January 10th, 2016

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— *Titus 3:5*

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**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

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**Mass Intentions & Memorial Candles**

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular Intention or for someone who has died, or if you would like to dedicate a candle to an intention or a loved one, please call the parish office. The stipend for the Mass is $10. The candles are $30 for 1 month, $60 for 6 months, or $90 for one year. Our office staff will help you find an open date and time for a Mass, or available candles for dedications.
Baptism. Simply it means initiation. One who is baptized is initiated into a relationship with all members of a particular community. Also one is initiated to swear allegiance to the laws, rules and teachings of that community.

When Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, the voice of God called out, “You are my son.” Luke suggests that the baptism of Jesus begins that functional relationship between him and the Father. Being the Father’s son, he will now start his messianic work. Indeed, Jesus embarked on a mission. Jesus started his public ministry to fulfill his Father’s will, the very reason for the Incarnation.

We are God’s sons and daughters too. Like Jesus we are God’s beloved. To be beloved is pretty awesome. It surely gives us uplifting. But to be beloved by God means to love Him back unceasingly.

Loving God unceasingly is like embarking on a mission. As Jesus embarked on public ministry, our mission of loving God back is embarking on a journey of making Jesus’s mission on earth continue to be fulfilled.

Ordinary Time. The Feast of the baptism of Jesus officially ends the Christmas season. As such we are back to the Ordinary Time.

What’s ordinary in Ordinary Time? Nothing. In fact, it is so special because each Sunday in the Ordinary Time is a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

Year of Mercy. This January, our program of mercy is focused on feeding the poor. Hunger is worldwide. But there are certain places where hunger is worse. In Africa and Asia, countries where poverty is extreme experience worse hunger. Food and water are very scarce. Opportunities are very limited. Resources are dwindling quickly.

What can we do to help, if not end, lessen the hunger problem around the world? Our Church enjoins us to feed the hungry. Our parish will be launching in the next few weeks a program to gather food items to benefit the hungry. We will inform you more of the details soon.

In the meantime, I would you to get involved in any way possible to do a personal commitment to feed the hungry. We have a soup kitchen where you can contribute money to help their procurements. It is also possible, should there be opportunity, to help anyone who is hungry and homeless.

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Nuestra Iglesia nos exhorta a alimentar a los hambrientos. Nuestra parroquia lanzará en las próximas semanas un programa para recolectar alimentos para beneficiar a los hambrientos. Les informaremos y daremos más detalles pronto.

Mientras tanto, me gustaría que usted puedan participar en todo lo posible para hacer un compromiso personal para alimentar a los hambrientos. Tenemos un comedor donde damos de comer a los que no tienen alimento usted puede contribuir con dinero para ayudar en esta causa. También la posibilidad, de tener la oportunidad, de ayudar a cualquier persona que tiene hambre y este sin hogar.

Thank you!

As a first step in response to Pope Francis’ call to show mercy to our fellow beings, St. Mary’s was recently involved in our city's Homeless Memorial. This event was begun nationally in 1990, is held on the longest night of the year, and commemorates the lives lost amongst the homeless. The names of those lost this year were read, with a volley of rifle fire to honor the veterans who were on the list. Candles were lit for each one, with the last candle lit in honor of Bill Lane who was a strong proponent for those in need. Besides being a major contributor of items needed for the homeless (blankets, coats, socks, etc.), our Soup Kitchen also provided food for those who attended the event.

This is Mike Woody's reflection on the event:

“I felt a need to recap our participation with the Homeless Memorial last month. It was an extraordinary journey of experiences, the concrete step that Archbishop Sample had asked us to take for us to live out this Extraordinary Jubilee Year that began on Dec 8.

We have collected items in the past but for some reason this project was different. The response from our parish family was enormous. Possibly it always is and I never noticed before but it seemed like everyone realized the need, heard the call and quickly responded. Special to me, I was at the table when we presented the idea and knew it was the right thing to do, all of us did at that table I think.

