## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 21, 2013

Reflection Next Week: Beth & Tom Newman

#### Readings for April 28, 2013

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday - 7 am Arrupe Room, Parish Center

#### Reconciliation

**Saturday** - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church or by appointment

Parish Center Hours Monday-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org

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#### Luke II: From Jerusalem to the World

#### A Scripture Study of the Book of Acts

The Gospel of Luke is one part of a two-part work that includes the Book of Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, the Church that Jesus began with his journey to Jerusalem, his death and resurrection, and his ascension becomes the Church of the Spirit, sent into the world through the ministry of the early believers—especially Peter and Paul.

In this series, Fr. John will go through the Book of Acts of the Apostles and show the development of the themes of a Church at prayer, inspired by the Spirit and given to the nations. In the season when Acts is read each Sunday, come and prayerfully study this amazing book of our birth as the Church.

Thursdays, April 25th & May 2nd, 7:00 pm, Arrupe Room in the Parish Center

Please Join Us!

# On First Communion & the Boston Bombing

Evil has power, even if that power is usually illusory or fleeting. God, too, has power, greater power than the Devil, and the Eucharist— along with ascesis, prayer, hospitality, & works of love—is a channel, perhaps the greatest channel, of God's power.

-Tim Vivian-

I wanted to write about that day in 1965 when I lined up behind Steve Beland, at the back of the procession—the tallest boy in my class, and so placed, as usual, behind everyone else. My long-sleeved white shirt, which all the boys wore, adorned with a white clip-on tie, marked the special nature of the day, just as the girls were distinguished by their white dresses and veils. In the shadow of Vatican II, shepherded by the still-habited Sisters, we were the first class ever to receive our first communion standing up—though we still received it on our tongues—and I remember distinctly thinking how it was the greatest day of my life: the day I would receive the body and blood of Christ into my body, I would have God inside me! Even after college and graduate school, vows and ordination, I still feel that way: the greatest day of my life. This would be a great essay.

And then the bombs went off.

Though technically my weekend, I was in my office this Monday, working on photographs, when the first report appeared of explosions at the finish line of the Boston Marathon. What strikes me now is how, though horrified, I was not shocked. Indeed, I wonder if I can be shocked anymore by reports of violence and mayhem—I wonder if, really, any of us can. Oh, we can be appalled and fearful; we can feel those sudden waves of insecurity that come when the bombs fall closer to us, when the violence seems nearer, somehow, because it touches an area we know, or some part of life we had thought was still safe. But, shocked? I don't think so. Certainly not like we could be, when the nation seemed to stop breathing for three days at the death of a President, and even the newsmen wept. Now, after Dr. King and Bobby, after Oklahoma City and 9/11, after Columbine and Sandy Hook, is there any shock left in us? I don't know.

Oh, there will be the drumbeats of outrage, the calls for vengeance, the promises of retribution—all the products of the now well-oiled machine that inveighs for heightened security and more profound restrictions of rights, taking by fear and grief the liberty which the bomber could not take by violence. Perhaps it will result in a new Guantanamo or in drones flying over every race, silently watching without warrant or check. But none of this will be shocking: just another step in the tightening knot of violence and fear that empties our gun shops, that allows us to hold prisoners indefinitely, and that dulls our hearts to all that is beautiful and fearless and free.

All of these thoughts made me terribly sad—a sadness only increased by the images of the dead and wounded. And al-

though I was inspired by the women and men who ran, heedless of possible dangers, into the places where the bombs had gone off, I felt a vast chasm between myself and that small boy, lining up for first communion. Though I still believe so deeply in that Sacrament, am still overwhelmed by its power stirring in my soul each time I speak the words of institution, each time I feel the bread on my tongue or taste the wine in my throat, yet all of that seems so far from the bloodied streets of Boston and the bullet ridden halls of Sandy Hook, from the cages of Guantanamo and the crowded halls of the veterans' hospital.

But then, praying in this too-familiar grief, I came to realize what was always before me: that the grace of the Eucharist was not distant from the bloodied streets or the unjust structures that dull our hearts and minds; rather, the power of that communion, from the first time it was shared in the upper room in Jerusalem until today, is intimately connected to suffering and fear, to the anguish of injustice and the promise of resurrection.

