

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Bellingham, WA.

I ordered a tall drip coffee from Rhonda at Starbucks. I could tell immediately that she is a veteran. When a person has been working in their field for a long time, their skills show in everything they do. The Apostles of Jesus were veterans at boating and fishing. Their livelihoods were dependent upon these skills. It is interesting then to notice that the Apostles were tossed about by the wind in the boat to the point of needing Jesus' intervention. No matter how good we are at what we do, our abilities to carry out our tasks are dependent upon a greater power. Sure, Rhonda is a great barista, but who gave her the good health to be able to work? The Apostles were great boaters, but even these skills cannot withstand the simple wind that tossed their boat. Who is lord of the wind?

Origen, the second century biblical scholar, theologian, and Church Father commented that the crossing of the boat on the waters is a symbol of the Christian life. God has given each one of us a set of skills with which to navigate through life. For the most part, we do it well, but there are times when our abilities are worthless against the storms of life. At these moments, when we are frightened and begin to sink like Peter, we need to respond in a similar way: call out to Jesus and beg Him, "Lord, save me!"

Fr. Qui-Thac Nguyen

Potpourri of Art Committee Meeting Reminder

All Potpourri of Art 2008 Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs are reminded that there is a meeting scheduled in **St. Francis Room in the Parish Center**, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. on August 12, 2008.

Seeking Working Computer

A Senior homebound parishioner is in need of a working computer and someone to set it up for her. She would like to have the computer to keep in touch with her family. Please contact Mary Spencer at 733-7634 or Sheila Siebert at 734-5029.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

On the 18th of every month since Advent of 2000, the churches in Bellingham have been praying for peace in the Middle East. On Monday, August 18th at 5:30 p.m. the prayer will be hosted by Whatcom Pax Christi, an international Catholic peace association, and held at Church of the Assumption. Please join us.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." No matter how strong the winds, Jesus is there to take our hands and guide our marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 26-28 in Centralia and October 17-19 in the Seattle area. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.SeattleWWME@yahoo.com or call Kay or Mike Gougeon at 671-6955.

Just Faith

JustFaith, a formation program for parishioners interested in social ministry, will be offered beginning this fall. JustFaith offers an intensive study of the Christian's call to address the needs of the world. The thirty-week program includes weekly meetings, regular reading, retreats and immersion experiences. The program begins the week of September 14-18. For more information, call Patti Wright at 778-3047. **Registration meeting at 12:20p.m. today in the St. Augustine Room at the Parish Center.**



Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

Come and pray with us once a month on the 3rd Sunday for one hour from 2-3:00 p.m. at Whatcom County's abortion clinic: Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood (1530 Ellis St.). Our monthly vigil will be Sunday, August 17, 2008, 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 at 671-4836.

Garage Sale to Benefit Lydia Place

August 15-16, 2008

Proceeds from this garage sale support **Moms & Kids** at Lydia Place

Location: the Sportsplex

Fri. Aug. 15 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sat. Aug. 16 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hundreds of Donors

Thousands of Items

A Word from Cast

We would like to Thank the Parishioners for all the assistance with preparing sandwiches and Serving/Transporting.

We need Sandwich Makers and Transportation/ Servers for Sept. 8th, 15th and the 28th. On the 22nd of Sept. we need sandwich makers and servers.

Sincerely, Ginnie and Lee

If you can help, please call Ginnie at 647-5703 or Lee at 738-4010.

August 9 & August 10

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Gospel: (Matt 14:22-33)

Aug. 10 8:30 a.m. Mass Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (Knights of Columbus) Hall
 11:00 a.m. Mass Church
 12:20 p.m. JustFaith Registration Mtg. St. Augustine

AGAPE Group in Hall, Kitchen, St. Augustine/St. Monica, and St. Nicholas Rooms from August 10th to August 15th.

