

PETER'S PENCE

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken next weekend as a second collection. Proceeds support Pope Benedict XVI and his charitable works.

A VOCATION VIEW

"Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness." Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Bob Vaillancourt (773-6471, Robert.vaillancourt@portlanddiocese.org) or Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette (773-6471, ritamaebissonnette@portlanddiocese.org). If you are interested in the Capuchin Franciscan way of life, please speak with one of the friars here at St. Joseph's, contact Br. Tim Jones, O.F.M. Cap. (212-567-1300, brtimjones@yahoo.com), or log onto www.capuchin/vocations.org.

**ENROLLMENT AT
ST. BRIGID SCHOOL**

For information about enrollment opportunities at St. Brigid School (grade Pre-K – 8), please call the school office at 797-7073.



We received the following message from Donald Quaid, President of Wayside Soup Kitchen Board of Directors: "Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$352.04 from your Poor Box collection to support Wayside Soup Kitchen and Food Rescue. Your donation will help us keep food on the table at the soup kitchen, night after night. In addition, it will help provision area food pantries and kitchens with food which might otherwise be wasted. You and others like you make our work possible. In 2008, we saw an increase in the number of people coming to our door. The pantries we serve through Food Rescue reported a similar increase in demand. We are working hard to meet this need. In this effort, we are helped by the hundreds of volunteers who donate their time, money and food. Obviously, no one person can stem the tide of hunger alone. Together we have a chance. Thank you for being part of the effort."

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL****August 3 – 7, 2009**

Summer may be winding down in August but the FUN is just getting started for our Vacation Bible School!!!!

We're getting ready for our outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyard. The Fr. Hayes Center will be transformed into several backyards. To make this happen, we're looking for items we can borrow from July 30th – August 7th, to use as decorations (we're creating backyards!!):

Potted flowers, trees and shrubs (real or artificial)
Tents Lawn furniture Gardening tools

If you think you're able to help us out, please contact Pam at 797-9509 or email her at sjosephdre@netscape.net. Remember all items are only on loan and we'll return them when Vacation Bible School is over.

We thank you in advance for your help with our VBS 2009!!





MASS INTENTIONS

Among the intentions remembered at the Masses during the upcoming week are:

Saturday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Mary Santry
4:00 p.m. Settimo Trivellin

Sunday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Capuchins
& Their Benefactors
10:00 a.m. Edwin Towle
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Monday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Richard & Elizabeth Fogg

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. Richard O'Brien

Thursday, July 30

8:00 a.m. Mary Santry

Friday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Carol Larson
4:00 p.m. Villacci, Lorello,
DeSarno & Valente Families

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Robert Marley, Sr.
10:00 a.m. Alphonse & Frances Pizzo
5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

CHURCH SUPPORT



A total of 687 individuals attended one of our four Masses last week and contributed \$6,910 to our offertory. The average contribution per attendee was \$10.06. Last year's collection over the same weekend was slightly higher totaling \$6,970.

The second collection to benefit Franciscan Missions totaled a whopping \$3,720! This was the 7th highest second collection total taken at St. Joseph's Church since September, 2006. Outstanding and a special thank you to all contributors! As we all learned during the homily, these funds will be put to excellent use.

Did you know? Our Finance Committee has finalized our church's budget for the fiscal year that began on July 1st. After a thorough and complete analysis, the committee has concluded that for us to maintain a balanced budget for the upcoming year, we will need for all church attendees to increase their offertory collections by an average of \$1.00 per week. This increase would go a long way toward assuring that we finish the year with an equal amount of expenditures versus revenues. This increase equates to a 4% increase over the previous fiscal year contributions. We'll keep everyone updated on our progress toward this goal with weekly updates in our church bulletin.



Coffee and Cake Served!

Come join your fellow Disciples in Mission after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings in the lobby of the Fr. Hayes Center for prayer and fellowship. It is spiritually uplifting to all of us to hear other parishioners' personal stories of how they "live the Beatitudes" related to the day's readings at Mass. Jesus

sent the Apostles out into the community to spread His good news. As a young and growing community we welcome you to join us. Our August meetings will be on **August 9th and 23rd**. Jesus invites you to be part of our discussions!



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

Readings for the Week of July 26, 2009

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35