Those who planted the bombs in Boston—whether anti-government extremists or terrorists from foreign lands—are simply the ghosts of the Sanhedrin and the Temple guard, still grasping at the body of Christ, still spilling his blood on the streets of this world, still nailing his body to the cross of fear and violence. Likewise, those who respond with tightened control and weapons of fear, who would sacrifice liberty and justice for the illusion of security and stability, these are the new Pilates, giving in to the crowd, washing their hands as Christ is taken to his death. All the darkness is the same darkness, played out in endless cycles of pain and fear, of bloodshed and grief.

However, something has changed from that first crucifixion; something that turns Boston or Sandy Hook or Guantanamo or Iraq upside down. For though the blood we see shed is painful and horrible, though it brings a crucifixion to our nation and to our world, it has no chance of being the last word. The cross has been defeated. The tomb is empty, the stone rolled away, and no explosive, no policy nor power on earth can roll it back again, can constrain the risen Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus means that the crucifixion fails; and our union with Jesus in the Sacrament of blood and body means that every other crucifixion will fail, as well. All these acts of despicable evil, all these policies of bureaucratic sin: all these are too weak to hold back the risen Lord—whose body and blood we now share. He is risen! Visible in the hands of those who run to the fallen, despite the risk to themselves; heard in the voices of those who speak out for justice, despite the deafness of the political machines. Boston will not conquer the power of resurrection, nor will Guantanamo, nor will Sandy Hook, nor will any of those whose cowardice and fear pour out violence, or whose greed and ego would sell the innocent into slavery.

It is still the best day of my life, when I became one with Christ Jesus through the Sacrament of his body and blood; but now it means even more. It means we are unconquered and unconquerable by death, for our wounds, even now, are becoming the signs of God's glory and the promises of a love that drives darkness from this world.



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Alice's comfort and for her family who have been by her side . . . For Russ who is quite ill . . . For couples to find guidance and hope as they work out challenges in their relationships . . . For Cameron who is ill...



For all those caring people who came to the aid of the runners and spectators after the horrific impact of the bombs at the Boston Marathon and for all those whose lives have been changed . . . "Lord, I am your child. I know that you care for me. Please hear me in my time of need".

"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their cry."

~ Psalm 34:15

#### Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to

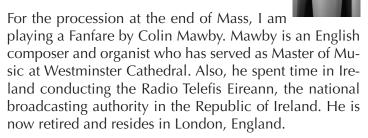


use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at jhoover3law@qwestoffice.net or 206-286-0313.

#### This Week On the Willis...

This week I am playing Jacques Lemmens' famous Fanfare for the prelude. Lemmens was a Belgium organist and was most notable for his brilliant technique at the organ and reintroducing J.S. Bach's organ works to the Paris musical community in the mid-19th century. Also, Lemmens was the teacher of the notable French organist, Cesar Franck.



John Stuntebeck, Principal Organist and Pianist

#### Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

The Seattle University Choirs present...

"Songs of Celebrations!"

Friday May 3rd at 8:00 pm Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 pm

St. Joseph Church

Tickets \$25.00 reserved, \$18.00 general admission, & \$7.00 student. www.seattleu.edu/music

Featuring the music of Johannes Brahms, William Billings, Paul Hindemith, John Bennet, and traditional spirituals/folk songs.

Dr. Joy Sherman, director Dr. Lee peterson, assistant director



# Sacramental Preparation



Congratualations to those receiving their First Communion this weekend!

Tomas Audejaitis, Alden Arnold, Nicholas Abrams, Josie Augustavo, Brynn Chester, Besty Allen, Zoe Bishop, Cline Dolson, Maggie Aydelott, Andy Budd, Arabella Everitt, Charlotte Backschies, Brenden Cannon, Vivienne Freiburger, Matthew Dunigan, Alexandra Chebli, Elisa Johnson, Clare Flynn, Millie Cole, Kieran Johnson, Ian Gaffney, Parker Cross, Bella Kneip, Natalie Gemma. Khari Dawson, Catherine Loughran, Xavier Ginaven, Luca de la Torre, Braden Lyons, Allison Hawkins, Lach Dickinson, Nick Matthews, Sophia Hayre, Finnegan Donahue, Conor McRory, Jackson Heisler, Margot Gwynn, Anna Menti, Owen Hunter, Caroline Hagens, Timothy Murphy, Isabella McCarthy, Grace Hagens, Wyatt Nelson, Sofia McGinnis, Dawson Hein, Madeline Nistl, Brian Murdoch, Darien Lilly, Sarah O'Connell, Alex Nucci, Colin Nicoloudakis, Grace Rothrock, Caroline Ross, Alex Pauldine, Natalina Shega, Shelby Thompson, Luke Pavlovec, Shilalat Shega, Bobby Watt, John Sawyer, Margaret Shigo, Sophia Watt, Eva Scearce, Eleanor Sobil, Addison Zamudio, Miles Schmidt, Samantha Stangland, Kathryn Shearer, Henry Welte, Charlotte Sullivan, Ella McComas, Ryen Theisen, Samantha Torres & Julia Wood