Obviously the best thing is those that needed clothing items, received them. But, beyond that, possibly overlooked was St Mary’s was at the center of participation with the community to help those in need without judgement or expecting anything in return. We journeyed outside our walls of security and joined with peoples of many faiths and possibly some with no faith, but full of compassion and found community. We served up some great soup for those gathered and was slurped up with smiles.

Some may have received a coat or new socks, I think we all were able to genuinely see God’s Love and Mercy first hand and look forward to our next encounter together.”

Much thanks goes to all the members of our parish who really stepped up and sent the message that every life matters. Special thanks to those who helped transfer the items to the City Council Chambers, and to our Soup Kitchen crew who helped keep people warm with a tasty soup.

¡Gracias!

Como primer paso en respuesta al llamado del Papa Francisco para mostrar misericordia a nuestros semejantes, La Iglesia Santa María participó recientemente en el Día Memorial de los Desamparados de nuestra ciudad. Este evento se inició a nivel nacional en 1990, se celebró en la noche más larga del año, y conmemora las vidas perdidas entre las personas sin hogar. Los nombres de los que fallecieron este año fueron leídos, con una descarga de disparos de rifle para honrar a los veteranos que estaban en la lista. Las velas fueron encendidas para cada uno, con la última luz de las velas en honor a Bill Lane, quien era un fuerte defensor de los necesitados. Además de ser un importante contribuyente de artículos necesarios para las personas sin hogar (mantas, abrigos, calcetines, etc.), nuestra cocina también proporcionó alimentos para los que asistieron al evento.

Esta es la reflexión de Mike Woody en el evento:

"Sentí la necesidad de recapitular nuestra participación con las Personas sin Hogar en el Memorial del mes pasado. Fue un extraordinario viaje de experiencias, la medida concreta que el Arzobispo Simple que nos pide que vivamos y llevemos a cabo este extraordinario Año Jubilar que inició el 08 de Diciembre.

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The Knights Famous Pancake Breakfast
Will be on Sunday Jan 24 after both the 8:30 and 11am mass. The proceeds will benefit our Cub Scout Pack at St Mary’s. The scouts and their leaders will be there to help and share all the activities they are doing this year. Please save the date for a great breakfast.

Liturgical Ministers Retreat with Archbishop Vlazny
January 13, 2016 at 6:30pm In the Gathering Space
The retreat will center around the Eucharist, but it is for ALL Liturgical Ministers.

Prayer Corner

Please keep all those who are in the military, or are ill or suffering in your prayers.

For those who are ill or homebound: George & Lee Huster, Paul Williams, Jenny, Jeannette Duncan, Bruce Heilman, Vonnie Heilman, Mary Pacquin, Betty Ward, Gary Vosper, Clarence Darnell, and those struggling with cancer and other illnesses or upcoming surgeries

We pray for peace throughout our entire world. We remember our family members and friends who are serving in the military: Andy Borst, Michael Pennington, Thomas Hellman, Kennon Whyte, Mike Andre, Nathan Noziger
If you would like to add the name of someone who is serving in the military, please call the office.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed:

Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign
Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our Archdiocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará la Colecta para la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación. Esta colecta comunica el Evangelio a través de actividades en los medios sociales católicos y enriquece nuestra fe a través de los podcasts, la televisión, la radio y la prensa escrita. La mitad de lo recaudado permanece en nuestra Arquidiócesis y financia las necesidades locales así que, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a esta colecta.

Hemos recogido artículos en el pasado, pero por alguna razón este proyecto fue diferente. La respuesta de las familias de nuestra parroquial fue enorme. Posiblemente era siempre pero yo nunca me había dado cuenta antes, pero parecía que todo el mundo se dio cuenta de la necesidad, escucharon el llamado y rápidamente respondieron. Especialmente para mí, yo estaba en la mesa de reunión cuando presentamos la idea y sabíamos que hacíamos lo correcto, creo que todos en esa mesa estaban de acuerdo.

