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Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, coffee hour following
Faith Formation: 9:30 - Benincasa
Marriage Prep: 11:30am - Benincasa
AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement

1 Monday

Communion Service: 9am
Pastoral Council: 7pm - Benincasa
St. Vincent de Paul: 7pm - Benincasa

2 Tuesday

Mass: 9am
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm
Altar Society Meeting: 12:30 - Church Basement
Lent Scripture Class: 7pm - Benincasa

3 Wednesday

Communion Service: 9am
School Commission: 7pm - Benincasa

4 Thursday

Mass: 9am
RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa
Choir: 7pm - Church

5 Friday

Mass: 9am
Stations of the Cross: 2:15 - Church
Lent dinner & movie night: 6pm - Victoria Hall

6 Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm
Mass: 5pm
AA Meeting: 7pm - Benincasa Basement

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First Eucharist Class: 9:15 - Benincasa
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*Readings for March 7th
Third Sunday of Lent*

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

PRAYERS

Luis Batayola
Joe Byrne
Kay De Ambrosio
Evan Dubicki
Bob Flakus
Martha Harris
Frank Martin

James McNamara
Effie Rohner
Evelyn Stetz
Don Sullivan
Chris Young

PRAYERS

..... *A Word from Victoria*

A number of people have asked whether I want to leave St. Catherine. They had heard me present the news about the archdiocesan review and a possible transition in parish leadership, and thought I was so calm that I must be ready to leave.

I said in my previous column that I find it best to live in denial in moments like this. It is important to tend to the matters at hand, to prepare for the possibilities, but not to be obsessed by future changes. That may explain my calm—plus I had already had time to think about and process the upcoming review and possible future changes.

To answer the questions directly: I would love to stay as long as I can. There is still much we can do together. I love our prayer together, I am happy in all that I do, I am grateful for and enjoy working with the parish and school staffs, and I draw life from our life together in community.

When I first came here, I was assigned for one year, then for another three, and then one year at a time. To be able to be here for twelve years, through June 2011, is eleven years more than I thought I would have. So I am very grateful.

I also know, however, that the archdiocese generally assigns priests pastors for 2 six-year terms, sometimes more and sometimes less. At some point, a change in leadership is a good thing. A new leader will bring new gifts and new perspectives. Like all leaders, I have particular gifts and strengths and perspectives. A change will call forth new life and new gifts from all.

In my interview with the representative from the Office of the Vicar for Clergy, I did make it clear that I would love to stay. I am also aware that we will have to begin a debt-reduction campaign at some point, and I would be happy to assist in that endeavor.

The process of review is almost complete. The leadership bodies have met with an archdiocesan facilitator, the staff has been interviewed, I have been interviewed, and now a survey has been sent to a random sampling of parishioners. A report will be given back to us. Then is it back to the ordinary life.

No change is expected this year. Whenever the change in leadership occurs, July 2011 or later, we will know in plenty of time to make the transition. We will be assisted by the Office for the Vicar for clergy in the transition. When the transition does occur, it is expected that Fr. Tony and I will leave together, and a priest pastor will be assigned.

As I said before, these many years together have been a great gift and I look forward to the time remaining.

Victoria

Announcements

St. Patrick's Luncheon

Sponsored by the Altar Society on Tuesday, March 16 at noon in Victoria Hall. There will be a variety of salads and desserts, and Irish Dancing. For information or tickets, call Marjorie Ringness at 523-2150.

Tuesdays in Lent Scripture Study

5 Weeks - 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/30 from 7:00-8:30PM
At the beginning of Lent each of us is invited to choose a Lenten journey that will join us with Christ on the path to new Easter life. This Lent you are invited to join other parishioners in a small group faith sharing on the Lenten journey—our own experience of the transforming power of Jesus' death-resurrection. We will use a small-group faith sharing and Scripture study. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray if you are interested..

Social Justice

If you are interested in Social Justice or learning more about it please join the Social Justice Committee every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details. The Social Justice groups works to educate the parish about issues of social justice, as well as advocate for change, and engage in the gospel call towards a faith that does justice.

Lenten Retreat on Prayer & Justice

You are invited to join us for a Lenten Social Justice retreat on March 20th from 12-4PM. Sr. Linda Haydock from the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center will lead us in a short retreat focused on issues of justice and peace. What an appropriate time to make this journey as we continue to make our way through the Gospel of Luke this Lent. We will share a meal together and then spend some time in reflection, prayer, small group sharing, and learning together. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray.

Sr. High Youth

Youth Group is happening and all students in the 9-12th grades are welcome! You can find the schedule on the Sr. High Youth Group page of the parish web site.

Hunger Banquet and Speaker - Sun, March 7, 4-6PM

Baptism of Infants

The next baptism of infants will be at the 10:30 mass on April 25. Other dates and masses are available. Please contact Victoria soon if you would like to have your child baptized in the next few months. A meeting with Victoria and attendance at the preparation class is required.

St. Catherine School 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday April 25th @ Jackson Park Golf Course
7:00AM Meet and Greet, 7:30AM Tee Off. Reverse Shot Gun, Scramble Format. Contact Kevin Burtchaell @ 778-2395 or kevinburtchaell@comcast.net

Parish Stewardship

February 21, 2010

Collection Total: \$6,076.50

Rice Bowl: \$358.00

Black and Indian Mission: \$519.00

St. O' Catherine's Irish Pub Night

Saturday, March 13th 6:00-11:00

Cross the Ha'Penny Bridge to Victoria Hall

Great Irish Food, Drink and Fun

Music, Games and More

Come and Get your Green On!

21 and Over - Tickets at the door

Parish/School Fish Dinner and Movie Night:

Join us on Friday, March 5 for a "traditional" Lent dinner of Fish sticks, tater tots, and macaroni and cheese, followed by a movie. Dinner is at 6:00, and the movie, Monsters, Inc. will show at 6:30 (running time 92 min). All are welcome, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Free-will offering for dinner.

Help Needed Making Lunches

Can you help make lunches for the Mt Carmel drop-in day shelter for the homeless and hungry? This would be just once a month, often in the morning, but times are flexible. A group of women from the Altar Society has been doing this, but needs help. This could become an outreach project for a group of families or individuals, even alternating months. Call or email Victoria soon if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Bulletin Help Needed

Our new bulletin editor, Kristin Adams Litke, is soon to go on maternity leave. We will need a sub for a period of time. If you can step in and help, please contact Kristin at 206-418-6135 or kristin@adamslitkedesign.com. The bulletin is done by Wednesday mornings.

Women's Lenten Preached Silent Retreat

Based on the Spiritual Teachings of St. Francis de Sales, March 5-7, 2010. Retreat Format: This will be a guided, silent, group retreat for women, with scripture-based presentations, offering guidance for prayer and discernment. More at www.seattlearch.org/palisades

Married couples: Prepare for Easter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming Weekends are April 30 thru May 2, June 4-6 & June 11-13. Learn more at: www.SeattleWWME.org