THE MOST HOLY TRINITY May 26, 2013

Homily Next Week: Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for June 2, 2013

FIRST READING: GENESIS 14:18-20 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 GOSPEL: LUKE 9:11B-17

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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Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports over 60 ministries throughout Western Washington, including the office that supports Deacon Services which assures the continuing Annual development and support of deacons in their CATHOLIC personal lives and pastoral assignments.





St. Joseph Goal \$150,000 **Amount Raised to Date** \$89.047

While assessed at the archdiocese for \$135,000, Father Whitney has committed that all additional funds will be split between St. Joseph Youth Ministry, and the Jesuit Refugee Service work with victims of the Syrian civil war.

The Trinity Around Us

Father, in the name of Jesus, give me the Spirit.

-Blessed Peter Faber, S.J.-

I am sitting on a dock in Idaho, it is not quite 5:00 am, and I hear the lapping of the water against the weathered wood, the honking of geese beyond my sight and the chirps and tweets of various birds I cannot identify. Just to my left, I hear the splash I know must be a fish, rising to grab the small bugs, skittering across the water. Over the lake, I see the mist shimmering and risinglike the patronus of some hidden wizard—and I look up to see the wispy clouds, pinking in the still hidden dawn, as the shadow-lit water—ever changing and ever the same—cuts a straight line across the bottom of the farther shore. I feel the cool of the morning, still slightly wet on the chair where I sit, yet promising a warm and lovely day. And as I sit here, sight and sound and feeling all become this one moment, this singular experience: a holy trinity of the living world, grace unfolding in creation, holding me, mothering me, speaking to me, in whispers and embraces and images, the message of resurrection, "Come forth! Come forth!"

This week, we celebrate one of the great and abiding mysteries of our faith in the feast of the Holy Trinity. We speak of it, in the language of doctrine, by saying that the one God—Transcendent, Unchanging, Ineffable is, at the same time, three Persons-distinct, unique, irreducible one to the other. That the oneness of God and threeness of the persons are both true simultaneously, without canceling one another out, is more than our minds can conceive—thus, we speak of the Trinity as mystery. And in naming this truth as "mystery," we allow ourselves (most of the time) simply to ignore it, to set it aside with other things we don't really understand like quantum mechanics or the language of teenagers. We speak the words of Trinity, starting or ending our prayers "in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," but we allow our lives to remain unintruded upon by the meaning, by this deep reality that structures not just the universe but the very God from whom the universe flows. More's the pity.

This negative sense of *mystery*, as that which we cannot conceive intellectually, gives too much importance, I believe, to the power of intellect in the life of the human being. Certainly, thinking is important, and the ability to grasp a concept is one of the great powers of the human soul. But it is not the only power, and perhaps not even the greatest one. For we also have the power to hold within ourselves things that by their very nature are incapable of completion in thought—to hold beauty, hope, truth, faith, love. We have the ability to experi-

ence all these, not because we can tie them up in a clear conceptual package, but because, as *selves* we, too, are mysterious—able to be conceived and yet ever outstripping the power of conception. The Danish theologian, Søren Kierkegaärd, put it this way: "We are everything we have ever done, plus freedom." And that little plus, puts our lives beyond the power of a merely intellectual construct, into the place of mystery; the very place where we touch the single, triune God.

Thus, when we say the Trinity is a mystery, we are not, in that, making it irrelevant; rather, we are declaring that God's deepest identity is like our own—or, rather, our own identity echoes, as image and likeness, the very being of God. Like us, God is a being of multiplicity and unity—where the beloved (always other) is unified with the one who loves in the inexplicable (but, nevertheless, true) experience of loving. We know this experience, or we long to know it by the ache which rises through us; and though we cannot explain it adequately or even think it clearly, but only reach for it with metaphors and images; still, we know that within this mystery of our own being is the purpose and goal of our life—is our union with God.

The Trinity is not an obscure theological concept--in-deed, only when we try to make it a concept, to limit it to a boxed-in idea, does it becomes obscure. Rather, the Trinity permeates our life and our being, blessing us beyond what our mind can fashion. It is in the union of sight and sound and feeling, in the communion of lover loving the beloved, in the self who is growing to become the self who is not-yet. The Trinity is where God



makes room for us, within the heart of the Divine Nature, and allows us to be and to become what God is—mystery and grace. Far from obscure, this is a mystery that you know, through that experience of the Holy Spirit which comes to you . . . when you don't think about it too hard.





St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Scott in his recovery . . . For Ann, Helen, Collette, Reilly, Chris, Michael, Bob, David who have various health challenges, may they experience comfort and strength as we pray for them . . . For travelers who are going



on vacation may it be a safe journey . . . For those who are helping to make a difference by their participation in social action projects this Memorial weekend . . . For those who are looking for jobs, may the doors open to use their talents and skills and provide a living wage . . . For those who are in transition from grade school to high school, high school to college . . . For the people of Moore, OK where great damage was inflicted when the tornado hit and especially for the families and friends of those who died . . . For the men and women in the Armed Forces who serve to protect others . . . For the families and loved ones of those who made the ultimate sacrifice

"Greater love hath no one than this, that a man lays down his life for his friends."

