

Ascension Sunday
May 24, 2009

Homily Next Week:
Fr. Mike Bayard, S.J.

Readings for Pentecost Sunday

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-11
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-13
GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday - 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Church
or by appointment

Parish Center Hours

Monday-Friday - 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

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Rev. Christopher Weekly, S.J. x107

Senior Priest in Residence

Rev. Jack O'Leary, S.J.

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Rev. Michael Bayard, S.J.

Deacon/Pastoral Associate

Steve Wodzanowski x106

Pastoral Staff:

Renée Leet, Administrative Assistant x100

Bob McCaffery-Lent, Music & Liturgy x109

Greg McNabb, Administration x108

Anne Moran, Administrative Assistant x116

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Dennis Gentele, Facilities x110

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Rick Boyle, Academic Vice Principal x215

Sheryl Sperry, Student Vice Principal x218

Donna Ramos, Associate Vice Principal x105

Meet the Presiders

Fr. Jack Bentz, S.J., presider at all masses this weekend, is currently the Superior for the Capitol Hill Jesuit Community and Assistant for Vocations for the Oregon Province of the Jesuits. Fr. Jack is an excellent homilist as well as an accomplished actor.

Next week we are led by Fr. Mike Bayard, S.J., a familiar face! Fr. Mike will soon assume the post of Director of Campus Ministry at Seattle University.

Parish Update

We are officially into the season of transitions. Fr. Chris has gone and will be back only for the 8th Grade graduation events. While he is gone, he is still canonically pastor. Fr. Whitney will arrive sometime in late July/early August. If you need assistance in the meantime, please contact Renee at the front desk (206)324-2522, x100 and she will direct you to the best person to assist you.

We announced in the bulletin last week that due to financial issues at St. Joseph, Tara Young-Brown has been laid off. This is really only part of the situation. Over the last eight years, parish income has seen only a 3% growth. Meanwhile, expenses have been climbing at a much higher rate. For more details please see the parish annual report on the parish website.

After consulting with the Parish Finance Council, Fr. Chris enacted some changes over the last few months. The parish's subsidy of the school has been reduced by \$100,000 in the next fiscal year; parish staff salaries and benefits, the major "discretionary" expense, has been reduced by roughly the same amount affecting two staff positions. One was Tara's. The other was an open position that will not be filled.

The work that Tara has done over the last three years has really brought to the fore issues of social justice. The eco-justice committee has assisted both the school and the parish in becoming more green; the senior ministries continue to thrive; the homebound have been visited. We will really miss her.

A group of parishioners has come together to discuss the effects of these cutbacks on parish operations. Their hope is to locate funding that will allow us to restore these cutbacks. More information will be in the forthcoming weeks.

A special farewell reception will be held for Tara next Sunday, May 31, after the 5:30 mass. Please come and share your thanks and appreciation for her.

Register now for CYO

Fall Soccer & Cross-Country

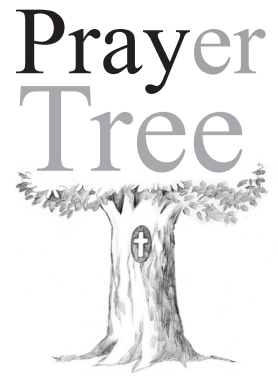
You can download a sign up form at the CYO section of the St. Joseph School website (www.stjosephsea.org) through June 12, 2009.

Calendar

Monday, May 25	Office Closed Memorial Day Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Tuesday, May 26	OWLS, 6 PM
Wednesday, May 27	Women's Spirituality Group, 10 AM Pathfinders, 6 PM CNN Hero of the Year Zack Rosenburg Change Builds, 7:30 PM
Thursday, May 28	E of E, 7 PM
Saturday, May 30	Parish Leadership Meeting, 8:30 AM
Sunday, May 31	Come to the Quiet ... 5 PM (before Mass)

Note: Daily masses are celebrated in the Arrupe Room and the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Loyola Room (the old rectory chapel) both located in the Parish Center.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the men and women who serve our country here and abroad and for those families whose loved ones have made the ultimate sacrifice... For Theresa's recovery from an assault... For Monica who is caring and generous to others... To be at peace about an upcoming breast biopsy... For baby Boden's healing after heart surgery.



*"Happiness is that peace of mind,
serenity of soul,
And exhilaration of spirit which God
gives us when we,
Out of love, serve those who need us."*

Lester Sauvage, M.D.

If you are interested in having someone placed on the prayer tree, please contact Renée Leet at 324-2522 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Seniors on the Go

OWLS

The next OWLS potluck supper will be Tuesday, May 26th in the Social Hall at 6 pm. This will be the last gathering until September.

Healing Mass

June's Healing Mass is June 12th.

ACA Update

Thank you to all who have committed to the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. To date, we have received \$80,000 in pledges from 283 parish households. That is 58% of our goal with 22% participation. It's not too late to do your part. Won't you help?

Emergency Financial Assistance for Parishioners

The St. Joseph Parish Emergency Fund is ready to help parishioners in need. All calls to our dedicated phone line will be completely confidential, as will any assistance we provide. We will primarily help with food and housing expenses which include rent, mortgage assistance, and utilities. Other expenses will be considered on a case by case basis. This fund has been set up with love and caring by St. Joseph parishioners to help their fellow parishioners, and will be administered by St. Vincent de Paul. Our confidential phone can be reached at: (206) 499-2082.

