fund	\$270.00
Total	\$18,815.40



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rackleff Place in Canby is currently looking for experienced Medical Aides to work with senior population of a small facility. Pay depends on experience. Must like to work weekends and weekdays on rotating schedule. Looking for Day Shift, Swing Shift and Night Shift teams. If interested, please apply at 655 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, Canby or go on line to [www.rackleffplace.com](http://www.rackleffplace.com) or on line at [www.ccliving.com](http://www.ccliving.com). For more information please contact Nicki Hollen at 503-266-9555.

# Religious Education News



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME

**Class times will resume as follows:**  
Junior High/High School will be Wednesday, **January 4<sup>th</sup>**, Hispanic Religious Education; Thursday, **January 5<sup>th</sup>** and English Elementary will resume Sunday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>**.

## REHEARSAL FOR EPIPHANY PLAY

There will be a rehearsal for all elementary students who have speaking parts in the Epiphany play on Saturday, **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. Please join Adriana Baurer in the auditorium to practice your part.



## EPIPHANY PLAY

The elementary religious education classes will be presenting a Christmas play on Sunday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>** immediately following

the 11:00am Mass. All parents and parishioners are invited to attend; please come and support our program and see what the children have prepared for you! Cookies and refreshments will be served.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER

God of our resolutions,  
You are the reason for our hope,  
the source of our inspiration.  
As we begin this new year,  
we gather around this table.  
We ask for your blessing  
not only on the food that we share  
but also on the plans we make,  
the choices that are ahead of us,  
the decisions that are a necessary part of life.  
Guide us in this new year.  
Send us a generous portion of your Spirit,  
that we might walk in your way,  
be confident in your truth,  
and live in your life.  
Form us, your people, into your kingdom.  
Make us a sign of your love,  
a witness of your forgiveness,  
a people committed to the gospel.  
We pray in expectant hope.  
Amen

## GOSPEL LIVING

January Focus:  
"Planning"

The ability to plan is very important. We need to think ahead and consider what the future may bring. On a daily level, we plan from what to wear to all the things we need to accomplish in the day and how to get them done. We need to think ahead and plan for our children's needs, the house we hope to buy, our retirement, and even the unexpected expenses that will inevitably come. At the same time, we have to accept the fact that we cannot know the future. There will always be surprises no matter how well we have planned. That does not relieve us of the responsibility to plan ahead; but, it does mean we have to keep ourselves open to changing those plans when circumstances change. As people of faith, we place our trust in God, knowing that God's grace will always be there to help and guide us. We often compartmentalize our lives putting God and faith in one box and daily life in another. That does not work. It is not really being faithful to our Baptismal commitment. Faith must light the path for our lives everyday in all things. If we think just going to church on Sunday qualifies us to call ourselves "Christians" then we have really missed the point. If we go about our daily tasks and never pause to thank God for the little things that brighten our day or to ask the spirit to help us with difficult situations, then we are not living our faith. If we set goals without considering if this is what God wants for us and praying for the light to know the path we should take, we are not living our faith. If we make our plans without seeking God's blessing, being open to changing those plans when we find God is calling us to adapt those plans or even change them completely, then we are not living our faith. How does God fit in with your planning and goals. Do you pray for the grace and courage to know and do God's will?

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