Obviamente lo mejor fue que los que necesitan ropa y artículos, lo recibieron. Pero, más allá de todo, no hay que pasar por alto que Nuestra Iglesia Santa María estaba en el centro de la participación con la comunidad para ayudar a los necesitados sin juzgar ni esperar nada a cambio. Salimos fuera de nuestras paredes de la seguridad y nos unimos con los pueblos de muchas religiones y, posiblemente, algunos de ellos con no fe, pero lleno de compasión y encontrando una comunidad. Servimos una estupenda sopa para los reunidos y me sentí muy bien al ver sus sonrisas.

Algunos pudieron recibir un abrigo o calcetines nuevos, creo que todos pudimos ver realmente de primera mano el Amor y la Misericordia de Dios y esperamos nuestro próximo encuentro juntos.

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Un agradecimiento especial a todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia que realmente dieron un gran paso al enviar el mensaje de que cada vida importa. Un agradecimiento especial a los que ayudaron a trasladar los artículos al Ayuntamiento de la ciudad, y para nuestro equipo de nuestra cocina, que ayudaron a mantener a la gente cálida con sopa y bebidas calientes.
Offertory Update Week Ending 1/03/15
General Collection: $11,086
Solemnity of Mary Collection: $1,832
Building & Maintenance: $304
Raise the Roof: $475
Family Crisis Fund: $3
Local Charities: $25
Liturgy Fund: $25
Hispanic Ministry Collection: $786

Thank you for your support of St. Mary’s Parish through your prayers, good wishes and gifts of time and money. If you would like to use envelopes or EFT to make your donations, please contact the parish office. Thanks!

COLLECTING EMPTY EGG CARTONS - 12-PACKS
Please bring in egg cartons for Religious Ed students to use. We will be collecting them for use during Lent, but we need quite a few. Bring them to the parish office Tuesday - Friday, 9-Noon or 1-4pm. Thank You! We really appreciate your help.

Pope Francis has designated 2016 as the Year of Mercy.
Our Catechism defines Mercy as:
Charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his or her spiritual and bodily necessities.

In keeping with his Holiness's request, each week we will be presenting one family or individual with a statue of the Holy Family. This can be put on display somewhere in their home as a reminder of the Pontiff's desire for all of us to pray for and show mercy and kindness toward all people, especially to those who are less fortunate. After one week the statue will be passed on to another family or individual. This week the McDowell family, Peggy and Ian will receive the statue. This ritual will continue throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support and participation from:
The Knights of Columbus and
The Catholic Daughters of St. Mary's

Are you...an unmarried young adult (post high school - 30)? Seeking something more in your life?
If so, please join us for the Young Adult Teams of Our Lady (YATOL) Information session on Saturday, Jan. 16th at 5:00, St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church in Portland. The YATOL Information Meeting is a time that you can familiarize yourself with the YATOL Movement, hear Young Adult testimonies, and ask questions. YATOL is an international Catholic young adult movement built on the principles of building community with other young adults and of service to our local churches. If you are interested in learning more about YATOL, please be sure to join us! For more information or to RSVP, contact us at jillmohr2@gmail.com. Food will be provided.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Jan 10
"The Eucharist is the center and summit of the whole of sacramental life, through which each Christian receives the saving power of the redemption, beginning with the mystery of baptism in which we are buried into the death of Christ, in order to become sharers in His resurrection, as the Apostle teaches (cf Rom 6:3-5). In the light of this teaching, we see still more clearly the reason why the entire sacramental life of the Church and of each Christian reaches its summit and fullness in the Eucharist. (Pope John Paul II)

