



*Support our Priests
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Let them know that we care*

**Happy
Birthday**



APRIL

- 4/04 Rev. John Wironen, CSC
- 4/05 Rev. John Betts
- Rev. David Jaspers
- 4/06 Rev. John McGuire
- 4/07 Rev. Joseph Barita, ALCP
- 4/08 Rev. John McGrann
- 4/10 Rev. Donald Gutmann
- 4/12 Rev. Italo De Pra
- 4/14 Rev. Raul Marquez
- 4/20 Rev. Bruce Brown
- Rev. John Henderson
- 4/23 Rev. J. Michael Morrissey
- 4/24 Rev. Gerald Quintal
- 4/26 Rev. Michael Walker
- 4/28 Rev. Martin King, CH, MAJ-SEL
- Rev. Victoriano Delgado Perez

**Ordination
Anniversaries**

APRIL

- 4/03 Rev. Michael Lau
- 4/21 Rev. John Wironen, CSC
- 4/15 Rev. William Wickham, CSC
- 4/29 Rev. Msgr. James Ninh Pham

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our Serra club will be electing officers and trustees in the month of March. A nominating committee will present a list of names to be voted on by the club's membership. Officers are elected for a two year term. Each trustee is elected for a three year term. Paul Harris will be the new president of the club. He was chosen last year as the president-elect. He will be inducted into office in the month of May rather than in June because of travel plans. Other officers and trustees will be inducted in June. Officers and trustees may succeed themselves in office.

Blessed Junipero Serra, Pray for Us!
Dean Petitt, President

VOCATIONS RALLY !

Vocations Rally provides an opportunity for sixth grade students to spend a day to learn more about and have interaction with priests, brothers and sisters. All religious communities are invited and many are expected to participate.

**The 7th Annual Vocations Rallies
scheduled to be held
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

***Queen of Peace in Salem on Wednesday, March 19
St. Pius X in Portland on Thursday, March 20***

The Portland Serra Club meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 has been canceled. Serrans are encouraged to attend the St. Pius Vocations Rally on Thursday, the 20th and volunteer to help! Lunch will be provided for Sisters and those sponsoring the event. Serrans will be asked to make a small donation for their lunch.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, FEBRUARY 23

Cocktails at 6 PM

Dinner at 7 PM

DOUBLETREE AT LLOYD CENTER

All priests, brothers, & deacons are invited as our guests for this annual event. **RSVP deadline is Tuesday, February 18.** Headcount can be increased (but not decreased) so last minute RSVP's will be accepted! Contact chair: Lynn Jones at lcayanusjones@frontier.com or 503-645-2172

MEETING RECAP

February 5 — Rev. Matthew Libra, Administrator at St. Rose of Lima Parish was our guest speaker. He provided his notes from his presentation and we'd like to share:

To the members of Serra Club: Thank you for all you do for vocations. I always find that the smallest thing is a wonder. I think we will see that we really have not had mere "chance" encounters. So again, thanks for all the "little" things you do.

I started my live in Lebanon, Oregon, living, playing, and working with my family. I was a small town kid living a rural life-a self-sustaining life. I worked in youth ministry at my home parish, St. Edwards, and at other parishes in Lebanon and Salem. I worked for Reach Youth Ministry of Yakima, Washington. Then I decided to attend the seminary at Mount Angel in 20004. I also spent a time of formation at St. Paul's Parish in St. Paul.

I was told that I had experience with church celebrations and so I was assigned to put together the Christmas and Easter Masses at St. Paul. I was studying at Mount Angel for three years when the Archbishop decided to send me to Rome. It was a surprise to me. Rome is not like the small city that I was used to. However, I attended the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas where I earned a bachelor's degree in sacred theology. Archbishop Vlazny then assigned me to the Licentiate Program which promotes knowledge of cannon law.

We are but a part of a universal church. These studies and the environment I found myself in made me learn about the Catholic Church in the world around us. There is so much to learn and absorb and to articulate. While I was in Rome I applied to become a naval chaplain back in the United States. But I did not hear back from the U.S. Navy. They had lost my application. What now? I prayed to Mary. Very suddenly it was decided that I should stay in Italy. While continuing my studies in Italy, I was able to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes where I had a wonderful religious experience. Eventually I came back to Oregon. Once again I applied for a chaplain position with the U.S. Navy. But that application got lost also and I continued my licentiate program while being assigned to work with Father Sean Weeks in Ashland. As I was preparing to move to Ashland, I called Father Weeks to confirm a starting date. However, I never went. Instead, I was asked to work at St. Paul's Parish where I was given a variety of assignments, most of which dealt with the parish school.

