

**Pastor's corner**

Some people have asked me why I do so many ministerial tasks myself, suggesting that lay persons can do many of these.

First a general comment. We are Church together and all her members are important and contribute to her life and well-being. Many pastoral ministries can and are assured only by lay leaders, for example, the ministry of Friendly Hours, the Thursday prayer group, the Sunday morning hospitality after mass, the outreach program to the Pauquachin Band, etc. Other ministries need to be fulfilled by lay members in loose collaboration with the pastor so that celebrations and programs are meaningful and run smoothly, for example, the music ministry, the ministry of lectors and Eucharistic ministers, etc.

Other ministries are more closely related to the ministry of the pastor, not because he wants to control them, but because they are an essential part of his pastoral ministry.

Here I am talking about the ministry to the sick, the bereavement ministry, marriage preparation, religious education, etc. As pastor I need and want to get to know and meet the family before a funeral, a couple on several occasions before their wedding, because I need to know the people involved and their particular situation so that my pastoral approach to the celebration and its various elements can be well adapted and inculturated. I am sure you have understood by now that I always want to adapt sacramental celebrations to the particular human situation whether it is a funeral, a wedding, a baptism, or the regular Sunday Eucharist. A pastor should not be called upon only when he is needed to "perform" or administer the sacraments that under present church regulations only he can celebrate. There is much more to the sacraments; they are far richer and our life of faith goes well beyond them to include all our human situations.

This does not mean that lay members of the community should not be involved in the ministries I have just described. On the contrary; but their involvement is even more crucial and important after the event. It is especially after the funeral that people who grieve need community support. It is especially after the wedding that young and not so young couples need to meet other couples for ongoing enrichment and support. It is especially after the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and first communion) that children and their families need further faith formation and community involvement.

Taking the above into account the team of religious educators and I have decided to have the catechism classes before and during a part of the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist, that is, between 9:45 and 11:00. The children involved in the program will join the community at 11:00 am after the homily. This should encourage parents and family to participate in the Sunday Eucharist. The younger children's liturgy for children between the ages of 4-7 will normally be right after the opening of the Eucharistic celebration. Once a month we will try to have the older children in the program (grades 5 and up) participate more fully by being part of the procession, lectors, servers, help in the collection, bringing up the gifts, etc.

A meeting of all those interested in the bereavement ministry will be held on Thursday Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth.

A meeting of all the young people interested in being an altar server will meet on Monday September 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth. Sarah Cameron will be the leader with the help of Ed Krakowski.

*fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

**PASTOR:** Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH COORDINATOR:** Neil Lensen

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Chair, Bob Fowler, 655-3078

**EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am

Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays

& Thursdays and First Fridays

Liturgy of the Word at 9am on Mondays

**EUCHARIST AT**

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

7742 West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay

Sundays at 8:30am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am

Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home

See inside bulletin

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tim 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Let us be open  
accepting individuals  
sensitive to change  
and willing to take  
Courses untraditional,  
unknown to us.  
Let us live as  
examples of God's love.*

**NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!**

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you.

Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Need donation envelopes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## COVENANT

**ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
Sept. 23 9:00 St. Stephen's BAS Holy Communion  
10:30 St. Mary's BCP Holy Communion

## IN OUR PARISH

### **We offer congratulations on the celebration of the Marriage of:**

Bruce Raymond Morris &  
Michelle Annette Sampson, Sept. 15

### **We offer condolences to the families and pray for the repose of the souls of:**

Thomas Patrick Griffin, Aug. 30th  
Leslie Adkin, Sept. 1  
Mary Doran, Sept. 2  
Raymond Bernardo, Sept. 4

### **CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

A reminder to parents that this program will be held on Sunday mornings, from 9:45—11am. First classes will begin on Sept. 30th. Registration will take place on the 16th & 23rd directly after the 10:30 Mass. If you have any questions please call Lynn 652-2543 or Els 656-5888 or you may e-mail me at Lynn@spparish.com.

### **INVITATION TO THE YOUTH: SEPT. 17**

Sarah Cameron invites all youth interested in being altar servers at the weekend masses to come on Monday, Sept. 17th at 7:00pm to St. Elizabeth's.

### **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: SEPT. 20 & 23**

A membership meeting will be held on Sept. 20th, 7pm at St. Elizabeth's. The Victoria Diocese celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace with a Mass on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 4pm celebrated by Bishop Richard, followed by a pot-luck supper. Contact Donna (656-2064), Don (652-3029) or Freddie (655-5028) for more details.

