

Rental Property Available

St. Francis of Assisi parish is renting a 1360 square foot home that is 3 bedrooms and 2 bath with attached garage across the street from the church on 39080 NW Harrington Road, Cornelius, OR 97113. The rental amount is \$1795 a month. If interested please contact Dan Spiering at 503-324-6933 to inquire and fill out the application which includes a \$35 fee.

Congratulations!

Khalil Esteban Harrison, child of Mick Harrison and Hickie Banatiao baptized Saturday, December 9, 2017.

Kiah Marie Lederbrand, child of Stephen Lederbrand and Shelby Van Dyke, baptized Saturday, December 9, 2017.

Vivienne Rose Tao Richards, child of Benjamin Richards and Stephanie Lertkantitham, baptized Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Elias Patrick Reed, child of Matthew Reed and Caitlin Walsh, baptized on December 10, 2017.

Eleanor and Benjamin Walsh, children of Sean Walsh and Caitlin Rossetti, baptized on December 10, 2017.



VISITATION SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Program - The Visitation Christmas Program will be on Tuesday, December 12th, at 6:30 pm in the gym.

Awards Assembly - 1st Trimester Awards Assembly will be on Friday, December 15th, at 9:15 am at the gym.

Scrip - Scrip is available when the School Office is open from 8:10 am to 8:40 am in the School/Convent. You may email your order to scrip@vesknights.org and we will call you when your order is ready. Questions, contact Jennifer Finegan at 503-961-4449.



DECEMBER 10, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - VERBOORT

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Sarah Crosby: 503-992-8215
Bethany Stewart: 503-705-5429

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday @ Noon

BAPTISMS: By appointment

MARRIAGES: By appointment, at least six months prior to marriage

NEW FAMILIES: Kindly register by calling the rectory

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4-4:30 pm
or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	December	10	8:00 am	Nicholas Wahlberg † by Joanne Wahlberg
			10:00 am	For You and Your Intentions
Monday	December	11	8:00 am	Claudell Giesbers by Jean Groce
Tuesday	December	12	8:00 am	Vickie Lewis † by Family & Friends
Wednesday	December	13	8:00 am	Pete Evers † by Mike & Joyce Ochsner
Thursday	December	14	8:00 am	Johnny Vandehey † by Family & Friends
Friday	December	15	8:30 am	Debra Jane Vaandering † by Family
Saturday	December	16	5:00 pm	Bud & Martha Vanaken † by Marv & Carolyn Vanaken and Family

Weekday Servers:

December 11th-14th: Jacob Lepschat and Dylan Jansen

**December 2nd & 3rd
Your Gift to God**

Envelopes & Checks: \$5,530.00

Loose Collection: \$560.70

Ret. Fund for Religious: \$100.00



Weekend Masses For December 16th & 17th

Mass times	5:00 PM - Saturday	8:00 AM - Sunday	10:00 AM - Sunday
Lectors	Sheila VanGrunsven	Tammy Scheenstra	Francis Duyck
Eucharistic Host Minister	Scott Stewart	Jennifer Finegan	Paul Heesacker
Eucharistic Cup Ministers	Christy Duyck Lee LaBonte	Lorna Vandecoevering Mel Finegan	Donna Vandehey Don Vandehey
Ushers	Gary Freitas Volunteer	Bob Lux Leo Duyck	John Schmidlkofer Gary Hammond
Servers CB= Cross Bearer	Gavin Sinner Natalie Stewart Alexander Stewart CB	Katherine Nevis Anne Nevis Coleman Lux CB	Ben Pelster Ted Pelster Eli Pelster CB
Music		Kathy Juenemann Karen Jackson	Kathy Juenemann Karen Jackson

From the Desk of Fr. Michael

Continuing with Matthew Kelly’s “Perfectly Yourself”, this week we reflect upon chapters 4-6 (pages 79-142). These chapters focus upon the following lessons of how we can discover our passions in life through hard work and prayer. Furthermore, part of being passionate with something requires identifying a set of beliefs that you are willing to live out in an authentic way. But in order to demonstrate that consistency of living out your beliefs, it requires the virtue of discipline.

When I was reading these chapters, it reminded me of a story that my classmate, Fr. Marion Nguyen, OSB who is currently studying in Rome for his doctorate in Moral Theology shared with me recently.

He was having dinner with a friend who was visiting him in Rome. They went to Scarpone, an Italian Restaurant on Rome’s Gianicolo Hill and famous for their Florentine steaks. Since both had ordered the same entrée, the waiter came up with one large and succulent “filetto al pepe verde” in the middle of the table with two plates.