# Congratualtions to those who received their First Communion on April 7th!

Javier Bonet, Grace Brem, Mark Brem, Cooper Lappenbusch, Thomas Lappenbusch, Adriana Santana-Ufret, Sula Stone, Zachary Stone & Ruah Uhlman







# We Are St. Joseph April 26th & 27th An Opportunity to Serve, An Invitation to Celebrate



Join us for:
Service Work, Friday & Saturday,
April 26th & 27th
Sign up for a service time on our website,
www.stjosephparish.org

Dinner, Saturday, April 27th, 6 pm in the Social Hall

Featuring: A Good Old Fashioned Chicken Dinner, Games, & Good Old Fashioned Fellowship



The Not To Be Missed Pie Eating Contest

Followed by terrific entertainment

Service work will assist: Jubilee Women's Center St. Francis House Habitat for Humanity Chief Seattle Club



Sign up by April 22nd on the Parish Website www.stjosephparish.org



#### Dots & Dashes

During this Easter season, we will celebrate a total of 84 children receiving their First Eucharist at St Joseph's. This is a great time for our children and also for our community. Scripture gives us many examples of gathering together and sharing a meal. Meals are a time for celebration, reconciliation, peace, comfort, laughter... creating and strengthening relationships.

It's exciting to know Jesus and his disciples would often gather to eat amongst themselves and with strangers. They ate in rich homes, poor homes, with scorned people such as a tax collector, and even with a crowd of 5,000. One of my favorite Gospel stories is the "Loaves and Fishes." I think about the miracle of what happened there: starting with so small an amount of food to be shared among thousands, the panic of Jesus' disciples of not knowing what to do, and then once those baskets are passed around and returned, the surplus of food, and everyone's satisfied having received enough to eat. This is miraculous! That meal was not Jesus' to provide for the crowd, but the crowd providing for each other.

When we gather together at Mass, we come to be refuelled by and for each other. This may be with a smile or a kind word or a hug; it is with readings and prayers, songs and a simple meal. We then take these gifts we have received and instead of squirreling them away, we bring them into our troubled world, and with God's help, we change it, with every kind act, every loving word, and peaceful thought. Thanks be to God.

Dottie Farewell, Director of Religious Education

#### Yoga in the Parish Center

Tuesday & Thursday Morning Drop-In Classes, 10:30am, in the Mother Teresa Room, Parish Center.

Drop-In for \$10

Children are welcome so parents have the opportunity to practice yoga.

All questions welcome: please call Erin Daly at 206-910-6300 or erin@erinkdaly.com.

#### For Those Who Cannot Eat Gluten, An Invitation to Eucharist

If you have celiac disease or a severe gluten allergy, you may receive the Eucharist in a gluten-free form from the Presider, who will have the consecrated host in a pyx. Please tell him that you need a gluten-free host, and he will allow you to remove it from the pyx in a safe manner. Remember: this pyx will only be with the Presider, so go to him.

#### Discernment in Daily Life

For those pondering life's decisions

4 Thursday weekly gatherings, April 26 – May 16, 2013 6:30 – 9:00 pm, St. Joseph Parish Center Steve Wodzanowski and Kathy Heffernan, facilitators

Are you looking for guidance at this time in making a prayerful life decision, such as discerning your calling; staying in a relationship; determining what to do in retirement; or another life question? Or are you searching for tools for making your choices in daily life with prayerful intentionality? If so, join a group of people with similar questions. Through prayer, presentations and small group reflection, you will learn a process to integrate listening for God's presence in your life decisions, prayerfully consider guidelines for discernment taught by St. Ignatius, and experience meaningful group support.