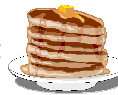
## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

9:00am	<b>MONDAY, SEPT. 17TH</b> Liturgy of the Word
7:00pm	Altar Servers meeting
9:00am	<b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 18TH</b> Liturgy of the Word
11:30am	Friendly Hours
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus
9:00am	<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19TH</b> Mass
10:00am	Taiji Qigong
9:00am	<b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 20TH</b> Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours
2:00pm	Prayer Group
6:00pm	Taiji Qigong
7:00pm	Bereavement Ministry meeting
9:00am	<b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 21ST</b> Mass at the home of Kevin & Magdalene Campbell, 1028 Waverly Terr. 652-9616
5:00pm	<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 22ND</b> Mass at St. Elizabeth's
8:30am	<b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 23RD</b> Mass at OLO Assumption
10:30am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30am	KofC Pancake Breakfast

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: SEPT. 20**

All those who are interested in participating in the Bereavement Ministry please come to St. Elizabeth's on Thursday, Sept. 20th at 7pm.

**K of C PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SEPT. 23.** After the 10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's. \$4.00, children free.



**FAITH REFLECTION GROUP: SEPT 24**  
Resumes on Monday, Sept. 24th at 7pm.

## ERITREAN ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON:

**OCT. 21**, directly after Mass  
This fundraiser (by donation) will continue to support all our good friends' work in Eritrea, Horn of Africa—Education (pre-school, elementary, high school, Agricultural College), clinics, study centres, orphans, the elderly. Please come and enjoy a wonderful lunch, buy items from the Hands and Heart Boutique, and enjoy chatting with your fellow parishioners.

A lunch with a Purpose.  
God Bless, Stephanie.

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION: SEPT 26**

Programs will begin on Wednesday, September 26th for those who are new to the Catholic faith and for those who are returning or renewing their faith. For more information call Janet Moir 655-6781, Freddie Brand 655-5028 or Fr. Rolf 652-1990 or 656-7433.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION: OCT. 3**

Parents who wish to have their babies Baptized are invited to a Baptismal Preparation session on Wednesday, October 3rd at 600pm at St. Elizabeth's. Child care will be provided. Please contact Lise and Niles Derzaph 655-4042.

### **NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Reminder Neil Lensen, our new Parish Co-ordinator will be in the office Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 to 12:30.

## GENERAL

### **CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP: SEPT. 19**

The Christopher Leadership Course is a 9-week course that teaches you to master the basic skills of presenting your ideas. Gain confidence as you develop your communication and leadership skills. Have fun and see immediate improvement. Course begins Wed. Sept. 19, at 6:30—9:30pm at St. Andrews High School. Limited enrolment. Call Bonnie at 658-2706 [www.vanislechristophers.com](http://www.vanislechristophers.com).

### **CITY OF GARDENS CHORUS: SEPT. 23**

Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 1:30pm at Holy Cross Church, 4049 Gordon Head Rd. A presentation of a cappella harmony directed by Julie Smith. Tickets \$15. Call Audrey 652-5082 or Daphne at 381-7102. [www.members.shaw.ca/sing](http://www.members.shaw.ca/sing)

### **NEED CRISIS & INFORMATION LINE: SEPT. 29**

Fall into something great! Follow your heart by offering hope, dignity and respect. Volunteer with us at the NEED crisis information Line. Training starts September 29th. 386-6328 or [www.needcrisis.bc.ca](http://www.needcrisis.bc.ca)

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

**QUEENSWOOD** 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria  
[www.queenswoodcentre.com](http://www.queenswoodcentre.com)

For Registration or Information call 477-3822

### **REBUILDING AFTER LOSS: SEPT. 25**

Series with Mary Jane Wilson, cnd, Sharon Millar, csj and Bill Wilson, sj.

### **DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS: OCT. 2-4**

Facilitator: Sr. Eva Solomon, CSJ, D.Min.

### **NATIVE SPIRITUALITY & TRADITIONS**

How these relate to our Catholic Faith and to build bridges with the Catholic Native community and the Native community at large.

\* Tuesday, Oct. 2nd: Cowichan Reserve

\* Wednesday, Oct. 3rd from 10am—4pm at St. Peter's Parish in Nanaimo. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this workshop.

\* Thursday, Oct. 4: Ahousat, West Coast

For details see Fr. Rolf.

## MESSAGES

### **THANK YOU!**

To Norm Cafik and Marcel Fauchon for construction and erecting of the new sign for OLO Assumption.

To Roy Battilana and his team for organizing, preparing and facilitating the "End of Summer Miracles" kids camp.