In June of 2012, I was ordained by Archbishop Vlazny and was slated to serve at St. Pius X Parish with Father Weeks who was the new pastor at St. Pius X. However, once again it did not come about. At the last moment Archbishop Vlazny asked me to serve with Bishop Ken Steiner at St. Juan Diego Parish in the Beaverton area. So I took over my duties in the summer of 2012 and began learning by doing. At the end of the summer I went back to Rome to finish my studies.

Upon return from Rome I was assigned to be the administrator of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Northeast Portland. That continues to be my assignment. I am slowly learning the "ins" and "outs" of administration. But God always takes care of me, as is evident from the many changes that have taken place in my life through my studies and formation. God has more than fulfilled my expectations. I know that He will not let me fail. It is the Lord and His love who is guiding me day-by-day.

At St. Rose I followed Msgr. Richard Huneger and Father Peter Smith who had built a solid parish and school. Father Peter especially is an accomplished administrator and planner. He established a parish plan which identified the needs of the parish before he moved on to archdiocesan work. My gifts are more in the pastoral area. I have been able to use these talents to support the direction of the parish, aid with the role of the families, and tend to the needs of the school. Throughout this initial time period I can sense the Holy Spirit working within all of us in the parish. For instance, in regards to spiritual formation we have obtained the talents of Matthew Kelly to speak to our parish in the near future. I don't fear the challenges that lie ahead. But I do need to see the big picture for St. Rose. I know that the parishioners have a deep love and concern for St. Rose Parish. They have let me know that they will support my decisions. The principal of the school, likewise, has been very cooperative. It will always be a challenge. My motto continues to be: "I got nothing I asked for and everything I hoped for". I love it!!"

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I believe that nothing that happens to me is meaningless, and that it is good for us all that is should be so, even if it runs counter to our own wishes. As I see it, I'm here for some purpose and I only hope I may fulfill it. In the light of the great purpose all our privations and disappointments are trivial.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL PORTLAND SERRA CLUB SEMINARIAN DINNER

HONORING
PORTLAND ARCHDIOCESE SEMINARIANS

FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME

Saturday, March 1ST

St. Patrick's Parish
1623 NW 19th Avenue
Portland, OR 97209

5:30 p.m.

Seminarians & families are our guests

Serrans and guests Dinner \$16/pp

RSVP to Mary Keith

mary-keith@g.com or 503-287-4073

SPRING LEADERSHIP PLANNING CONFERENCE APRIL 4-6

Region 12 Spring Leadership Planning Conference (SLPC) for all **incoming officers** is scheduled for **Friday April 4 to Sunday April 6 in Edmonds, WA. Location and details forthcoming!**

This conference is a unique training opportunity for all officers, trustees and members. Special workshops will provide you with a sound understanding of your role as a part of the Serra Region 12 Leadership Team.

All incoming officers will receive a registration packet with agenda and details in the near future.

**SAVE THE DATE
JULY 10-13, 2014**

**SERRA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
SACRAMENTO, CA**

More Details to Follow

IN LOVING MEMORY of EUGENE SZEKELY



The Serra Club of Portland mourns the loss of Eugene Szekely, who passed away on January 30 at the age of 96. Gene was a Serran for 57 years and was the oldest living Serran in our Club.

He always had a smile to share and his response to everything was he was "blessed". For those of us who attended his memorial, it was endearing to hear how Gene touched the first graders at the Holy Family parish joining their class every Tuesday for years. Those impacted by his classroom visits were asked to stand and over half the parishioners stood up—there were so many young people whose lives he touched. The first grade teacher shared the fact the only man as popular with the kids was Santa! He will be missed!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SERRA MEETINGS

Feb 19, 2014

Mass Noon
Lunch/Meeting

Mass will be held in the parish upstairs

PROGRAM: Father Mike Biewend and parishioners, Ron & Carol Baier

March 5, 2014

Board Meeting 10:30
Lunch/Meeting Noon

*PROGRAM: Fr. Martin Grassel, OSB
What's Brewing at Mount Angel?*

March 19, 2014

MEETING CANCELED due to
Vocations Rally March 20th

April 2, 2014

**SPECIAL LUNCHEON AT ST.
JOHN VIANNEY** Details to follow
No Board Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed, March 19, 2014

VOCATIONS RALLY
Queen of Peace - Salem
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thurs, March 20, 2014

VOCATIONS RALLY
St. Pius X - Portland
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fri-Sun, April 4-6, 2014

**Spring Leadership Planning
Conference - Yakima, WA**

Sunday, April 20, 2014
Easter

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