COST: \$140/series (incl. \$25 non-refundable registration fee due by Thursday, April 11). Partial work scholarships available. Contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator at (206) 329-4824 x3 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org for more info.

Calendar Mon, Apr 22	Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM
Wed, Apr 24	Pathfinders, Mother Teresa, 6:00 PM The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM
Fri, Apr 26	Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel, Parish Center, 7:30 AM



#### Cabrini Ministry

A Great Way to Volunteer!

The Listening Heart a program of Cabrini Ministry Training is offering a 7 class session this spring called The Listening Heart that focuses completely on the skills of communication, deep listening and how to companion others who are facing life challenges. The Listening Heart is also perfect for anyone that wants to become an excellent listener in any situation and to be a more pastoral, compassionate presence. Classes are held at St. James Cathedral Place on Tuesdays evenings, April 23-May 28 with one all day class on May 11. Tuition for the 21 hours of instruction is \$400. For more information and to apply, please contact Lisa Dennison, Training Coordinator at LisaD@cabriniministry.org

#### Seniors On The Go

**Thursday, April 25th -** Monthly OWL's Potluck, 6 pm, Social Hall. Call Mary Ott 206-324-7459 or Dolores Dorn 206-322-2259 for details.

#### Annulment Advocate

If you are seeking an annulment, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

#### Communion for the Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact Fr. Jack O'Leary 206-965-1641 or Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist.

COLLECTION: APRIL 14, 2013

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00 TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$14,473.00

#### AGAPE 2013: August 4th-9th

Please visit our website for all the details on this year's Agape trip. This is an EXCELLENT program for our youth. Here is the core mission of this program (originated and operated by Catholic Young Adult/College Students at Western Washington University's Newman Center):

Agape was started in 2004 by Newman Catholic Campus Ministry (NCCM) at Western Washington University. Agape is run by students involved in NCCM who are passionate about social justice and youth ministry.

#### **Our Mission**

To foster understanding of Christ's presence in and through serving in Whatcom County, as well as the reason Catholic Christians are called to serve. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers so you do unto me." Mt. 25:40

- \* To help participants recognize the Catholic churches rich tradition of generosity, service and compassion.
- \* To understand what "social justice" is from a Catholic Christian standpoint.
- \* To expand participant's world view through service experiences.
- \* To help participants realize how they can impact their local community and the world through serving others, and having a mission and understanding of service.
- \* To inspire participants to continue answering their "call to service" throughout their lives.
- \* To address the needs of the Migrant community by providing food and clothing.

### Applications due on April 26th. Applications posted at www.stjosephparish.org

To help or for questions, please call or email Dottie Farewell at: dfarewell@ stjosephparish. org or 206-965-1652.





# A Word from Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Most have heard of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, but I wonder how many of us really know what it does? We probably know their stores; we know that we support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society here in our parish. But what do the members of our SVDP conference do?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in Paris in 1833 by a young college student named Frederic Ozanam. He was 20 years old and studying law when he was challenged during class by his fellow students to show how the Church put its faith in action on behalf of the poor. Frederic's response was to form the Society with eight of his companions. They visited the poor at their homes in the slums bringing compassion and food. By 1845, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul came to the United States.

The purpose of the Society is to both serve those in need and deepen the spiritual life of its volunteers. What distinguishes the work of the Society is that the assistance is provided "person to person". Vincentians, as the volunteers are called, visit those in need in their own homes. They seek to develop a relationship with those whom they serve. The members of the Society find great joy and spiritual growth in their work of serving the poor. They seek to be the face of Christ to those they visit. They see in others the Christ they seek to serve.

The Society is concerned not only with alleviation of needs, but also with identifying the systemic issues that poverty and injustice in our local area and in the world. Great care is taken to guard the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The Society at times assumes a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless and voiceless.

The members of a parish conference meet on a regular basis for spiritual growth and for discussion of the home visits and work of the group.

Our chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of new members. We have had a very faithful group doing the work of the Society, but they need more help. Are you interested in learning more about the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Joseph?

Please plan on attending an informational meeting on Monday, May 6th in the Arrupe room in the Parish Center from 7 – 8 pm.