Catholic Social Teaching on Climate Change: The Universal Common Good

According to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic teaching on climate change is built upon the principles of prudence, poverty and the common good. The US Bishops on the Common Good: "Global climate is by its very nature a part of the planetary commons. The earth's atmosphere encompasses all people, creatures, and habitats. The melting of ice sheets and glaciers, the destruction of rain forests, and the pollution of water in one place can have environmental impacts elsewhere. As Pope John Paul II has said, "We cannot interfere in one area of the ecosystem without paying due attention both to the consequences of such interference in other areas and to the well being of future generations." Responses to global climate change should reflect our interdependence and common responsibility for the future of our planet. Individual nations must measure their own self-interest against the greater common good and contribute equitably to global solutions." Read more on Catholic Social Teaching on climate change and learn how you can help at www.catholicclimatecovenant.org

CHANGE BUILDS



Join Shirts Across America as we welcome one of CNN's Heroes of the Year and Co-Founder of the St. Bernard Project, Zack Rosenberg to St. Joseph Church on **Wednesday, May 27th** at 7:30pm.

Over 2,000 families have been told they will not be able to stay in their FEMA trailers in New Orleans after May 31st. Where will these people go? Shirts Across America has partnered with the St. Bernard Project to move as many families home as possible.

Zack Rosenberg and his significant other Liz McCartney were awarded CNN's Hero of the Year Award and bring the inside scoop in person to Seattle.

This is your chance to connect with the St. Bernard Project and to see for yourself how Change is Building New Orleans!

Join us for an incredible night at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Zack and Shirts Across America. You'll be blown away with what you see and hear!

We'll see you Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30pm.

St. Bernard Project by the Numbers:

- 210 homes have been rebuilt by SBP since 2006.
- 2,000 families living in FEMA trailers in the Greater New Orleans Area.
- 11,000+ volunteers have worked with SBP since 2006.
- \$12,000 rebuilds a home by St. Bernard Project.

Awards and Recognition:

Liz and Zack are chosen as Gambit's New Orleanians of the Year.
Liz and Zack receive a Social Entrepreneurship award from the Manhattan Institute
St. Bernard Project receives Hero Award from Friends of New Orleans Award
Liz McCartney, Co-Founder receives CNN Hero Award
Liz McCartney and Zack Rosenberg awarded 40 under 40 from Gambit Weekly



shirts across america

Revive: Bringing New Life to Your Intimate Relationship

Are you arguing more frequently with your partner? Is your love life losing its passion? Is the quality of your relationship declining? Join us on Saturday, June 13 from 9 am to 4 pm, Randolph Carter Center at Catholic Community Services, 100 23rd Ave S.

Led by Lauriel Elsa-Gordon, M.A., M.Ed., C.M.H.S. Three sessions of couples counseling are included. Successful relationships don't just happen. Healthy relationships require commitment, nurturing, and skills. Cost is \$225 per couple

Call 206-328-6857 to register. For information on this and other classes, please visit www.ccsww.org/selfdevelopment.

Room to Spare?

Former parishioners Bill and Enkhe Engels and their three-year-old son are seeking free or economical lodgings from June 30th to July 6th and from August 2nd to the 10th.

The family will be visiting Seattle during their vacation. Bill has been serving as a school principal and teacher in Bangladesh since July, 2008. He can be contacted at mongolengels@yahoo.com. For reference information, inquire of Ann Regimbal or Julia Buchholz.

Micah Gathering 2009

Calling all Former Jesuit Volunteers (FJVs), your families and friends!! Micah is a non-profit organization created in 1992 for FJVs and friends to gather annually for fun and fellowship.

This year's theme is "Step by Step—Walking in Community with One Another", and will be held Thursday – Sunday, June 25-28 at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. Registration fees for individuals and families are quite reasonable and include lodging and meals. Come for part or all of the weekend! There is an optional Peace Walk on Whidbey prior to the Micah Gathering.

For more information call Lisa Dennison at 206-789-9429 or email micah@whidbey.com. This is a great way for folks to connect with others and to reflect on their spiritual journey and their thirst for social justice while having time to renew and refresh. JOIN US!!

Angelorum Pregnancy Services 8th Annual Auction of the Angels!

June 13, 2009 at St. Matthew Parish 1240 NE 127th St, Seattle. Tickets are \$40 each or \$300 for a table of eight. For more information, call Kathy at Angelorum today at 206 533 6264 or go online at www.angelorum.org

Transition Team Begins Work

Members of the Pastoral Council and other parishioners have begun work on plans to welcome our new pastor. Please give your ideas and support to:

Tom Peterson, Nancy Newman Kuester,
Eileen Simpkins, Chris Maskill, Maria Ochoa,
Mary Guerra, Randy Novak, and Mary Jo Bench.

St. Martin de Porres Shelter

Needed-a family who would like to provide service one Saturday a month. We pick up donated baked goods at Madison Park Bakery, at 5:30 and deliver them to the shelter on Alaskan Way. It takes 45-60 minutes once a month. If interested or you have questions, contact Sheri Andrews 325-7128 or sandrews@stjosephsea.org

First Friday Worship

Our theme for this final First Friday before the summer break is "Love". We invite you all to participate in the love of this community that we have all helped to create, and our love of sharing scripture and prayer together. The First Friday Worship Service starts at 6:30 pm on Friday, June 5th at St. Joseph's Church. The potluck will be held immediately following in the Parish Center Arrupe Room. We ask that you bring either a main dish, salad or dessert and whatever you wish to drink. For information, contact Don Manning at (206)726-0599 or donmanning@mac.com, or Kelly Keydel at (206) 325-3735 or kellykeydel@mindspring.com

Ignited by the Spirit

Celebrate Pentecost! Join us for a dynamic evening of praise & worship, teaching and prayer ministry, followed by refreshments. Our guest speaker is Maria Vadia, a Catholic lay woman who has dedicated her life to proclaiming a message of faith, salvation and healing throughout the world. Saturday, May 30, 7:00 – 10:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 5050 8th Ave NE, Seattle. Sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

For more information call 206-364-2272 or visit to our website at www.wcccr.org