

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 given in a few weeks.

Lenten Passion Concert

The St. Philip Neri Music Program will present a Lenten Passion Concert, featuring the SPN Choir, feature soloists, and Organ.

The performance will feature the beautiful music of John Stainer's **THE CRUCIFIXION** ("For God so loved the World...."). It will be an inspirational setting in which to begin Lenten meditations on the Passion of Our Lord .

The concert will be held on Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00pm at the SPN Church Hall, 292 Munn Road (Exit 85 off I-77) in Fort Mill.

The concert is free and open to the public, as part of the church's Gift to the Community Music Program. For more information, please contact the church office at 548-7282.

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: Ex 17:3-7 Psalm 95 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42
Next Sunday: 1Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13 Psalm 23 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

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 join us for our next Lenten Community Meeting this Wednesday, March 30th.



Monthly Tithe

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



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.



Sunday Evening Drop-Ins

Join us this evening for fellowship, community and snacks.
 Next drop-ins will be Apr 3rd and Apr 10th.
 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 third and last installment 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.

In past Ramblers, we recapped the discussions on our “Community of Faith” and “Our Liturgy”. This week the summary covers “Our Community Organization”, which speaks to the ways that we can work together better as a community and how we can better relate to the larger community in which we live.

Comments included that we should be more aware of opportunities for ministry at other parishes, and that we should have a better and more reliable means of getting in touch with our priest if needed for an emergency outside of regular hours.

The community should ask for opportunities to help and, if necessary, ask for a special collection for items. Many like our participation with social justice ministries such as Heifer, Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, Pilgrims Inn, Rice Bowls, and writing Amnesty International letters. These are all seen as ways to help the larger, global community.

We would like greater consistency of leadership within our community. We need better communication between the Oratory and the Sunday Evening community. We need to let larger communities, both Catholic and non-Catholic, in Rock Hill know about us and invite them to join us.

We need to continue to find more ways to get more people in our Sunday community involved. Perhaps we could have a sign up for all ministries and publish them at the beginning of each month. We can have the Amnesty International letter writing group connect with the group at Winthrop, especially since we may lack manpower at times. We can make the community more aware to the Taize prayer and the Tuesday night bible study.

To get more people involved, we could have continued discussions over coffee after our liturgy and during drop-ins. We should encourage more people to bring food and to attend the drop-ins so we can share as a community. We need to encourage newcomers to attend the drop ins and we should be more specific where they are located.

Next week, we will publish information on our Worship Committee’s planning for Holy Week.

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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