

Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2010

Reflection Next Week:
Jennifer Kelly

Readings for
Sunday, March 14, 2010

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1B,6-7,10-13A
SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:8-14
GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

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-Thursday - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

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Thoughtful and Thankful at Six Months

As he was dying, Abba Benjamin said this to his sons: "If you observe the following, you can be saved: 'Be joyful at all times, pray without ceasing, and give thanks for all things.'" -Saying of the Desert Fathers-

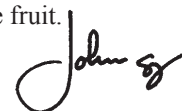
A little bit beyond six-months in this pastor-gig, and well into the flow of Lent, I am profoundly conscious of God's goodness and the great well of grace flowing through this community. Welcomed with many kind words (and none of the torches and pitchforks that some—even some within the community—warned me were often brought out for pastors), I have found myself wondering, at times, if perhaps I was just too thick-skinned (or thick headed) after my time as Provincial to notice controversy, or if, perhaps, I wasn't offering enough challenge to St. Joseph's to really get the juices flowing.

However, in prayer and reflection, I cannot escape the conclusion that the true source of my happiness is that this community and I want the same things: to grow and deepen in a sense of God's presence among us; to love and be loved; to be challenged in a way that does not begin in judgment or condemnation of our current lives, but begins in hope for a better tomorrow; to form a community built not on self-interest but on living prayer (i.e., prayer seen in worship and in action, in the way we gather at table and live outside the church doors).

Every time I have allowed myself to be true to my holy desires for St. Joe's (and not my fears), I have found a deep resonance in this community—because, I believe, the Spirit of God lives here and longs for all of us with the longing of Christ Jesus. I see that every day in the work of the Parish staff—from George Hofbauer to Renée Leet, from Deacon Steve to Dennis Gentele—and in the prayer of the daily mass community; I see it in the kids, tearing up the lawn at 2:45 and in the youth preparing for their trip to New Orleans until all hours. I see that Spirit in the Seniors who care for each other, and in the parents who ensure their children get to church on time to serve mass. I see all these things, and I am overwhelmed with gratitude and with hope: if we can only open ourselves, and focus our energies, and risk ourselves enough to meet the desire of God for us, and to pursue our desire for God. . .wow!. . .we'd knock the doors off this place, and, I think, change the world!

What keeps us, then, from living in the way we desire? After only a bit more than six months, I suppose my only conclusion about this is that we have not, yet, fully entrusted ourselves to one another, and to this community. The wonderful history of St. Joe's empowers us, but it also tempts us to conclude that we have seen it all before—a middle aged malaise to which I can also relate. Many in our community feel burned or burned out by a Church that can seem more concerned with circling the wagons than moving towards the frontier; and others see the parish as just another service provider with whom one deals. Even if these sensibilities have begun to give way (I hope), they are temptations which, I sense, still slow us.

As we turn, this week, towards the Scrutinies—and greet those who see the Church and our parish with new eyes and full hearts—I pray we can all deepen our own sense that this is a community within which we want to invest our hearts, our hands, our resources, and our passions. Furthermore, I pray that, as I give thanks for this first half-year of service with you, we will all rejoice in years of grace as God lets the community we are tending grow bright with new buds and with rich, ripe fruit.



Calendar

Sunday, March 7	CFF Classes Novena, 5:30 Mass
Monday, March 8	Sacred Silence, Jogues Room, 7 PM Novena, 7 PM, Church
Tuesday, March 9	RCIA, 7 PM, Parish Center Novena, 7 PM, Church
Wednesday, March 10	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM, Parish Center Novena, 7 PM, Church
Thursday, March 11	Novena, 7 PM, Church
Friday, March 12	Novena, 7 PM, Church
Saturday, March 13	Celli, 6 PM, Wyckoff Gym
Sunday, March 14	SU Choir Lenten Prayer Concert, 2:30 PM, Church Come to the Quiet ... 5 PM (before Mass)

Note: Daily masses (Monday-Friday) are celebrated in the Arrupe Room at 7 AM 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 Charlene in her recovery from foot surgery . . . For Jerry, Catherine, Russ and Russell who are doing well with each of their health treatments . . . For those in hospice and for their caregivers . . . For the people of Chile who are suffering from the consequences of the earthquake.