Clare, virgin, Gospel: (Matt 19:27-29)

**Aug. 11
Mon.**

**Jane Frances de Chantal, religious
Gospel: (Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14)**

Aug. 12 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry St. Francis Room
Tues. 5:15 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 6:00 p.m. Mass (*Eleanor Maloney*) (+) Church
 7:00 p.m. Potpourri of Art Mtg. St. Francis Room

Pontian, pope, martyr, Gospel: (Matt 18:15-20)

Aug. 13 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Wed. 12:10 p.m. Mass (*John Patton*) (+) Church

Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr, Gospel: (Matt 18:21-19:1)

Aug. 14 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Thurs. 12:10 p.m. Mass (*Fr. Edward Fitzpatrick*) (+) Church
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting St. Francis

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gospel: (Luke 1:39-56)**

Aug. 15 11:15 a.m. Reconciliation Church
Fri. 12:10 p.m. Mass (*Vincent Ledray*) (+) Church
 (*Richard Marshall*) (+)
 7:00 p.m. Mass Church

Isa 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Gospel: (Matt 15:21-28)

Aug. 16 8:30 a.m. Mass Winter Chapel
Sat. 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Church
 5:00 p.m. Mass Church

Isa 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Gospel: (Matt 15:21-28)

Aug. 17 8:30 a.m. Mass Church
Sun. 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (Wish) Shaughnessy Hall
 11:00 a.m. Mass Church
 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Potluck. Shaughnessy Hall

Assumption School News

SCRIP sales August 12-13 at the Uniform Sale.

WANTED: Eucharistic Ministers for the school Masses on Fridays. If you regularly attend the Friday school Mass and would be willing to commit to being a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the principal, Rose Goeres, at 733-6133.

The All-School Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th. The event begins with the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Church of the Assumption, followed by a 6:00 p.m. reception and a 6:30 welcome. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact Jennifer Rick at 733-6133 to RSVP by phone, or go to the school's website at www.school.assumption.org for on-line registration.

Deadline is Tuesday, August 12th. Don't Delay!

Registration for 2008-2009: Call Assumption Catholic School (733-6133) for a tour and a meeting with the principal.

Religious Education News

Cast

Ginnie Parine (647-5703) and Lee Langdon (738-4010) have stepped up to serve as coordinators for Sacred Heart CAST Program! Thank you Ginnie and Lee! Sacred Heart participates during Western Newman Center's Breaks. If you or your family are interested in making sandwiches and/or serving them to Bellingham's needy, please contact Ginnie or Lee.

Signups for summer are located on the clipboard in the back of the Church.

Sign-Up for RE Classes

It's not too soon to start thinking about RE Classes for Next Year...
 Sign-ups will be August 24th and 31st.

Faith and Light

Faith and Light is a gathering of Christians with disabilities and their caregivers. Gatherings are held at Assumption Church. For details, call: 360-647-1380. For more information on Sacred Heart's Social Justice Committee, call Ginnie Parine at 360-647-5703.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2008 Campaign

Our Annual Appeal Goal was \$42,783.00
 Sacred Heart's Rebate Goal was \$30,000.00
Our Rebate for the replacement of the floor in Shaughnessy Hall equals **\$29,542.00**
 Total pledged amount is **\$72,290.00**.
Thank You, to the **48.04%** of the Parish who have responded to the Annual Appeal.

We just received our first rebate check for \$5,219.63 on July 28, 2008. Largest first check and the earliest. Thank You so much!

Sacred Heart's Stewardship Gift Corner Giving to Others! August 2 & August 3, 2008

Envelopes (175)	\$ 11,231.00
Visitors	\$ 728.79
Children (1)	\$ 3.00
Total Sunday Income	\$ 11,962.79
Weekly Budget Need Fiscal Year 08-09	\$ 8,097.11
Build Hope	\$ 1,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 453.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 56.00
Assumption School	\$ 51.00

Thank You for all the gifts of Time, Treasure and Talent you give to Sacred Heart!