

**14 February 2010—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Valentine's Day**

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17TH

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 17th— a day of Fast & Abstinence

- * SMM Masses: 8:30AM, 11AM and 7PM
- * St. John: 7PM
- * Please note: ashes are distributed only at Mass.

The complete Lenten and Easter schedule for all services, Confession times and the Church's Lenten Regulations is included with this bulletin. Please take the insert and post it in your home for reference.



As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please Pray For: Marie Scott, Marylee Penhollow, Eunice McGough, Bea & Len Whitlock, Rusty Taylor, Michael Hoag, Frank Jones, Colin Ward, Linda Pratt, Maria Weinberger, Hope Smith and Nancy Barton.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2009 REBATES—WOW!

Thank you to our parishioners for faithfully paying your 2009 ACA pledges. Our assessed goals for the Archdiocese have been paid and rebates are still coming in! You can make payments to the Archdiocese of Seattle through April 20, 2010 to fulfill your 2009 pledge.

To date, the St. Mary Magdalen rebate is \$22,555. The cost of installing the newly opened special needs restroom on the church level has been paid off! Any remaining 2009 rebate money will go toward the purchase of new vestments for The Chapel of Our Lady in the Parish Office. The St. John Mission rebate of \$4,892 will go toward their Debt Reduction Fund. Thank you all so much!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON AT ST. JOHN MISSION



Celebrate the Irish with great food and entertainment. The St. John Mission Women's Guild will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Thursday, March 11th, in the hall downstairs. The doors will open at noon and lunch will be served by a professional chef at 12:30PM. Please join us for this "green" event. Tickets are \$7.00 each and will be sold after 9AM Mass at St. John Mission or you can call Reggie Buck 425-484-6657.

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, February 15th
for the national holiday, Presidents' Day.
You may leave messages with our service at
425-353-1212.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER—YOU'RE INVITED!



Cornerstone Young Adults will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Feb. 21 in the Parish Hall at SMMM to raise funds for their mission trip to Mexico this summer. Cornerstone will be building a home for a family through Esperanza International, similar to Habitat for Humanity in the US. Come support the young adults, have some great food and learn about the trip. Info: Cornerstone.esperanza@gmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUPPER!

Our special Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Friday, February 19th. Soup will be served from 5:00—7:00PM in the Parish Hall every Friday during Lent except for Good Friday. We hope that families will take the time to enjoy this simple soup and bread dinner and then attend the Stations of the Cross, which will begin at 7PM in the church.

This meatless meal is designed to help us identify with those less fortunate. We are asked to donate the cost of our regular evening meal which we are substituting with this dinner of soup and bread in solidarity with the poor. The money donated goes to the Rice Bowl Collection which helps the poor around the world and in our own community. Please join us for simple food and the good company of your fellow parishioners and help those in need by doing so.

NEWS FROM SMM SCHOOL (425) 353-7559

St. Mary Magdalen School 50th Jubilee Auction: Please join us Saturday, March 27, at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Tickets will be on sale next week in our school office. We are also accepting cash donations and auction items for this wonderful annual event. Please drop off any items at the school office. For more information about the auction, please go to www.stmarym.org/auction.

Applications for the School Year 2010-2011: Please phone the school office if you wish your child to attend our school next year. We are happy to provide you with enrollment information and paperwork!

Third Grade Bake Sale: Last Tuesday the third graders in Mrs. Houghton's and Miss Pelky's classrooms held a Bake Sale to benefit the Everett Women's Gospel Mission. The students and parents brought cupcakes, cookies and other delicious items to sell. Everyone enjoyed the treats and helped a local service agency at the same time.

Students Help Deaconess Children's Services: Students and parents along with the Hot Lunch Committee were recently involved in a special service project. Families were invited to participate in a "Breakfast for Lunch" event. While enjoying French toast and sausage, they also raised \$640 in cash donations, along with bagfuls of new pajamas and new stuffed animals! All proceeds went to Deaconess Children's Service.

Thoughts from a School Parent: "The biggest strength of St. Mary Magdalen School is the children. When I walk into the school and am greeted by young teens who smile, speak appropriately, make eye contact with me and seem happy, it makes me glad my younger child is in a place that fosters such self-secure children."

For more about registration application materials, please phone the school or visit our website: www.stmarym.org

MASS INTENTIONS: Mon.—Sat. 7:30AM (Wed. 8:30AM)

To have a Mass said for someone deceased or for the intentions of a living person, stop at the Parish Office with your request and donation. The usual donation is \$10—\$15.