~John 15:13

R.I.P.

Please remember in your prayers the mother of Bob McCaffery-Lent, our Director of Liturgy and Music, who died on Pentecost.

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the parish office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org

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.

. . . before you go. . . A Blessing for High School Graduates

On Sunday, 2 June, at the 11:00 am Mass all those graduating from any local high school this year, are invited to receive a special blessing from the Parish. We at St. Joseph want to support you and, especially if you are going away, to remind you that you always have a home at this altar, a community in this Parish, a welcome in this assembly. So, all you graduates, come to the 11:00 am mass on 2 June, and if you are going off to college or some other program, wear a shirt or sweatshirt that shows your destination. Be blessed! And know you bless us, always!

Centering Prayer 1/2 Day Retreat at St. Joseph's

Saturday June 8 - Parish Center 9 am – 1 pm (includes lunch)

Doing centering prayer as a group is a wonderful way to hone your prayer practice or learn how. Join us for this morning retreat --- three prayer sessions including brief readings and walking meditations. All levels welcome. A hosted lunch is offered as well as facilitated discussion about Fr. Thomas Keating, a Trappist and centering prayer leader. Retreat is hosted by the St. Joseph's group, Every Other Saturday Centering Prayer Group, we've met 8 AM every other Saturday since the 1980s, Parish Center, 732 18th Ave. East. Seattle 98112. Questions? Contact Jerry Haessly jhaessly@seattleschools.org or Tracy Bier atbier@msn.com or call 206-322-8613.





ARE YOU READY TO JUMP IN?

Sounders FC vs Real Salt Lake

Friday, September 13, 2013 - 7:00 pm

Join Us

We invite all parishioners and school families to join us on Friday, September 13th at 7:00 pm when the Sounders FC take on Real Salt Lake.

This is a great opportunity to re-connect with folks after the summer and meet new people who have joined our growing community.

Special Offer

Cost is \$29.00 per seat and includes: Ticket to the Game & FREE Sounders FC T-shirt Total package value exceeds \$50.00

Limited Tickets - Limited Time

We have a limited number of tickets, please act now as this will sell out! Offer will expire June 10th or when we run out of tickets - whichever comes first!

Get in on the Fun

Visit the Parish Website www.stjoseph.org to purchase your tickets!

You will be directed through the steps for getting your FREE Sounders FC T-shirts and purchasing your tickets online

2013 Goal: \$10.5 Million

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Serve our youth and young adults



Sustain our Catholic Schools

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Know that your gift, no matter the amount, will make a difference.

The reality is that some of your fellow parishioners will not be able to financially support this appeal. *If you are not doing so already,* please consider a gift of **a dollar a day** or \$365 or more to make up for those who cannot give this year.



Provide social services to the poor and needy



Support our retired priests and nuns

Imagine what we can accomplish if **everyone** gives.
Imagine what we can accomplish if **YOU** give.



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George Hofbauer is published!

I am published! I guess that means anybody can be. I am on Amazon.com. I have two books. One is very short. It is called *The Scarecrow Was a Teacher*. The other is pretty long. It is a compilation of many of my retreat, reflective and inspirational thematic writings. All the books are rated. There is the number-one best seller, the number-two best seller, the number-three best seller. You get the idea. Well, I am rated too! I am number 778,365. You have to start somewhere. I will be sending 10% of every sale to the Endowment for St. Joseph School. This should help the school become fully endowed!

I am working on one for fathers that will hopefully be out by Father's Day. And I have started one called *The School on the Hill*. I am not sure if it will be fact or fiction. Many of the facts read like fiction! Stay tuned.

So if you want to order, one is *The Scarecrow Was a Teacher*; the other is *Visions of Life*, which is a collection of much of my theme writing. It is dedicated to the St. Joseph community. These are e-books. Ten percent of all sales go to our endowment.

George Hofbauer

Catholic Professionals

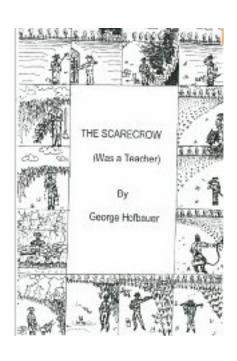
Catholic Professionals of Seattle presents "Not Without my Son" on June 7 at the UW Newman Center.

Erszi Dornay spent 2011 in Morocco fighting to bring her son back to Seattle, having been abducted by her thenhusband. Hear her harrowing tale of faith and perseverance. The event begins with Holy Mass at 7 am followed by breakfast and the featured speaker. For more details and registration, go to www.catholicprofessionalsofseattle.org

Day of Contemplative Prayer For Women and Men

Led by Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP and Kwan Wong, Oblate OSB Cam. Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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 a.m. for an introduction. Free-will offering. To register or for more information contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org



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St. Vincent de Paul "Stuff the Truck" at St Joseph June 8th & 9th, 2013



Clean Your Closets and Help the Poor!

