

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**May 9, 2010**

**Reflections Next Week:**

Youth and Adults from  
Mission Trip to New Orleans

**Readings for**

**May 16, 2010**

FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60

SECOND READING: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26

**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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**Pastoral Staff:**

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Dennis Gentele, Facilities x110

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## Mothers' Day

*I am born connected. I am born remembering rivers flowing from my mother's body into my body. She passes on to me the meaning of religion because she links me to our origin in God the Mother.*

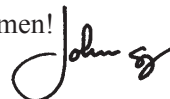
*-Meinrad Craighead-*

I came into the office this morning to find two envelopes in my mailbox—one small, with my name in that distinctive handwriting I recognized so well, and the other legal sized, with just a note in the corner, "In thanksgiving for this parish." Notes from two of our elders, women whose joy and kindness made me open the envelopes immediately to see if they had some need. What I found, instead, was a check in each. One was enough for us to get the motor installed on the south door of the church, so that those who find access difficult will enter more easily; and the other was just another vastly generous gift from one who gives in so many ways. However, while the amounts were stunning to me, it was not the dollars but the thoughtfulness that moved my heart and made me grateful to know these women—and so many of the women here at St. Joseph. I stand in awe of the ordinary extraordinary kindness of those who hold this parish with a mother's love: who hold us in prayer, each day, and long for us to have joy and the fullness of life.

In this consists the ministry of motherhood: to love in a way that gives life; to hold in a way that fosters freedom; to guide and to get out of the way; to challenge and to remain (at times) silent. And if no one can do this perfectly—and, as we know, many mothers have failed to love as they were called, or have left marks on their child's heart according to their own human frailty—yet, still we can give thanks for all those who have said "Yes!" to the annunciation that came to them, and who have participated in the miracle of creation. We can, and should, remain awed at those upon whom the Spirit has moved, making from their flesh and bone, a new person, a new life, a child of God.

This weekend, as we celebrate Mothers' Day, I will think of the women of the parish, even as I remember my own mother, and give thanks for their strength, their humor, and their wonderful capacity to hold the crazy energy that comes with life. I pray we can avoid much of the cloying sentimentality that our culture offers, and see, instead, in these women, the powerful and necessarily realistic grace that mothers represent—a grace marked by suffering, as well as joy; by the sword that pierced the heart of Mary, as well as by the angel that proclaimed her, "full of grace." In motherhood, women share in the very power of God, expressing in their own bodies a sacrament of the Holy Trinity, where love received becomes life, nurtured and held forever. But they do so while tied, unquestioningly, to the earth, where dirty diapers and projectile vomiting, scraped knees and dented fenders, car pools and crying jags prevent mom from ever getting too etherial in her love.

So, let us give thanks to all our mothers—those who gave us birth, and those who continue to hold us in ways that give life. Let us forgive them for not being perfect, and let us pray that they will forgive themselves. May God, who gave birth to all creation, grace those who give life today, and every day. Amen!



## Calendar

Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day CFF Classes
Monday, May 10	Sacred Silence, 7 PM, Church
Wednesday, May 12	Women's Spirituality Group, 9:30 AM Arrupe Room School Mass of Mary, 1:30 PM Pathfinders, 6 PM, Social Hall The VOICE, 7 PM, Parish Center
Friday, May 14	First Friday Healing Mass and Luncheon, 11:30 AM
Sunday, May 16	Come to the Quiet, 5 PM

Note: Daily masses (Monday-Friday) are celebrated in the Arrupe Room at 7 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Bapistry of the Church.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday, May 17th at 7 pm

Celebrated with Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Tyson  
Please join us as our youth confirm their faith in the  
Catholic Church

Reception to follow in the Parish Center.

## St. Joseph Church & School Community Dinner

Date: Tuesday, May 18th

Time: 6 pm

Place: McGilvra's Bar & Restaurant

4234 East Madison Street

Owned by Parishioners and School Parents

Peter & Adrianna Johnson

(206) 325-0834

## Pentecost

### All Parish Mass and Celebration

Saturday, May 22nd at the 5 pm Mass  
Following Mass there will be hotdogs, chips and  
rootbeer for all on the lawn.

**Please wear red.**

*St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:* Improved health for Connie, Betty and Carol . . . For those who need to be comforted and consoled . . . In thanksgiving for our children.

*"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb."*

### Psalm 139:13

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

### God Bless Mothers

*We invite you to take home one of the beautiful Mother's Day cards in the vestibule.*

*There are four styles of cards with a common "Blessing" poem.*

## Prayer Tree



## For Those Needing Assistance

**Assisted Listening Devices** ~ For those who need hearing assistance, please see an usher for one of our new devices.

### 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

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## **JVC Northwest's 5th Annual Dinner: Welcome Home!**

When: Friday, May 14th

Where: Seattle University, Campion Ballroom

Time: 6 pm - 9:30 pm

Liturgy: Join FJV, Joseph Carver, SJ and Fr. Paul Magnano beginning at 5 pm in the Campion Chapel; Jesuit Volunteer, Brendan Mackinson will be speaking; FJV, Joe Orlando will be our host!

Register online at [www.jvcnorthwest.org/events](http://www.jvcnorthwest.org/events).

## **Contemplation and Care for all Creation May 21-23**

Sr. Linda Haydock, Executive Director of the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center will lead this faith sharing retreat for men and women. Caring for the earth is a critical part of Catholic Social Teaching. The Palisades is a perfect setting for a retreat on this theme. In addition to presentation, faith sharing and communal prayer, there will be ample opportunity to take enjoy the beauty of nature. Come be part of the first group to be on a retreat with a focus on our relationship to the environment. For more information or to register, call the Palisades Retreat Center at 1-800-330-7622 or visit [www.seattlearch.org/palisades](http://www.seattlearch.org/palisades)

## **Called to Protect for Parents and Families**

Thursday, May 20th, 7 pm

St. Bridget Catholic Church

4900 NE 50th St.

This class does not fulfill any training requirement for employment or volunteer service. This is more informational about child abuse and how to recognize it.

