

Newman Community – Campus Ministry

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What's happening in our community

Save the Date



A benefit concert will be performed, Saturday, May 21, 2011 in Barnes Recital Hall, Winthrop University.

All proceeds will be donated to the Father David Valtierra Peace Studies Scholarship. More details will be give in a few weeks.

Attention Early Bird Spring Cleaners



The St. Vincent de Paul YOUTH will have its annual Yard Sale on Sat., March 26th at the St. Anne Family Life Center. Items can be dropped off there from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm the night before.

CLOTHING ARTICLES AND LINENS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Proceeds will assist the SVDP Youth in their ministry to the poor and to cover the cost of their year-end retreat and hands-on ministry. Receipts will be given for tax purposes.

Fighting Hunger One Rice Bowl at a Time

As we begin our Lenten journey, please consider participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

Rice Bowls will be collected during the Triduum and the first Sunday of Easter.



An Invitation to Deepen Your Faith During Lent

There are several opportunities available for our community to enhance our Lenten Journey

Morning Prayer - a small group meets Monday through Friday at 7:30am in the Oratory Church for prayer. Our gathering includes a Psalm, scripture reading, silence and shared prayer. Join us for 25 minutes of peace to start your day!

Bible Study continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in Newman Hall. Come and explore the scriptures for the following Sunday.

Books - Lenten reflection books and *At Home with the Word* will be available for purchase after liturgy for the next few weeks. Spend a few minutes each day exploring your faith.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schweitzer, Susan Schaeffer or Judy Gritzmacher.

Grief Support Camp

On Sat. April 9th, from 9:00 am to 12 Noon, Hospice and Community Care will hold a one day grief support camp for parents/guardians and their children (ages 3 to 18) who have recently experienced the death of a significant other.

For information or to register, please contact Hospice at 329-1500.

Liturgy of the Word

This Evening: Gen 12:1-4a Psalm 33 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7 Psalm 95 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

Lenten Community Meetings with Father Paul

Lent – a word taken from the German meaning “Spring” – is a wonderful time for us to pause and take stock of where we are as a community in this liturgical season and to celebrate the new life on which we are embarking.

As part of our Lenten observance, we will be holding weekly meetings of the community on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm in Newman Hall. These community gatherings will help us celebrate where we have come from, where we find ourselves on the journey now, and where, God willing, we as a community hope to be heading for the future.

Our aim is to work together toward a “vision statement” and “mission statement” that will act as clear pointers for our journey together. All are welcome to participate in our visioning with the understanding that they will also be willing to commit themselves to the onward journey.

Our first gathering this past week was a great success. **Please note that we will not be meeting this Wednesday, March 23rd.** Our next Lenten Community Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 30th.



Monthly Tithe

*Give Us This Day...
Our Daily Bread*

In 1986 a small group of people, including the Oratory's Brother David Boone and our own Bev Carroll, saw the need in our community for a place where anyone who was hungry could come inside and receive a meal, a smile and a kind word.

Their answer was the **Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen**, housed in Bannon Hall on Crawford Road, across the street from St. Mary's Church. 6 days a week, rain or shine, a meal is waiting for anyone who walks through the door.

All the food served is donated. All of the work is done by hundreds of volunteers from dozens of businesses, churches and civic groups, serving those in our community in the most need.

Earthquake and Tsunami Relief to Japan

The Diocese of Charleston and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) are encouraging all to contribute toward relieving the pain, hunger and suffering of the good people of Japan due to the recent earthquake and tsunami, and their aftermath.

Monetary donations, to be forwarded to CRS, can be sent to:

Diocese of Charleston
 Office of Finance
 1662 Ingram Rd.
 Charleston, SC 29407



Sunday Evening Drop-Ins

Our next drop in will be March 27th
 You can bring a snack or dessert to share, but it is not required.

Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse Office will be open from 5:00pm to 5:45pm each Sunday, prior to Evening Liturgy.
 As always, you can call the Oratory at 327-2097.

Notes from our Annual Community Meeting

This is the second of three installments in which we will summarize the thoughts and concerns expressed during our Annual Community Meeting held on February 13th. Again, we thank everyone who was a part of the dialogue. Last week, we recapped the discussion on our “Community of Faith”. Here are the thoughts and concerns of the community on “Our Liturgy”.

It is felt that our Sunday evening community is the perfect way to end the old week and to begin a new one. The community now appreciates that we have a regular celebrant who is in tune with us and provides a consistent liturgical experience.

Many commented on how much they enjoy Fr. Paul’s liturgies and his gentle, targeted homilies, which always seem to provide a new take on the scriptures. Our music ministry is greatly loved and appreciated. Many community members also appreciate the quietness of our Sunday evenings, as the liturgy is calming, reflective and thoughtful.

Some would like to see more people given the opportunity to present the offertory gifts, especially the students. Another suggestion was to have a dated anniversary book so deceased friends and family can be remembered at Mass. And yet another is to have the monthly tithe be announced prior to the collection. Concerning the monthly tithe, it was noted that historically we gave to 6 local charities and 6 international charities during the course of the year, but for this year all 12 are local. Why was this change made?

The need for a fixed time for community announcements was noted. Many community members miss the earthen vessels and homemade bread of our Eucharistic celebration. Also the community would like to continue our Triduum traditions and celebrations. Some would like to see more publicity and involvement in the morning Taize prayer and evening Bible study – perhaps announcements could be made at the liturgy.

A liturgical committee would be a good idea. Perhaps a review of the church configuration could be done so the presider and readers could be heard better. One suggestion was to have the liturgy in Pope John Center and have drop-ins in the same building. Kneeling during the Eucharistic Procession would be a sign of reverence and a traditional Latin Mass would be appreciated. We will certainly need education on the new rite this year.

In next week’s Rambler, we will conclude our Meeting Notes with comments made on “Community Organization”.

e-Rambler

If you would like to have the *e-Rambler* delivered to your inbox, please send an email to therambler@comporium.net requesting to be added to our subscription list.

The *e-Rambler* will be emailed prior to our Sunday Evening Liturgy, and will be sent in a .pdf file format. Printed copies will be available at the door after Liturgy.

All email addresses will remain private and will not be shared for any reason.

Rambler News

Do you have news or information to share with our Sunday evening community? All submissions for The Rambler should be sent to Suzanne Hunt at therambler@comporium.net. Deadline for submissions is the Wednesday prior.

THE RAMBLER

Cardinal Newman began The Oratory in England over 160 years ago, and wrote to his parishioners and friends in a magazine called “The Rambler”. We have adopted his title for our weekly announcements for the Sunday evening community at The Rock Hill Oratory.



The Rock Hill Oratory

Sunday Liturgy – 6:00 pm

Daily Eucharist – 12 Noon
Monday thru Saturday

Reconciliation – Saturday
10:30 to 11:30 am

Taize Morning Prayer – 7:30am
Monday thru Friday

Oratory Prayer – 8:00 am
Monday thru Friday

In Loving Memory
Father David Valtierra, C.O.
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