

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Sunday, April 26th, 2015

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Tue	28	6 pm	Darlene Baker	RIP
Wed	29.	9 am	George & Maria Franulovich	RIP
Thu	30	9 am	Pavao Franulovich	RIP
Fri	1	9 am	Mary Petrish	RIP
Sat	2	10 am	Elaine Lynch	RIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION—OPEN HOURS AVAILABLE

SUN	2 am & 11 pm	THUR	12, 2- 4 am & 11pm
MON	12, 1, 2, 3 & 4 am	FRI	3, 5 a.m. & 7 pm
TUE	12, 1, 2, & 4 am	SAT	9, & 11 pm
WED	4 am & 11 pm	Contact Sally 293-3222	

Rummage Sale open to parishioners on Sunday after Masses until 1 pm

RUMMAGE SALE CLEAN UP DAY is Monday April 27th at 10 am.....we are counting on our faithful men and women to come and clean up the gym. We box or bag left over items to donate to Northwest Center. Their big truck comes Tuesday morning.

We especially need men with pick up trucks or utility trailers to offer their services in taking a load to the dump. Please help us.

Many Thanks to all who have and will help us in making this Spring Rummage Sale a success.

SEE YOU THERE!

Your Rummage Sale Committee

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS AND FOR VOLUNTEERS YET TO TAKE THE FOUNDATION CLASS

- . Name of class: Called to Protect for Ministries
- . Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015
- . Time: 7:00pm
- . Location: Saint Mary Catholic Church, Anacortes, WA
- . Room name/number Father Auer Center, Room 7
- . Capacity of the room: 50
- . Name of the trainer: Laurie Liberty

St. MerryFest 2015

The **2015 ST. MERRYFEST** is scheduled for **June 12, 13 and 14** which is only 8 weeks away. We will need volunteers to help make this another success. Please let us know if you can help by contacting Gabby Freier at 293-9669 or dfreier1@wavecable.com.

MERRYFEST will have the usual Cascade Carnival rides, beer tent with live music and food booths. It's a fun family event that we support for our local community. Watch for more news in your church bulletin.

Steps in a Journey—Beginning in May

Eleanor Marfisi wrote about her growing up years in the Italian neighborhood of St. Louis. As a child, for Christmas, she set her heart on a special dress she had seen in the window. But instead of that dress, she received another one. Her mother, seeing her disappointment, placed her hands on her shoulders and said: "Eleanor, I want you to remember this: "Fine feathers do not make the bird." Then she pointed to her heart and her head and said, "These are the most important things in life, - a heart that leads you to love and a head that enables you to know the one you love."

The Second Vatican Council declared in its document, *Lumen Gentium* that "all are called to union with Christ ... to sanctity", the "Perfection of charity", and the "fullness of the Christian life." Since everyone is called to be perfect and to grow in love and knowledge of God, then, contemplative prayer, which embraces such knowledge and love should be the goal of everyone. St. Teresa of Avila writes, "God gives Himself in this way to those who give up all for him. He shows no partiality. He loves everyone. Nobody has any excuse, no matter how miserable they may be, since the Lord so acts with me in bringing me to such a state."

Our parish is well on the Journey to Love of the Blessed Trinity, with Perpetual Adoration, daily Mass attendance, and Community gatherings. We are offering a course on the Spiritual Life – "Steps in a Journey", exploring spiritual writers, contemplative prayer, faith and grace, love of the Trinity and the Catholic Church.

Led by Kathy Moore, we will meet Wednesday mornings 10:00 to noon, and Thursday evenings 7:00 to 9:00.

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5th Annual
FAITH ON FIRE
CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE



SAVE THE DATE

July 31—August 2, 2015
Celebrating the Year of the Consecrated Life
St. Mary Catholic Church
Anacortes, WA
www.faithonfirenw.org

Planning to go camping with the family this summer? Bring the entire crew and join us for lots of activity and fun! Come celebrate Sunday Mass with Bishop Eusabio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.

- Educational talks
- Global Living Rosary
- Adoration
- Reconciliation
- Special Activities JUST FOR the kids
- Beautiful music
- Opportunity to fellowship with those living out the faithful witness of the consecrated life.

Find us on Facebook for updates and announcements of the amazing line-up of speakers and activities!

Come and share God's love!

St. Mary's Catholic Church
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Fr. Marion's Corner

GENEROSITY

The students were amazed. In preparation for entering the monastery, I gave practically everything I had - taking boxes and boxes of stuff to the Newman Center for the students to pick through. "How can you let go of all these things?" I never got a chance to give them the story behind the long journey. Generosity is a virtue that takes a lifetime to develop, but before I began to deliberately develop this virtue, I had to first experience it. When I ask myself, "Who was that one person who inspired me to intentionally be generous?" the answer comes: Father Kevin Moran.

In 2001, Father Kevin took a sabbatical in Rome. He lived at North American College Seminary and we got to know one another while visiting the churches and historical sites of Rome. At the church of St. Alphonsus, there was sculpture by Bernini of the ecstasy of Saint Theresa of Avila. Father mentioned how much this sculpture meant to him in his spiritual life and he often went back to it by himself to pray. Before his sabbatical ended, I purchased a print of the sculpture (1 Euro) and framed it (free from another seminarian) and gave it as a gift. When he departed, he handed me a small envelop. In it was a note assuring me of his prayers and 200 Euros. I was so stunned by this generosity that I kept the 200 Euros in my prayer book for the next three months praying to God that he would make my heart as generous as Father Kevin's. Greater than the 200 Euros is the gift of having known Father Kevin intimately and coming in contact with his generous heart.

The students don't know; I give because I have been given, many times over. I'm reminded of Saint John's words, "We love because God first loved us." What I gave to the students in 2012, what I give to you and this community now, is the second part of a two-parts story. What's the first part of your story? Who in your life inspired you to be generous? May our world be filled with these people!

God bless you,
Fr. Marion

Archdiocesan Parish Goal—\$78,448

As Catholics we are also called to support the wider Church community as well as support our own local community. Now imagine being able to do both with a single donation.

The Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to fund the Church in Western WA and rebates to the parish any funds collected over the goal assigned to the parish for use towards parish needs.

Commitment Sunday is May 2/3

