

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday	September	22	8:15 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	September	23		No Communion Service
Wednesday	September	24	8:15 am	Elaine Douse, R.I.P. Requested by Helen Naughton
Thursday	September	25	9:00 am	Villa Mass
Friday	September	26	8:15 am	Barbara Sauntry, Spec. Int. Requested by Joe/Arlene Driscoll
Saturday	September	27	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	September	28	8:30 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

Parish Stewardship - FY 2014

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Total Collection Budget - \$832,192

	Actual	Budget	Variance
August	\$ 51,219	\$ 44,709	\$ 6,510
YTD	\$ 104,448	\$ 100,673	\$ 3,775

** Amounts include total collections from ALL Masses **

Comparison: August 2012 collections were \$42,741

ST. BRIDGET'S PASTORAL COUNCIL 2014-2015

Fr. Stephen Okumu, Pres. Kerry Loveland, Janet Bester-Meredith, Tony Diaz, Mary Jo Gasparich, Blythe Hirst, Ann Shanahan, Anne Brown, Nikki Wagner, Mark Ludden, Ray McKinley.

Please pray for Joe Gasparich, brother of parishioner Jim Gasparich, Curtis Wasson, brother of parishioner Sr. Patti Wasson, and Rita Johnson, mother of parishioner Tom Johnson who passed away recently. We offer our sympathy to their families and ask the Lord to take them to Himself forever.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK in your prayers: Henry Streuli, Kay Harvey, Barbara Sauntry, Rose Buckingham, Jim Plorde, Ron Hjorth, Pat Fitzgerald, Jamie Gibson, Capt. Earl Vanderwalker, Jayne Peralta-Forbes, Jane Johnston, Lorraine Samuelson, Brenda & Frank Kalberer, Gale Arena, Dom Finocchio, Collette & David Swan, Larry Donohue, Cecilia Izzo, and the children at Seattle Children's Hospital.

Spending Time with the Lord



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Bridget's continues each Monday from 8:45 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Prayer materials are available to enrich your time with the Blessed Sacrament. Come by for a Holy Hour or a few minutes of prayer. Please contact Judy Curran 206-999-5399 for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

8:45 am - 10:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
7:00 pm - RCIA

Tuesday

6:00 pm - Altar Server Training
6:30 pm - Second Grade Sacramental Prep Parent Mtg.

Wednesday

11:30 am - Guild Mass/Lunch
5:30 pm - Rosary
6:30 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 am - Villa Mass
6:00 pm - JRock Mtg.
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday/Sunday

Advocacy Weekend

Sunday

11:45 am - Parent Faith Formation Meeting
12:00 pm - Camillus Meeting
6:00 pm - Sr. Hi Meeting



St. Gerard - Holy Family Guild Meeting

The St. Gerard-Holy Family Guild will meet Wed., Sept. 24, 2014 at St. Bridget Church. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch in the Fireside Room. All guild members, active and inactive are welcome. If you are not contacted by phone, call Pat Kelly @ (206)985-6892.

Friends of Namitembo Meeting

All St. Bridget parishioners are Friends of Namitembo! Our next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 pm, at the home of Sherry Atterbury. Please come to find out more about Namitembo, Malawi, and help plan the direction we take with our Friends. Please RSVP to Mary Jo Gasparich at maryjogasparich@gmail.com /522-7644.

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STBRIDGETCHURCH.ORG



Read Messages from Pope Francis, find program and staff information, register, get the daily Mass readings, or even sign up for Online Giving (Safe ~ Convenient ~ Flexible) & more!

The History of the Life of Mary as known by the Early Christians: Each week since July 5/6th, Faith Formation has been chronicling, in incremental segments, what is known of the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The information to date has been taken from the Protoevangelium of James and the Gospel of John. These sources are not in our Bible canon; however, Mother Church does not disavow the information. This week, a summary of the segments explored to date is as follows:

Mary, the Perpetual Virgin and Blessed Mother of Jesus: Christians in the Catholic tradition are encouraged to honor Mary. What does it mean to honor someone? Doesn't the person have to do something worthwhile to warrant being honored? What do we know about Mary that would suggest we should honor her? We begin Mary's story by referring to the Canticle of Mary.

