

Calendar

..... *A Word from Victoria*

- 5 23rd Sunday**
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 6 Monday - Labor Day**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
- 7 Tuesday**
Mass: 9am - Church
Altar Society Potluck: 12pm - Church Basement
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm - Church
- 8 Wednesday**
Communion Service: 9am - Church
School Commission: 7pm - Benincasa
- 9 Thursday**
School Mass: 9am
Facilities Committee Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa
- 10 Friday**
Mass: 9am - Church
- 11 Saturday**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm
Mass: 5pm
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement
- 12 24th Sunday**
Mass: 8:30, coffee hour following
Mass: 10:30, coffee hour following
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

I used to say that my favorite season is the one we are in at the time. My problem this year may be that I am not yet ready for fall. Of course, it is not yet fall by the calendar, though Labor Day always signals for me the end of summer and the beginning of fall.

I am not yet ready for the end of long, sunny warm days—and we did not seem to receive enough of such days this year. This week’s clouds and rain are a taste of what is to come. I am grateful for the rain, and I do love the gray and rain of winter—just not yet.

It seems appropriate that we celebrate Labor Day as the end of summer. Fall means an end of the greater ease of summer, and the return to school. Work does not stop during the summer, but the longer days, the opportunity for camping and trips, and the break in regular meetings and responsibilities does mean more time for play and rest.

The gift of the summer is that we are renewed for the beginning of a new year, ready to take on the responsibilities of school and work and volunteer commitments. We give thanks for the talents we have received, for the gift of meaningful labor, both volunteer and compensated, for the benefits we receive from the labor of others.

There will be many opportunities for us all to labor on behalf of our parish and school community in the coming year. Begin to think about how you might use your particular gifts and talents in the many ministries and programs of our parish and school. Is there work you have done in the past you would like to continue? Are you looking for a new volunteer experience this year? Find some time this Labor Day weekend to think about your call to labor for the good of our community and beyond.

Think also about taking the StrengthsFinder assessment. This tool is very illuminative. It identifies for us our top five strengths. These may not be surprising, but it is helpful to begin to think about what we do best. Knowing what we do best can be a guide as we decide upon our volunteer activities and even our work. Knowing our strengths gives us permission to say no when a particular opportunity does not call for our particular strengths, and to say yes when our particular strengths are just what is needed. Watch for more information about upcoming evenings on StrengthsFinder.

Let us celebrate Labor Day with gratitude and with excitement. Gratitude for the days of summer that bring renewal and new life, and excitement about what is to come that will call forth our gifts and our labor.

Happy Labor Day! Happy laboring days to come!

Victoria

*Readings for September 12th
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Parish Stewardship

*August 29, 2010
\$6,196.00*

PRAYERS

Luis Batayola	Frank Martin
Kay De Ambrosio	James McNamara
Bridget Dobson	Mary Roberts
Ken Dobson	Effie Rohner
Evan Dubicki	Julia Simon
Martha Harris	

PRAYERS

Announcements

Pancake Breakfast/Mocktail & Ministries Fair

Great food! Great company! Great opportunities!
Saturday/Sunday, September 18-19: Pancakes after 8:30am and 10:30am masses; hors d'oeuvres after 5pm. Gather with other parishioners, eat good food, and explore opportunities for involvement. There will be representatives of parish and school ministries to answer questions and explain their ministries. To help with set-up, serving, or clean-up, please contact John McDermott at 789-4295 or jmcdermott25@comcast.net.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Church?

Thinking about being baptized or joining the Church? Join us on Thursday, September 23 at 7pm in the Benincasa Center for an introduction and overview. Questions?--call or email Victoria at the parish office.

Facilities Committee

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 9 at 7pm in the Benincasa Center. The Facilities Committee takes care of our facilities through long-range planning and immediate projects to oversee and maintain our buildings and grounds. If you have skills or interest, please join us.

Children's Faith Formation

Sunday Faith Formation (for ages 4-12) will begin on Sunday, September 26. Class is taught using the "Godly Play" method and meets in the Benincasa Center between the Masses from 9:25-10:20. There is no charge to participate and you may join at any time throughout the year. Classes usually meet 3-4 Sundays per month through the end of May and a schedule with all meeting days will be available on the first day of class. If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, please fill out a registration form and bring it to class or contact Crystal Koory 206.354.4450 or crystalkoory@stcatherineparish.net.

Cabrini Ministry Training

CMT has been training lay ministers in the Catholic tradition for the last 19 yrs. CMT does this by providing training, guidance and ministerial support to those lay people who feel the special call to develop their skills and deepen their faith in service to God's people. Our training is available in English and Spanish. Plan to attend an Information Meeting on Mon Sep 13 from 7 - 8:30 pm at St. James Cathedral Place or Tue Sep 14 at St. Madeleine Sophie (same time). Please RSVP (or for more information) to Tom Curran at 206-760-0583 Ext 4 or tomcurran@cabriniministry.org.

"Bringing Hope to Afghanistan" by Julia Bolz
Julia Bolz, founder and director of Ayni Education International and former human rights lawyer, will speak on Ayni's Afghanistan school-building project and how we can carry on relationships with schoolchildren there. They have built and supplied 18 new schools for Afghan children and equipped more than 20 others, serving about 25,000 Afghan children. Most recently they set up two teacher training centers which have trained several hundred teachers. Julia's interactive presentation will weave the history and culture of Afghanistan into the stories she tells of her school projects and the importance of educating Afghani girls and women. She will have Afghan handicrafts for sale. Ayni website: http://aynieducation.com/Home_V2IB.php. Presentation follows the 5:30PM Mass on September 12th at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Jubilee Hall. Refreshments served. Sponsored by the Our Lady of the Lake Justice and Peace Committee.

St. Catherine School Openings

St. Catherine's school is still accepting applications for students in 4th grade and in Kindergarten for this year. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Any questions please call Kathleen Sanders at 206-525-0581.

Altar Society Fall Potluck & Open Meeting

Sept 7th, 12 noon in the Church Basement,
Contact: Betty Kern 206 523-1337 with questions.

St. Benedict School's Wallingford Wurst Festival

St. Benedict School presents the 28th Annual Great Wallingford Wurst Festival, Friday September 17th (4pm-10pm) and Saturday September 18th (10am-10pm). Admission is free to this family-friendly event located at 48th and Wallingford Avenue North. There's great food, rides, games and prizes, craft vendors and live music. It's a great and affordable way to spend your weekend. For more information, go to www.wurstfestival.org

St. Mary-on-the-Lake Retreats

Peace Days for Women, "Women of Faith and Courage" led by Carmel Little, CSJP - Wednesday, September 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center. Day of Contemplative Prayer for Women and Men led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP. Saturday, September 18th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel. To register or for more information contact Carmel Little, CSJP at 425-454-7909 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org.