Prayer Tree



"... The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness... when we do not know how to pray properly..." Romans 8:26-27

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

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of *Maureen Sawyer*, parishioner and school parent, who passed away last week. Her funeral service will be Saturday, March 13th at 11 am at St. Joseph Church.

Parish Hunger Banquet

Our parish Hunger Banquet will be held on Wednesday, March 24th from 6-7:30 pm in the Social Hall. A Hunger Banquet is an opportunity to experience first hand the discrepancies of food and water distribution and access around the world. We will be remembering Archbishop Oscar Romero on the 30th anniversary of his death, and learn more about his work and sacrifice for the people of El Salvador. Hosted by Pathfinders and Sister Parish Ministries. Parish and school families are encouraged to attend. Please visit the parish website or contact Dottie Farewell to RSVP at 965-1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Lenten Prayer Concert

The Seattle University Choirs, directed by Dr. Joy Sherman, will present a *Lenten prayer concert at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, March 14th at 2:30 pm*. This sacred concert features a selection of choral works from the past two hundred years, among them local composer Lee Peterson's "Sanctus from Missa Animae," Antonio Lotti's "Crucifixus" and "O vos omnes" by Pablo Casals. *Fr. John Whitney, SJ will deliver a special reflection for this service of word, song and contemplation.* The concert is offered as a gift to the St. Joseph Parish in grateful appreciation of the unique and meaningful relationship between the St. Joseph Parish and the SU Choirs. *There will be a free will offering with proceeds being shared between Rice Bowl for CRS and the Sisters of Mary in Africa.*

A Lift For Our Parishioners

As part of our effort towards making the church more accessible to people with mobility challenges, the elevator in the Parish Center is now fully accessible at all times.



From the Parking Level, just push the button (no code required) and you can go to the 1st floor (18th Street level, in the Arrupe Foyer). This Foyer will now remain open at all hours, so that one can access the elevator to return to the Parking Level. To get to the other floors (Basement or 2nd Floor) one will need an access key.

FAITH FORMATION

Attention CFF2 Families:

Please make sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming First Eucharist Important Meetings:

Parent and Child Workshop on Saturday, March 27th from 9 am to 11:30 am in the church.

Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, April 22nd at 6 pm in the church.

First Communion Dresses & Blazers

Borrow a beautiful dress or a stylish blazer for your child's First Eucharist on April 24th and 25th. Different sizes and styles to choose from. Contact Robin Cole at recole1954@hotmail.com to set up a time to check out the options.

If you have any outfits to donate, please let Robin know and she will add them to the collection.

Peace Day for Women

“Friends and Strangers along the Way”

Led by Susan Dewitt, CSJP

Wednesday, March 17th

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center,
1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue.

Bring a sack lunch

Free-will offering

To register or for more information contact Carmel Little,
CSJP at 425-454-7909 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

St. Patrick's Day Mass

The annual St. Patrick's Day Mass for Peace will be held Wednesday, March 17th at 12 Noon at Plymouth Congregational Church on 6th and University. Archbishop Brunett will preside. The speaker will be Fr. Bill Treacy. Please join us for this celebration.

Peter Mayer in Concert with opening artist Jennifer Kelly

Friday, March 19th at 8 pm

Seattle University - Chapel of St. Ignatius

Tickets - \$20/advance \$25/at the door

For more information about tickets, visit www.ignatiancenter.org or call 206-329-4824. Presented by Ignatian Spirituality Center to benefit ISC's SEYA Program: Spiritual Enrichment for Young Adults

Novena of Grace

Free Our Hearts

A Nine-Day Preached Retreat

Continues through March 12th

Sunday, March 7th

1 pm - Seattle U Chapel

5:30 pm - St. Joseph Church

Monday-Friday

Noon - Chapel of St. Ignatius, Seattle U

7 pm - St. Joseph Church

Presenters: John Whitney, SJ, Patty Repikoff
& Joe Orlando

For information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples: prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming Weekends are April 30th thru May 2, June 4-6 & June 11-13. For more information contact Rory and Dawn Myers at 206-772-2344 or seattlewwme@yahoo.com (or see our website at <http://www.SeattleWWME.org>) or John and Martha Ryland at 253-859-9174 or jmryland@comcast.net

Ignatian Spirituality Center Presents Ignatian Eco-Spirituality Series

Five Thursday Sessions: April 22 - May 20, 7-9 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