In the Canticle of Mary, the Magnificat, Luke chapter 1 verses 46 to 55, the genre of the Psalms is evident. Specifically, Psalm 8 and 138, which echo Mary's feelings of being a lowly servant. Her knowledge of the Psalms would imply training in the Torah, Jewish scripture. It is not known whether these words are her cousin Elizabeth's or Mary's, however; Bible scholars tell us that Mary's genealogy reveals her to be of the Levite class. God told Moses to dedicate the Levite tribe to serving Him, by assisting the Temple priests.

In the Gospel of First James, we learn about Mary's birth. Her father, Joachim a Pharisee was chided because he had not fathered any children. He and his wife, Anne, prayed to the Lord that she would conceive a child and if she did, they would dedicate the child to the temple. Later, both Anne and Joachim had a vision by an angel, who told them that Anne would indeed conceive a most wondrous child. That child was Mary.

In fulfillment of, Joachim and Anne's prayer promise, they dedicated Mary to the service of the Lord. Mary went to live in the temple at the age of three. Joachim, her father, died shortly thereafter. She was consecrated as a temple virgin to start a life of continual devotion and service to the Lord. These events foretold Mary would not have an ordinary woman's life. But even so, she would have to leave the temple as she entered puberty. As a temple virgin, like Anna the prophetess, she was not to bear children having pledged perpetual virginity in service to the Lord, but she would be given a guardian who would respect her vow of virginity.

In fulfillment of the Virgin Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne's prayer promise, at the age of 12 the Council of temple priests assembled to decide what would become of Mary, as they were afraid she having reached puberty would defile the sanctuary of the Lord. It was decided that the High Priest should enter the temple and stand by the altar of the Lord and direct his prayers concerning the Virgin Mary. The High priest went into the sanctuary and prayed to the Lord for guidance in regard to Mary's future. His fellow priests agreed whatever the Lord declared they would do.

To be continued next week.....



Looking for Altar Servers!

Youth in Grades 4 -12 needed to assist Father Okumu at Mass and other special liturgies.

**Upcoming Trainings Sept 23rd, Sept, 30th,
Oct. 7th at 6pm.**

For more information, contact Tom Gehrig
(206) 526-7958

OFFERTORY GIFT PRESENTERS

The Liturgy Planning Committee members invite parishioners to take up the Offertory Gifts during the Masses. If you wish to take up the Gifts for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or special remembrance/in memory of...please contact Sr. Patti Wasson (206)300-7256 (plwssn@msn.com)



St. Vincent de Paul Society

NEEDS, NEEDS, NEEDS!!! Thanks to all of you who are bringing food each weekend to Mass. Let's all remember to do it each weekend. In addition to food items, there are some other things you can bring that low-income families need: laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, and Simple Green cleaner; **PERSONAL ITEMS:** shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath soap, body lotion. These are all items that poor people also need - and which are expensive - so please consider donating some of these items, as well as food.

THANK YOU from the men and women of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

FAITH FORMATION

CONTACT Tyra Elliott, call 523-9760 or e-mail tyra@stbridgetchurch.org

The History of the Life of Mary: A summary of the segments explored from July to date are reprinted on the back of this Faith Formation insert.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL FAITH FORMATION

Second Grade Sacramental Preparation

for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will begin with a parent meeting:

Catholic Schooled children's Parents Only on Tuesday, September 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30PM in the Parish hall, as well as an alternate date, on Sunday, September 28th from 11:45 to 12:45PM;

On September 30th children attending Public or Private Schools from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Parents and Children both attend.

Please plan to attend only one of these sessions. Reminder notices have been sent through e-mail.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL FAITH FORMATION

RCIA/Inquiry, Q and A sessions are held on Monday nights; next session Monday, September 22nd from 7 to 8:00PM, in the Faith Formation office. No obligation to become Catholic.

INFANT BAPTISMS: BAPTISMS are held on the **4th week-end of the month**. Next Baptismal class: Dec 16th from 7 to 9PM. The process takes approximately 6 weeks.

BIBLE STUDY: The Acts of the Apostles, one class every two weeks, beginning October 9th/ 23rd, Nov 6th/ 20th, Dec 4th and 18th from 10 to 11 am. Prefer an evening class, classes repeat in Jan. Call Tyra to register for either class by September 30th.

