

*The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.  
It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia.*



### *A message from our pastor*

“Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.” That line from the poem, *Trees*, by Joyce Kilmer long ago drove home to me the importance of trees in our world. Trees do more than add beauty to our surroundings, providing shelter for many species of animals along with replenishing the atmosphere with much needed oxygen. Trees certainly add to the beauty of western Washington, earning us the moniker, *The Evergreen State*. As bountiful as they may seem, however, trees cannot be taken for granted. In other parts of the world, forests have been destroyed due to poor conservation practices. That has even happened locally due to excessive logging in some areas. We have the opportunity to preserve some valued forest land here on Whidbey Island. The Trillium forest consist of 664 acres situated between Freeland and Greenbank west of Highway 525. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust has the opportunity to purchase this land for \$4.2 million, but the deal must be closed by June 10, 2010.

This tract of land is likely to be our last opportunity to save the largest forest on Whidbey Island. The goal of Whidbey Camano Land Trust is to preserve this forest as a wildlife habitat, public recreational setting for us to experience the wonders of nature in our backyard. If the deal closes, the land will be owned by Island County. If the deal falls through, the land will likely be sold to developers. The Lord counts on us to take good care of this planet, and preserving this forest land would be one way to do so. If you care to make a donation or want more information, visit [www.savetheforestnow.org](http://www.savetheforestnow.org). Thank you for helping to save today’s forest for tomorrow’s children.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our Church in Western Washington through the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal. It is not too late to return your pledge envelope if you haven’t already done so. *Thank you!*

**PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR!** We continue the “In the Footsteps of Jesus” learning about Peace and Social Justice teachings on Monday, May 24 at 7PM in Read Hall. We will pray, learn and share reflection on the meaning of “The Call to Family, Community and Participation” facilitated by Marye Kieling and Mary Ellen Jones. Our sessions will be thoughtful and respectful and encourage a diversity of viewpoints. Please join us—all are welcome!

**PARISH PICNIC:** Our parish picnic will be held on Sunday, July 18th, 12-4Pm at Maxwelton Beach. We need lots of help and ideas to pull this parish event together. Anyone interested in helping please call Kellie Fischer at 579-2450.

**“KEEPING” CATHOLICS HOME:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 13th at 4PM for our second Catholic Q & A event followed by a potluck in Read Hall. Fr. Rick is looking forward to answering your questions about our Catholic faith. Please start thinking about your questions to bring to this event! Email them to him at [frspicer@whidbey.com](mailto:frspicer@whidbey.com).

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** During Spring and Summer we will study the Gospel of John. This week our *Lectio Divina* will continue on the part of the Gospel about the 7 signs. We will then examine some of the distinctive features of this Gospel or we’ll listen to an audio by Fr. Raymond Brown, the renowned Catholic Bible scholar.

**KNIGHTS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Applications forms to apply for the Knights of Columbus scholarship are available on the table in the narthex. Questions can be directed to any Knight or call Larry at 579-3614.

**VCR PROGRAM:** Outreach recently sent three boxes to Afghanistan, 2 for the soldiers, 1 for the refugees. As the summer temperature rises in Afghanistan, we are looking for different items, for example hand wipes, absorbent sox, flip flops for their time off. As always books (especially paperbacks), CD’s, snacks and toys for the kids are welcome. Please support our troops in this effort. Look for a new display on the kiosk. Call Mary Ellen for more information, 730-2720

**BAZAAR MEETING:** June 3rd at 1PM Read Hall. Come join us and bring your ideas as we work to raise money for the parish. Meet new people, work together and have fun.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Tues., May 25 at 8:15 for Denis Archer RIP; Wed., May 26 at 10:30 for Dick Beers RIP; Thurs., May 27 at 8:15 for Gosha Kartsivadza; Fri., May 28 at 8:15 for Sr. Mary Jo DeMarco.