## **Catholic Young Adults**

There is a website for you! Visit [www.sites.google.com/site/socialcya/](http://www.sites.google.com/site/socialcya/) and access a calendar with events in the King County area as well as other resources of interest.

## **Cabrini Ministry Training**

Individuals who complete the Cabrini Ministry Training report receiving the gift of:

- Increased self awareness
  - Stronger command of pastoral helping skills, renewed relationship with God
  - Contributing to the community and world, by serving others
  - Pastoral leadership skills
  - Helping others see where God is working in their lives
- Trained lay minister, giving skills to live out the baptismal call. Plan to attend an information meeting on May 10th, 7 – 8:30 pm at St. James Cathedral Place or on September 12th at St. Madeleine Sophie. Please RSVP (or for more information) to Tom Curran at 206-760-0583 Ext 4 or [tomcurran@cabriniministry.org](mailto:tomcurran@cabriniministry.org)

## **18th Annual NW Eucharistic Marian Conference**

June 25-26, 2010

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

26900 - 78th Avenue NW

Stanwood, WA 98292

Adults: \$60 per person

Youth: Free (under age 18)

Meals: Saturday lunch \$10 per person

Saturday dinner \$10 per person

Schedule details at [www.nwemc.org](http://www.nwemc.org)

## **Communion for the Homebound**

Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact Fr. Jack O'Leary 206-329-5981, ext 101 or Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or [steveuw@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steveuw@stjosephparish.org) if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist.

## **Hospital Pastoral Care**

If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a member of the clergy or an Eucharistic Minister to visit you, please notify the hospital or call Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at (206) 965-1646. HIPAA -- Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so.

### Are you being called? Pastoral Council Nominations

The Pastoral Council is an advisory and consultative (not governing) leadership body of parishioners that advises and makes recommendations to the pastor. The Council's purpose is to be a sign and witness of unity, to recommend parish priorities and directions, to promote community and to assist the pastor in pastoral planning. The Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from (6:00pm-8:30pm) and our current model is for all members to come on at the same time and serve for three years.

The current Pastoral Council ends its term of office this June. To that end, we are seeking interested persons who may want to nominate themselves or other parishioners to this council. We are seeking members who represent the diverse demographic realities of our community. Members must be:

- Baptized and confirmed Roman Catholics
- Registered and supporting members of the parish
- Committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure
- Not currently employed by the parish or parish school and not a close relative or in-law of someone living in the same household as a parish or school employee.

Soon you will receive a letter from Father John Whitney explaining in more detail the nature and purpose, criteria and process for selection for the Council. Please pray and reflect on your possible role.

If you are interested or would like further clarification, please e-mail current council members Nancy Kuester at [mkkuester@aol.com](mailto:mkkuester@aol.com) or Susan Fox at [sfox4601@msn.com](mailto:sfox4601@msn.com)

### The Good ol' Fashioned Lemonade Stand and Tomato Plant Sale

Sunday, May 16th, 11 am - 3 pm. The residents of Fred Lind Manor invite you to stop by their free lemonade stand on the corner of 17th and Howell for some old-fashioned hospitality. Jones Creek Farms will also be there offering their famous organically grown, heirloom tomato plants. These sturdy tomato starts are specifically cultivated to do well in the Pacific Northwest. 1802 17th Avenue. 206.774.5387. [www.fredlindmanor.com](http://www.fredlindmanor.com)

### Upcoming Events...

**Friday, May 14th - First Friday Healing Mass and Luncheon, 11:30 am** in the Church

**Monday May 17th – Senior Outing to Poulsbo.** Tour the town, have lunch and visit the casino. Meet at Parish Center 10 am. Return around 4 pm. Sign-up with Renee at the front desk.

**Thursday May 20th - Card-Making with Becky Buettner** 10:30 am – Noon; Parish Center – Free! Sign-up with Renee at the Front Desk.

**Thursday May 20th Seniors Planning meeting -** 12-1 pm. Brown Bag Lunch – Parish Center

**Tuesday May 25th - O.W.L.S Monthly Potluck** 6 pm – Parish Social Hall.

**Wednesday May 26th – Senior Matinee Performance of the play “ Charley’s Aunt” at Taproot Theatre.** Meet at Parish Center 11:30 am. Lunch in Greenwood followed by play 2 pm. Home by 4:30 pm. Cost = \$15 for Theatre tickets plus lunch. Sign-up with Renee at the front desk.

*(If cost is ever an issue for you to attend, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 and we'll try to assist.)*

### Housing Assistance Needed

Former St. Joseph parishioners Bill & Enkhe Engels and their 4 year old son Bill will be arriving in Seattle from Bangladesh for summer vacation beginning in late June. They are seeking inexpensive accommodations for a few days in late June and early July and for the period from mid-July to early August. Those who may have or know of accommodations are asked to contact the Engels family at [mongolengels@yahoo.com](mailto:mongolengels@yahoo.com)

### Concert Featuring John Stuntebeck

John Stuntebeck, who often plays the organ and piano at St. Joseph Church, and is the accompanist to the St. Joseph Middle School Choir, is presenting a concert with soprano Laura Loge, cellist Emily Ann Peterson and violinist Christine Olason. **Friday, May 21st at 7p.m. St. Joseph Parish** A suggested donation of \$15 will be collected at the door. Students and seniors, pay as able.