INITIATIVES IN FAITH FORMATION THROUGH PRAYER

SAVE THE DATE: **St. Bridget Women's Retreat** Jan 30, 31 and Feb 1 at the Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way.

The Parish Prayer Chain prays for your intentions. Call Tyra or Arlene in the Parish office to join or submit a request.



BABY CORNER

Our **BABY CORNER** for needy infants (located in the alcove between the church and the parish hall) appreciates your donations. We are in great need of warm tops and bottoms (outfits) for newborn through 4T. Sweats (tops and bottoms) are greatly appreciated, since they are warm and can be worn by both boys and girls. Other items needed are: formula, diapers, wipes and ointment, baby soap, shampoo, bottles/nipples, diaper pins. Also needed are car seats and new educational toys for little children (no strollers or cribs, please). Questions? Call the Baby Corner at 206-726-1435.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

TUESDAY NIGHT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - GRADES 1-5

This program is designed for children who do not attend a catholic school although all parish children are welcome and encouraged to attend. **The program takes the place of what we once called "CCD" and is for children in grades 1-5.** We meet on Tuesday evenings beginning **September 30th from 6:30-7:30pm.** Come and join us Tuesday, September 30th for our annual Family Ice Cream Kick-off. Registration forms are available at the church office or on our website. Questions: Luanne Johnson (523-8787)



Cornerstone Catholic Conference Oct 24th & 25th at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center.

The Bishops of Washington State are sponsoring the Cornerstone Conference to inspire and educate Catholics. This is the first-ever statewide prolife conference sponsored by our Catholic bishops and the line up of speakers is truly impressive: Archbishop Sartain, Bishop Elizondo, Bishop Cupich, and Bishop Tyson; Immaculee Ilibagiza (Rwandan genocide survivor); Abby Johnson (former Planned Parenthood director and author of "Unplanned." Abby Johnson is a pro-life activist. Johnson had previously worked at Planned Parenthood as a clinic director, but resigned in October, 2009; Serrin Foster (President of Feminists for Life); Vicki Thorn (national founder of Project Rachel); Bishop Robert McElroy (frequent contributor to Catholic media on caring for the poor); Clare Halpine (World Youth Alliance). There will also be noted speakers on human trafficking, ministry to the poor, end-of-life decisions, and building a cooperative culture of life within the parish.

Boy Scouts!!! Boys in grades 6-8 are invited to attend a Troop 171 Introductory Session and Skills Fair on Monday, September 22nd, 2014, from 7:30-8:30 in the FAFC (Gym). There will be information on Camping, Service Opportunities, Games and Fun, Skills, Cooking, and a general all around good time. Information about our October 18-19 Camp-out will be available. Come check us out! Troop 171 is chartered by Assumption Parish and has served Assumption and St. Bridget parishes since the 1940's. Questions? Contact Diana Abson at (206) 719-8451 or email pdabson@msn.com.

YOUTH NEWS



- **Youth Rock (HS) –Returns on September 28th.** YROCK is a Eucharist-centered youth group for high school teens. High School students gather in an environment where they have the opportunity to have a positive experience, be spiritually challenged while being part of a community where they will be loved and accepted. Meetings will be on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 6-8pm in the Social Hall.
- **JRock (JrH) –Returns on September 18th.** JROCK is our fun, engaging Catholic middle school youth group. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are welcome! Join us in the Parish Hall and experience a friendly and energizing group.
- **Youth Mass –Will resume on October 5th.** We encourage everyone to come out and support this fun and faith-filled Mass.
- **Adult Volunteers Needed!** Please consider spending time with our youth and walking with them on their faith journey. Just Say Yes!!!!

Contact Kelly Orozco if you have any questions about the youth program. Call 206-523-8730 or youthassis-tant@stbridgetchurch.org

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; - Pope John Paul II



SUMMER BAPTISMS

OUR WELCOME AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Lauren O'Hara Lally, daughter of John and Rebecca; Avery Grace McKinley, daughter of Ray and Nicole; and Sophia Esohe Aimiwu, daughter of Uyiosa and Cynthia who were baptized into the church this Summer.



St. Bridget's Book of Prayer is in the alcove near the chapel. We encourage you to list your prayer intentions in the book. They will be remembered at all our Masses.