Mon. Feb. 15	Richard Robertson—Deceased
Tues. Feb. 16	Kathleen Harrigan—Intentions
Wed. Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday
Thurs. Feb. 18	Larry Replogle —Deceased
Fri. Feb. 19	Mrs. Glenn Henrickson—Intentions
Sat. Feb. 20	Brian Thomas —Deceased

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Mon. Feb. 15..... - Presidents' Day—No School
 - Parish Office closed—no classes or meetings in SMM Facilities.
 - 7PM—St. John Men's Club—SJ Hall
- Tues. Feb. 16..... - 8AM—3PM—St. Andrew's Room reserved
 - 9:30AM—Rosary Group—St John Hall
 - 6:30PM—SJ Choir—SJ Choir Loft
 - 6:30PM—40 Days for Life Kick-off—PH
 - 7PM—Apologetics Class—Room 7B
 - 7PM—SMM/SJ Joint Council—St. Jsph.
 - 7PM—Knights of Columbus - ERB
- Wed. Feb. 17..... - **Ash Wednesday—schedule on page 1**
 - 2PM—Girl Sct. #4348—Parish Hall
 - 4PM—Jubilate Choir—CH loft/MP
- Thurs. Feb. 18..... - 8AM—Morning Prayer—Church
 - 12PM—ACA Training—off campus
 - 12PM—Share/Care Lunch—
 - 1-3PM—Bulletin Comm.—St. Andrew Rm.
 - 5PM—6:30PM—C Sct Den Mtg.—PH
 - 6:00PM Evening Prayer—Church
 - 7PM—Adult Confirmation Class—Sch. 7B
 - 7PM—Endowment meeting—Sch. Library
 - 7PM—RCIA—Parish Hall
 - 7PM—RCIC—School room 6A
 - 7PM— Stewardship committee—St. Jsph
- Fri. Feb. 19..... - 8AM—Morning Prayer—Church
 - 9:30— Outreach Ministers—SJ Hall
 - 10:30AM—Deanery Mtg.—Holy Rosary
 - 2:15PM—School Stations/Cross—CH
 - 5-7PM—Soup Supper—Parish Hall
 - 6:00PM—Evening Prayer
 - 7PM— Stations of the Cross—Church
 - 7-8PM—Confessions—Church
 - 7PM—Vietnamese Class—ERB
- Sat. Feb. 20..... - 8:30AM—Men's Scripture Study—St. And.
 - 8:30AM—Women's Scripture—St. Jsph.
 - 3:30PM—Confessions—SMM Church
- Sun. Feb. 21..... - 1st Sunday of Lent
 - Cornerstone Pancake Bkfst Fundraiser PH after 8AM, 10AM and 12 Noon Masses
 - 10AM Mass—Rite of Sending
 - 10AM—Pre-school Class—School
 - All Day – Faith Formation classes—SL
 - 11:15AM—Teen Choir—SMM loft
 - 1:30— HS Gr. 9-12—Parish Hall
 - 1:30PM—Teen Conf. class—PH

**Please return your Sacrificial Giving Pledge.
 We need everyone to participate.**

God bless you for your help.

WHAT HAVE I GIVEN BACK TO GOD FOR ALL HE'S GIVEN ME?**COST**

If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can get that the water bill is higher.

Hebrews 13:5

- Dcn. Dave

EN THEOS—ENTHUSIASM FOR THE FAITH

To solve the shortage of priests in this country, why can't we bring in priests from other countries where they have enough?

This is a recycled story that makes me wonder where exactly is this country where there are so many priests? The place does not exist, but it raises some interesting issues, including people's attitudes towards priests. Firstly, diocesan priests are ordained for a diocese to serve the needs of their own people. Much of their ministry is based on a knowledge of cultural norms, customs and values. They are called from their local communities to serve local needs. They are not all foreign missionaries. Secondly, Americans often assume wrongly that people of other nations are anxious to come to the US. Priests, like any of us, want to be close to family and friends and do not necessarily see us as having the land of wonder and opportunity. Thirdly, the priesthood is changing and people need to adapt. In the short term, things will be difficult. There may not always be a Mass in your parish every day or even every week. In the long run, the Holy Spirit will have to show us what we are to do. Fourth, ministry is everyone's responsibility, so get involved! Finally, show your appreciation and concern for the priests we do have. They have a tough job and it is not getting any easier.

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called, or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor, or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you. Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, he will provide the grace, direction and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind and soul.

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