There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule after Mass next week. If you would like us to contact you with more information call Tom Newman, (206) 324-2729. This is a great opportunity to for us to put our faith into action!



#### PSBC April 15th Blood Drive

Thank you so much for all the help with last Monday's blood drive at St Joseph's. It was very successful- we met our goal of **38** registered donors and collected **33** units of blood. This means that approximately **99** people-local patients-will feel the comfort of knowing that they live in a community where others-strangers-value their lives enough to take the time to donate. Isn't that inspiring?

Mark your calendars, next blood drive is Monday, June 17th

#### Tent City Needs Your Help

Tent City 3 volunteer opportunity! The Shelter Board needs new members. Every fall the Shelter Board puts on SHARE's largest fund raiser, the Harvest Time Auction. All proceeds from the auction are used for operations of SHARE's shelters and two tent cities. For details and the next meeting date contact Peggy Hotes, pshotes@ aol.com or 206-399-5482.



# St. Joseph's Parish Men's Weekend Retreat

"CAN OUR FAITH BE REAL?"

From the Depths of personal doubt to Hope..

Belief.. Confidence..

May 17-19 2013

(Friday evening through Sunday morning)

At beautiful Camp Huston, Goldbar, WA

RETREAT ANIMATORS: Dick Ellis, Jim Hoover, Stuart Rowe, Rob Carroll, Terrence Menage, Dan Quinn-Shea and Fr. Jack O'Leary SJ

Retreat begins Friday evening at 7:00 pm and ends 11 am on Sunday. Cost: \$140.00 per person (includes two nights lodging & five meals - double occupancy). Partial scholarships available. Cost does not include transportation. We will help organize carpooling. Accommodations are simple and rustic! Bring sleeping bag or bedding. All participants must be 21 or older.

Join us for a weekend away on the doorstep of Wallace Falls State Park where we hope to provide time to relax, feel rejuvenated and inspired, get connected with ourselves and other men from our parish as well as eat, pray and play! Come and take the time to find and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. To register fill out form and e-mail/drop it off/mail. We need a minimum of 20 guys to go and a maximum of 35 participants. Sign-up on first come, first pay basis. Questions? Call Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

#### Ignatian Leadership Summit

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm Seattle University, Student Center

With a new Jesuit Pope, more people than ever are asking what the "Jesuit" or "Ignatian" approach to leadership is. Join Magis' Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) Alumni Leadership program for an Ignatian Leadership Summit featuring keynote speaker Karin Botto, Executive Director of Organizational. All are welcome to attend! For more information, or to RSVP, email Magis.

CLA is accepting applications for its 2013-2015 young alumni leadership cohort! Applications are due Friday, May 17.

#### Young Alumni Retreat

Friday evening, May 17 to Sunday afternoon, May 19, Camp Burton, Vashon Island

Are you a young alum in your 20's or 30's and looking for a weekend to get away for some restorative time with new friends? The Magis Young Alumni Retreat is a weekend retreat for those seeking time to reflect on their life currently, while grounding them in a sense of faith. This Ignatian-style retreat includes facilitation by retreat directors, creative exercises, small-group sharing, and plenty of free time. The retreat is open to young alumni of all faith backgrounds. For more information, or to RSVP, email Magis.

#### St Joseph MOM'S Group 3-Part Series

"That's not what I said!"

How to Communicate Love in Our Families,
When Communication is Not Easy
Three Wednesday Mornings; May 8, 15, and 22nd
9:30-11 am, coffee & check-in begins at 9 am
St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor
Childcare available (advanced notice required)
Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare

Please join us as we explore our calling to share the love we receive from God with others. It is easier said than done in the midst of challenges like busy schedules, willful children, teenage drama, and financial or marital struggles. In this workshop, we will learn how to:

- Communicate effectively and efficiently in "love languages" easily understood by others.
- Apply practical techniques for overcoming common communication barriers.
- Serve as better messengers of God's love for the world

Facilitator, Carla Roskam Loucks, is the Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation at Our Lady of the Lake parish in north Seattle. She holds a degree in Theology and has worked in parish ministry for over 20 years. Her experience of 4 children and 23 years of marriage enables her to engage participants with compassion, honesty, and insight. All are welcome and scholarships are available.

To reserve your place, please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or 206.948.7804