Fr. Marion asked his friend if he wanted to cut and divide the steak. After some back and forth, his friend cut the steak in half. When finished, one plate clearly had the larger portion. The friend proceeded to place the smaller piece in front of Fr. Marion and kept the larger one for himself. Surprised, Fr. Marion asked, “why he kept the larger piece for himself.”

His friend quickly responded, “Well, I figure you are a monk and accustomed to making sacrifices and disciplined to avoid temptation!” His friend made a very astute observation. Both obviously had a passion for that piece of protein.

Have a Blessed Advent Week!
~Fr. Michael



Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure Replacement School Campaign

Our current fundraising of donated cash and commitment from 260 donors is \$4,019,572. Thank you for your generosity. The Weston Matching Grant has been achieved and we have qualified for the \$100,000 grant match.

Please begin your donation commitments or if you would like to make a donation as the New Well just began drilling on December 5 and the Septic System will follow in January 2018.

Continuing to seek heavenly blessings and intercession, please join me in praying the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel to ward off distractions that may keep us from completing the goal at hand.

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host -
by the Divine Power of God -
cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits,
who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Religious Education

The next CCD Class for grades 1-5 will be on Monday, December 11th from 4-5 pm in the convent.

Christmas Day Masses

Christmas day is Monday, Dec. 25, which follows the Fourth Sunday of Advent. There have been some questions with regard to the obligations of these holy days.

There are two distinct obligations which must be met by attending two Masses. While two obligations must indeed be fulfilled by two Masses, it is not necessary that one of these Masses be a Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent and the other be a Christmas (Eve/Night/Dawn/Day) Mass. One can fulfill the two obligations also by attending Christmas Eve Mass (or Night Mass if before midnight) on the Sunday and a Christmas Night/Dawn/Day Mass on the Monday from midnight onward.

It is not the liturgical celebration that matters but the fact of being at Mass. Obviously the separate celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Nativity of the Lord would be the preferred observance. The participation at one Mass only will not fulfill both obligations.

— **Archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship**

Altar Society Poinsettias

The Altar Society will be ordering 25 poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one as a memorial for a loved one, please send the order below to Margie Vandehey by December 18th. Her address is 36390 NW Long Rd., Cornelius OR 97113. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Ordered by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of _____

Second Collection This Weekend

There will be a Second Collection This Weekend, December 9th & 10th for Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift provides vital support for Senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers and religious order priests.

Priest Travel Dates

Fr. Roberto will be gone Dec. 18-29.

Fr. Juan Jose will be gone Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Advent Penance Services throughout the Vicariate

Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00pm in Hillsboro (St. Matthew)

Additional Individual times during weekdays:

Monday and Friday 5:00-6:00pm St. Alexander in Cornelius

Wednesday 8:45-10:00am and 6:45-8:30pm St. Matthew in Hillsboro

Parish Advent/Christmas Gift

Please feel free to take a free complimentary copy of Matthew Kelly's "Perfectly Yourself" for your family. Free books are located at the entrance of the church.

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, December 10 Advent Service Project from 6-7:30pm in the Visitation Parish Center. We will be putting together 200 Blessing Bags that we be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Food, drinks, good company and atmosphere will be provided.

HS Youth Group

Sunday, Dec. 17 from noon to 2:30pm, Advent Service Project Christmas Caroling and Visiting home-bound on a tractor pulled cart. Please meet at Visitation Parish hall and bring warm clothes. Pick up is at St. Francis church. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

HS Confirmation

Meets Sunday, December 10 from 6-7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi church basement.

RCIA

Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 6:00-7:00pm in the St. Francis of Assisi church basement, Roy. Fr. Michael will be discussing "4 Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and hell".

Choir Practice

Children's Choir practice on Sunday, December 10th, 5-6 pm. All children grades 2nd - 8th are welcome to join. **No** Adult Choir practice this week.

DC Kids Breakfast & Bake Sale

Visitation DC Kids will be hosting a Breakfast and Bake sale on Sunday, December 10th from 8:30-Noon. Please join us in the Parish Center for Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce, Coffee & Juice. Adults, Seniors and Young Adults-\$7, Children 5-12 years-\$5, Children 4 and under-Free, Immediate Family-\$30. Proceeds to benefit our educational trip to Washington DC, Spring of 2018. Contact Carol Funk at 503-357-6990 for any questions.