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is available in the chapel 24 hours every day. For adoration outside of the 24-hour regular Thursday schedule, call the office for instructions and to enlist. Everyone is welcome. Spend as much or as little time as you can. Thank you for offering our Lord this special hour. Expect God's blessing, and give Him thanks.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Mary's will meet on January 11 at 9:00a - 11:00a in the basement of the Lady of Guadalupe House. As we begin the New Year we invite anyone who would like to join in the beautiful ministry of prayer, comfort, healing and hope. There are no meeting obligations and anyone can do the work of this ministry at home. There is always someone available to help you get started and to learn the craft of knitting or crocheting should you wish to learn or sharpen skills that maybe have been put aside. If you would like to learn more, contact Carol Hawke at 541-926-2106 or email the-hawkes@comcast.net. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. We look forward to seeing you this year! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Roe v. Wade Memorial Rally
January 17th, 2016
Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon
Beginning with a band at 2:15pm

FIREWOOD
Delivered & Stacked
Cub Scout Pack 377 are selling firewood as a fundraiser. The cost is $300 per cord which includes delivery and stacking for the first 5 cords purchased.
POC is Bernie Covino at 541-926-9614
Catholic Daughters National Education Contest

2016 Theme
We are stewards of God’s creation. How do we care for the environment?

Categories:
Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art (All Divisions)
Music, Photography (Division 2-3 only)

Divisions Division:
Division 1: Grades 4-5
Division 2: Grades 6-8
Division 3: Grades 9-12

Contest Entry Deadline: Feb. 15, 2016
Prizes: 1st Place: $100, 2nd: $50, 3rd: $25

Detailed Information, rules and contest entry forms are available on the youth bulletin board. Share your imagination, creativity, thoughts and ideas with others!

All youth, grades 4-12, are encouraged to enter!

El Concurso Nacional de las hijas Católicas

2016 Temas:
Somos mayordomos de la creación divina. Como podemos cuidar el medio ambiente?

Categorías:
Composición, Poesía, Arte de Computadora (Todas las Divisiones)
Música, Fotografía (Division 2-3 solamente)

Divisions Division:
Division 1: Grados 4-5
Division 2: Grados 6-8
Division 3: Grados 9-12

Fecha limite de entrar en el Concurso: Febrero 7 2016
Premios: 1er Lugar: $100, 2nd Lugar: $50, 3rd Lugar: $25

La información detallada, las normas y los formularios de inscripción del concurso están disponibles en el tablón de anuncios para Jóvenes. Comparte tu imaginación, creatividad, pensamientos e ideas con los demás!

Todos los Jóvenes del grado 4-12 están invitados a participar!

Youth Ministry Happenings ~ Eventos del Ministerio juvenil

1/10 Confirmation (en Español), 11:30 am–12:45 pm
Confirmation (Eng), 6:30-8:00 pm. Doors open at 6:20 pm.
High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm, Youth Loft
Middle School Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm, St. John XXIII Rm.

1/13 Teen Praise & Worship Team Practice (PWT), 6:00-7:00 pm, church

1/16-17 Confirmation Retreat, 8:00 am Sat.- 6:00 pm Sunday. Meet at 8 am in the Maximillian Kolbe Room. Enter from the parking lot door.

1/24 Confirmation (en Español), 11:30 am–12:45 pm
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Youth Coordinator: Cherrie Barnes ext 315
Elementary Religious Education Director: Suzanne Duda, ext 344

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM English, 7:00 PM Spanish; Sunday 8:30AM English, 11:00 AM English, 1:00PM Spanish
Daily Masses: Monday to Saturday 8:30AM, Wednesday 5:30PM, 1st Thursdays @ 9:45AM in Mennonite Home Chapel
Confessions: Wednesday 9:15AM - 5PM, Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM, 6:15 - 7:00PM, Sunday 7:30 - 8:30AM, 10:00 - 11:00AM, 12:15 - 1PM

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Communal Recitation 8:00-8:30AM and 5:00-5:30PM, personal recitation all day Wednesday in the chapel (Novena booklets available in both languages.)
Adoration: Thursday 9:00AM to Friday 8:15AM, Benediction Friday 8:15AM

Office hours Tuesday- Friday ~ 9 to Noon & 1 to 4 PM

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: if you would like a prayer shawl for someone who is ill or experiencing a loss, please contact Carol Hawke at 541-926-2106 or the-hawkes@comcast.net.
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