# FAITH FORMATION AND MORE...



**FAMILY MINISTRY:** All families are invited to join us for a **Family Mass and Potluck on Sunday, June 6th at 5:00PM** to celebrate our teachers, students and graduating seniors.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We are still looking for volunteers to help in all capacities with our summer vacation bible school July 12-16. If you love the sound of a child's laughter and love sharing your faith while having fun, then we are looking for you! Please call Patty at the Faith Formation Office for more information. Thank you! \*\*\*Information and registration forms for Vacation Bible School are located on the bulletin board in Read Hall. Please consider making VBS part of your child's summer experience. **VBS will be July 12-15.**

**RE:** On behalf of the teachers and staff we would like to thank all the children who participated in our Religious Education program this year. Thank you for working so hard in your classes. We look forward to seeing you at VBS and then in September. Have a safe and fun summer.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** If you will be entering grades 11 or 12 this next school year and are interested in being confirmed, please call the Faith Formation Office. You may register by calling 221-7744 or emailing Patty at [pkmaddux@yahoo.com](mailto:pkmaddux@yahoo.com).

The youth campout will be on June 25, 26, & 27. All youth 6th to 12th grades are invited to join us. You can find information and permission slips on the bulletin board in Read Hall or check your email for more info.

**This weekend, Sunday, May 23rd, is our end of the year youth celebration at Maxwelton Beach from 5-8PM. Parents and 5th grade students are welcome to join us for this youth gathering. Please bring a**

**PRAYER CORNER:** Jeanne Babik, Paul & Joan Biondi, Jane Brennan, Dick Bruya, Marie Celebre, Socorro Corbin, Paul D'Avanzo, Scott DenAdell, Vincent DiPersia, Barb Eckert, Frank Fuda, Lanny Gilmore, Ann Gnozzo, Lois Gorg, Norma Hall, Marcia & Pat Halligan, Emmie Holm, Dottie Jones, Gail Kidd, Fran LaFond, Arvella Maxwell, Marshall & Elena McCann, Jackie & Dale Merrel, Denise Miller, Jerry Moffat, Peg Moore, Menodora Newbauer, Don Nowak, Irene Redman, Jay Richards, Pat Rodden, Vickie Scott, Joe Stenson, Larry Taylor, Fen Tinker, Tyler Tran, Jim Weber, Dick Wilkin-

*One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.*



### Ordinary Collection

May 16, 2010

\$5800.44

Total for this month

\$17,084.66

### Debt Reduction Fund

May 9, 2010

\$135.00

Total still needed for this month

\$1,509.58

Building debt amount still owed as of April 16: \$66,225.07

### MASS SCHEDULE



**Saturday, May 29 @ 5:00 PM Trinity Sunday**

Lector: Conrad Von Doran

EM: Jerry Maxwell, Anne Wickstrand, Deacon Bob

Greeters: JoAnn Gilbert, Jan Parlier

Altar S.: Janice Martinovic, Tom Palla, David Scherer

**Sunday, May 30 @ 8:00 AM**

Lector: Deborah Truitt

EM: Bobbi Robinson, Jody LaBissoniere, Deacon Bob

Greeters: John & Janice Joynt

Altar S.: Peter & Matthew Shea, Annie Poolman

**Sunday, May 30 @ 10:30 AM**

Lector: Kathy Gianni

EM: John Goddard, Renee Bilyeu, Deacon Bob

Greeter: Tex & Marylou Bunney

Altar S.: Duffy & Mary Beth Schoeler, Ken Kieling

### Events Calendar May 24-May 30

**Mass: 8:15 AM Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10:30 Wed.  
Devotions: 8:00 AM Sat.**

**Monday ..... 7:00PM Peace & Social Justice, Read Hall**

**Tuesday ..... 5:15PM Catholics Come Home, Kaufman room  
7:00 PM Prayer meeting, church**

**Wednesday.... 1:00 PM Knitting, room 7  
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**Thursday ..... 9:30 Bible Study, Kaufman room  
7:00 PM Choir practice Church**

**Saturday..... 4:00 PM Reconciliation**

**Sunday.....9:15 Adult Faith Formation, Kaufman Room**