Presenters: Christine Paintner & Joseph Carver, SJ

Registration Fee is \$25 / Total Program Cost is \$125

Some partial work scholarships are available

Make checks payable to "ISC" and send to 732 18th Ave E,
Seattle 98122

or pay online at www.IgnatianCenter.org

(click on "Programs")

Contact Christine with any questions

christine@ignatiancenter.org or call 206-329-4824

St. Patrick's Day Ceili

A night of Irish Food, Dance and Entertainment for all ages

Saturday, March 13th

6-9 pm

Wyckoff Gym

Buffet Dinner-Corned Beef & Cabbage

Live Traditional Irish Music by *Mooncoyne*

Irish dancing by *Baile Glas Irish Dancers*

For more information, visit the parish website or pick up a flyer in the vestibule.

Tent City3

Tent City3 needs outdoor oil based paint or outdoor primer to paint the OSB boards given to them for tent flooring. These boards need to be "sealed" to keep moisture out and keep them preserved for a longer period of time. No need to worry about color – any and all colors will be welcomed. Paint brushes and/or rollers would be very helpful! They also need chairs for their community tent and 10x12 tents for couples staying in camp.

They are also asking for donations of working desk top computers (printers would be nice too) as they are beginning the process of developing a community resource tent to assist folks in gathering information about services available. Their current location is located at Haller Lake United Methodist Church, 13055 1st Ave NE, Seattle.

University of Notre Dame Glee Club

Recognized as one of the finest all male collegiate choral groups in the country, the University of Notre Dame Glee Club has a rich history of singing and brotherhood spanning the last 92 years. The group has toured from coast to coast and around the world, performing over 100 concerts per year. This year, the Notre Dame Club of Seattle is proud to present the Glee Club for a local concert!

Date: Saturday, March 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Eastside Catholic School Chapel (232 228th Ave SE, Sammamish)

Tickets: \$16.50 adults; \$6 children 12 and under

There are 300 tickets available, so advance purchase is recommended and available online:

<http://www.acteva.com>

Questions: Dana Kernich, dkernich@alumni.nd.edu or (217) 836-4323

Blood Drive to Honor Ann Regimbal

Our March St. Joseph Blood Drive will be held to honor Ann Regimbal and her years of service coordinating the drives for the Puget Sound Blood Center. When you come to donate, there will be a memorial poster to sign and it will be given to Ann's family. The Blood Drive will be **Monday, March 15th, 1 to 7 pm in the Parish Center** (closed for staff lunch 3-3:45 PM). Signup sheets will be in the vestibule during weekend Masses March 7th and 14th. "Give the Gift of Life" in Ann's honor by donating and making it the best drive ever!

CYO Track and Field Registration

CYO Track and Field is open to all parish boys and girls in K-8th grade. The track program for K-3rd graders is a fun, non-competitive running club that includes some skill (throwing, jumping, running) development. There are no meets and season ends with an inter squad "meet"/potluck at the end of the season. The 4th-8th grade program includes competing in CYO track championship meets (individual and team). 8th graders may participate in a pentathlon.

The season runs roughly from late March through late May. Sign-ups are in early March. Watch the FLASH and church bulletin! For specific information, please contact the coordinators. For K-3rd Grade, contact Rasa Raisys at rasaraisys@hotmail.com or for 4th-8th Grade, contact David and Kirsten Rothrock at davidkirsten@comcast.net To register, visit www.stjosephsea.org/studentactivities/cyo Deadline is April 16th.

Baby Shower for Pregnancy Aid

Central Deanery ACCW

(Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women)

invites you to a *Baby Shower* for Pregnancy Aid

Thursday, March 25th

Cascade Office Park, Suite 160 (1209 South Central, Kent)

RSVP: Dori Fajardo 425-255-4564 or dbfarjardo@aol.com or Vanessa Diego 206-788-6267

Please RSVP to guarantee refreshments (Cost \$6.00)

Choose 3:30 to 5:00 pm or 6:30 to 8:00 pm

*** Open Deanery Business meeting from 5:00 to 5:30 pm
Bring baby & maternity items and take a tour of Pregnancy Aid Office.

Remember *DOLLARS FOR DIAPERS & FUNDS FOR FORMULA*