

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010

Reflection Next Week:
George Mead

Readings for
Sunday, March 21, 2010
FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:12-14
SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:8-11
GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

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.

www.stjosephparish.org

732 18th Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112
Fax: (206) 329-5698
Parish Receptionist (206) 324-2522

Parish Staff
(206) 329-5981

Pastor

Rev. John D. Whitney, S.J. x107

Senior Priest in Residence

Rev. Jack O'Leary, S.J. x101

Deacon/Pastoral Associate

Steve Wodzanowski x106

Pastoral Staff:

Dottie Farewell, Pre-K to 8th Faith Form. x112

Dennis Gentele, Facilities x110

Renée Leet, Administrative Assistant x100

Bob McCaffery-Lent, Music & Liturgy x109

Marti McGaughey, Bookkeeper x102

Greg McNabb, Administration x108

Anne Moran, Administrative Assistant x116

Randy Novak, High School Youth x114

St. Joseph School

700 18th Avenue East • (206) 329-3260

Main Office x210

George Hofbauer, Principal x213

Rick Boyle, Academic Vice Principal x215

Sheryl Sperry, Student Vice Principal x218

Accessibility and Community

*Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor. ~Proverbs 22:9*

Of all the comments received during the our recent listening sessions, none was repeated so often as the desire of our community to *be* a community—to welcome and include the diverse populations that so manifest the Body of Christ. We long to be seen and heard by one another, and to see and hear each other more fully. Likewise, though we may not all get to church every week, we still hope that St. Joseph will be a diverse community, welcoming and inclusive of young and old, strong and struggling, newly arrived and ancestrally grounded. We know, I think, that in our diversity—held together by the Holy Spirit—we become a vision of the reign of God, where Lazarus is poor no longer, and prestige is the power to serve.

I, too, feel this urge to make St. Joseph an inclusive community of faith and hope—indeed, as I have (half-jokingly) told some of you, I won't be satisfied until everyone in Seattle feels themselves at home in our Community. With the gifts of our staff and so many members of the Parish, I think we are on our way to this goal.

Yet, if inclusion is to be ordinary, sometimes extraordinary efforts need to be made, and I hope we are willing to make them. From simple things—such as the presence of gluten free hosts for those with Celiac disease—to the more complex, we are called to make St. Joseph a place seamless in its reception of all those who would come and pray with us. Last week, we reconfigured the elevator outside the Arrupe Room so that the vestibule could be accessed at all hours, and those with mobility issues could go from the parking level to the 1st floor, and back, without need of a key or code. This week, we will receive the final pieces to finish our assisted listening devices in the church, which will allow people with hearing disabilities to better understand and participate in liturgy. Further, in the coming weeks, we will be installing a section of padded and armed chairs in the north transept, specifically for our seniors and others who need a little help getting up and find the current chairs hard on their bones. In each of these moves, the desire—and I trust the effect—will be to make our church a place for all, which blesses not only those who are directly served by the changes, but all of us who are enriched by the presence of all our sisters and brothers.

Another need, keenly felt, comes from those who are in wheelchairs or cannot easily open the doors of the church. From my window, I have seen the struggle of more than a few parishioners with our beautiful, but heavy, doors. To make it possible for these parishioners—and others who have, perhaps, stopped coming—to attend liturgy, I am persuaded we need to install a motor on the southern door, which will allow those with mobility issues to enter or exit the church with the press of a button. However, while the other changes came through cutting corners and squeezing budgets, the nearly \$8,000 price tag of this change has forced me to slow down (not always my strong suit).

Calendar

Sunday, March 14	CFF Classes SU Choir Lenten Prayer Concert, 2:30 PM, Church Lenten Soup Supper, 6:30 PM, Parish Center
Monday, March 15	Blood Drive, 1-7 PM, Parish Center Sacred Silence, 7 PM, Church
Tuesday, March 16	RCIA, 7 PM, Parish Center OWLS Potluck Supper, 6 PM Social Hall
Wednesday, March 17	St. Patrick's Day
Thursday, March 18	Seniors Planning Meeting, 11:30 AM Parish Center
Friday, March 19	Feast of St. Joseph, School Mass, 9 AM
Sunday, March 21	Come to the Quiet ... 5 PM (before Mass) Lenten Soup Supper, 6:30 PM, Parish Center

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.

The first time I spoke to this Parish, I promised I would always be straight up with you, and so I want to be so now. My first priority for spending involves things that allow for better worship and ministry—hence, though I thought the statues helped us pray, I worked to raise the money to repair them “off budget.” But this is different. While I will do what I can to raise the money, I think these improvements are something we must own together; and so I am asking all of you to help, if you can. I am asking you to give to fix this door and (if there is any extra) to supplement the cost of the new chairs, which are not in our budget and cannot be squeezed out in any way I can see. You can give directly, by dropping a check by the office, or just increase your gift to the Parish in the collection—if we get enough over our budget, this will be a first priority.

Thank you for all your generosity, and for your willingness to let me be blunt (a permission I am assuming, given your response thus far).

Blessings to you all.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For Leonard's upcoming care and well being and for his family, too . . . For Danny, Evonne and Hope to find peace and happiness as they each make important decisions . . . Thanksgiving for better medication in dealing with rheumatoid arthritis . . . Gratitude for an amazing job offer . . . For those whose jobs are in jeopardy . . . For a young mother who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor, we pray for her and her family . . . For an older person who fell and has a broken neck, we pray for healing and recovery . . . For people around the world who have been affected by earthquakes, we pray that help and support is there for them in their losses.

Prayer Tree



“ . . . the Lord . . . says this: Look, I myself shall take care of my flock . . . I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the injured . . . be a true shepherd to them.”

EZ 34:11-16

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

Lenten Prayer Concert Today

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 Uganda.*

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

Day of Contemplative Prayer For Women and Men

Led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP

Saturday, March 27th, from 9 am-12 noon

at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel

1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue

If you are coming for the first time to Contemplative Prayer, please arrive at 8:30 am.

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

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

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 www.SeattleWWME.org) or John and Martha Ryland at 253-859-9174 or jmryland@comcast.net

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.



Sister Parish Ministry - El Salvador

Come join us for our next meeting to help plan for the events commemorating the anniversary of the death of Oscar Romero. We will be meeting this Sunday, March 14th @ 4:00p at the Parish Center. Contact Daniel Stoner (206-579-1557 or danielppd@gmail.com) for more information.

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

SENIORS ON THE GO

Tuesday, March 16th

O.W.L.S St. Patty's Day Potluck & Party
6 pm – Parish Social Hall.

Thursday, March 18th

Seniors Planning meeting
11:30 am-1 pm Brown Bag Lunch – Parish Center

Thursday, March 25th

SENIORS ROAD TRIP

10am - ?

Visit Snoqualmie Falls followed by lunch and visit at Snoqualmie Casino

Sign-up with Renee at the Front Desk

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*