We want to make donating to St. Vincent de Paul as convenient as possible. Please help us with your winter closet cleaning! If you have gently used items you no longer need, bring them to church and help us Stuff the Truck! Please help us help others. Thrift stores support our mission.

Save the date: June 8-9, 2013

St. Vincent de Paul Donation Truck at St Joseph Parking Lot Saturday, June 8, 2013 4:30pm to 6:30pm Sunday, June 9, 2013 8:30am to 1:30pm

Items We Really Need!

Bedding, clothing, kitchen items, lamps, books, pictures, household goods, and sports gear. Accepted items are eligible for tax deduction. (info go to www.irs.gov)

Items We Can't Accept!

Anything hazardous or poisonous, large appliances, car parts, hot water tanks, toilets, carpets, car batteries, paint, and air conditioners.

We thank you for your generous financial support!



We can also pick up large items throughout the year. Call St. Vincent de Paul at 206-767-3835.



Cabrini Ministry Executive Director

Cabrini Ministry Training (CMT), based in Seattle, Washington, is seeking a creative and dynamic Executive Director with the vision and energy to help build and expand the 21 year old program with more than 1,000 alums. The successful candidate must be passionate for CMT's Mission, understand and represent the Catholic tradition and have a graduate degree in theology, pastoral care or a related field, with a keen understanding of non-profit management and development. The Executive Director position is half-time. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2013. For more information, please contact John Reid, Board Chair, at 206-947-1055 or at JReid@TheReidGroup.biz

Help The Poor, Recycle, And Make Room In Your House

A truck from St. Vincent De Paul will be in the church parking lot to collect donations after Masses on Saturday and Sunday June 8 and 9. Clean and still-useful books, toys, recreational equipment, small appliances, cookware, china, linens, etc. are all welcome. Small items of furniture are great but we can't take couches, mattresses, or stuffed chairs.

Members of St. Joseph Parish and St. Vincent DePaul will be in the parking lot after each Mass to accept your donations and provide receipts.



Fall CYO Soccer Online Registration

Boys and Girls Kindergarten to 8th grade, \$55
All registrations are due by June 14th
PLEASE GO TO THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL WEB SITE
QUESTIONS...CONTACT JORDAN HOWELL
jhowell@stjosephsea.org

Note: If you also want to run cross-country, you'll need to sign up separately from soccer.



Summer Delegation To Visit Our Sister Parish In El Salvador

We have a few spots open for anyone interested in joining our upcoming trip to visit our sister parish of San Bartolome in Arcatao, El Salvador. The dates are July 17-27th. Cost is approximately \$1200 including airfare. We especially need anyone proficient in speaking Spanish. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

COLLECTION: MAY 19, 2013

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00 TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$8,362.25

Calendar Mon, May 27

Sacred Silence, Church, 7:00 PM

Wed, May 29

Pathfinders, Mother Teresa, 6:00 PM The VOICE, Arrupe Room, 7:00 PM

Fri, June 1

Eucharist Adoration, Loyola Chapel, Parish

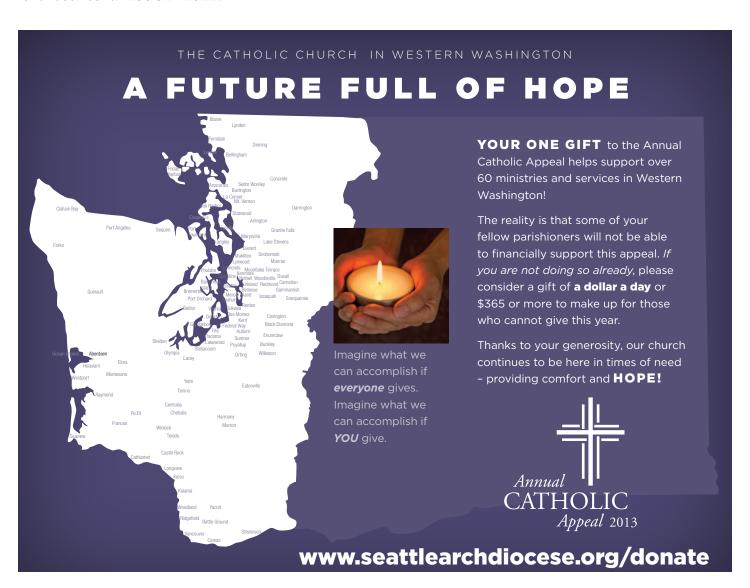
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ACA 2013 Pledges Continued

A special thanks for your support of the larger Catholic Church!

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Michael & Jennifer Wood

If you haven't seen your name listed and you have made your pledge, please call the parish office to make sure we have received it! 206-324-2522.



Please Join Us for an Annointing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a bbq luncheon

cooked up by our very own Deacon Steve!

Friday, June 7th Healing Mass 11:30 am

followed by BBQ Lunch in the Parish Center



