

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 15, 2013

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

Readings for September 22, 2013

FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7
SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8
GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 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-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm
Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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An Altar For Peace

In communion with Pope Francis &
people of faith throughout the world,
St. Joseph Church
will house a shrine for peace
in the baptistry,
on the north side of the altar.

Every Day - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Bring flowers & prayers,
light a candle
to Mary, Queen of Peace.**

*Our prayers & our actions
call upon the mercy of God
for all the victims of war,
& for the wisdom of peace
to fill the hearts of our leaders.*



Becoming a Drop in the Sea

This, then, is what Jesus requires of us. He has no need of our works, but only of our love, for this same God who declares that He has no need to tell us if he is hungry, was not afraid to beg for a little water from the Samaritan woman. He was thirsty. . . But in saying, "Will you give me a drink?" (Jn.4:7), it was the love of His poor creature that the Creator of the universe was asking for. He was thirsty for love.

-St. Thérèse of Lisieux-

It has been quite a week. As our nation stood between war and peace, between violence and something else we could not quite name, we prayed and wrote and held our breath. Certainly, we hated the murder of innocents caused by poison gas, but hated, too, the nearly incomprehensible plans to bomb without seeking-out either perpetrators or weapons, without wanting to change the balance of power in the region but wanting to dissuade all leaders from ever using weapons of mass destruction again. If, like me, your prayers were pleas not just for peace—though certainly for that—but also for some sense of comprehension, some sense of hope in the midst of what seemed like a choice between evils, then you may also have found that the conclusion of the week has left you strangely unsure. I find myself breathing again, thankful that the cruise missiles remain holstered and that the possibility for a diplomatic solution has somehow been given new life (though was it really as accidental as it seemed?); yet, I keep wondering if this is the answer to our prayer or only a delay in the crushing victory of violence and despair?

During days like these, a sense of powerlessness creeps into my heart. It seems so small to send off one letter to the President, to make one phone call or write one e-mail message to Congress. Indeed, even my one prayer seems small, dwarfed by the call of the Pope and the cries of the poor. What is my one voice in the midst of so much noise? As will surprise no one who knows me, this is not a sensation I like: I want to be active and to effect the events that surround me. I want to *do* something! But what is there to do?

At such moments, my temptations veer between distraction and self-deception: either seeking to ignore the issues of the day by becoming immersed in nonsense—watching stupid television shows or reading countless celebrity blogs on Facebook—or trying to make my actions seem important by haranguing those who disagree with me—as though, if I just get a few more to agree, then my voice will matter. But even these devices seem

futile, and lead only to despair; for the anguish of the world continues to intrude, and the small voice I have been given continues to trouble me.

I was in just such a place earlier this week, as I prepared for daily mass. The optional memorial offered for the day, in the Jesuit calendar, was for Blessed Francis Gàrate, S.J., a Jesuit Brother who lived in Spain in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. Brother Francis grew up poor, and so was not well-educated when he came to work for the Society of Jesus as a laborer. Coming to love the Jesuits he knew, he entered the Society as a lay-brother and was assigned simple jobs for much of his life. Eventually, he was assigned to the role of door-keeper for the Jesuit community in Bilbao, Spain, where he stayed for more than 20 years, doing little more than answering the door, running errands, and greeting guests. Though it was hardly a job to shape the course of history, Francis did it always with gentleness, with generosity, and with a deep sense of grounding in the Holy Spirit. People who came to visit the community found themselves blessed by his hospitality, by his patience, and by the spiritual presence at the heart of his care for them, all offered with simplicity and lack of pretense. He never seemed to grow angry or frustrated by the varied needs of his charges, but answered the door, day and night, as he had been called to do—and so, in small ways, changed the experience of visitors and the hearts of those with whom he lived. He walked this small path of love, between his office and the door, for decades, and so made it one small part of the kingdom of God.

As Catholics, we often talk about the power of the small way. We quote Mother Teresa or St. Thérèse approvingly and think that we have learned to be satisfied with doing small things with great love; but the truth is, when I am honest with myself, I am rarely satisfied with the slow work of redemption. I want it now, and I want my efforts to make it happen. This week, however, feeling powerless in the face of such international forces, I was reminded that God—for whom time itself is an illusion of children—does not work at my pace nor by my power. Yet, God works, and God allows each of us to be part of that work. Our prayers, our fasting, our hopes, our kindness to one another, our small works of love and healing, or our few dollars given to Jesuit Refugee Services are not much—mere drops in the ocean—but they are part of the flood which is God's grace and love for the world, a flood that washes away boulders and changes the shape of coastlines. Drop by drop, footstep by footstep, choice by human choice, the reign of God comes into the world by the work of our hands.



Blessings Of The Journey

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF STEVE'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

September 13, 2003. In some ways it seems so long ago and in other ways like yesterday. What I remember most about the Liturgy itself at St. James is "lying prostrate on the floor" and being vested by my wife Cyndy and mentor Deny Duffell. However the next day at our regular Sunday Mass, when I was blessed by members of this community, including my parent's, is the memory I will always cherish.

I came to St. Joseph's Church as a Jesuit Volunteer over 30 years ago because I was discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This call was interrupted when I met my wife Cyndy and so I was content serving God and the people of St. Joseph as a lay minister.

When the Permanent Diaconate was reinstated I heard the call again. I struggled with the idea of betraying my co-workers, especially the women who were my colleagues in seeking ordination when it was not available to them. Yet the call remained strong in the midst of my questions, doubts and fears.

The words of St. Paul are very encouraging. *"Clothe yourselves with compassion, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love and be thankful."*

Ordination is a gift and in our formation we talked about the responsibility of Ordination. You no longer just speak for yourself. You are seen as representing the church and being the presence of Christ to those whom you meet and serve. I could not have imagined the graces of being invited into the sacredness of people's lives.

From the joy of presiding at Weddings and Baptisms, to the grief in planning and assisting at Funerals, it is a privilege and an honor. To be given a sacred trust by people sharing their hopes, dreams, fears and sadness, I have been enriched and transformed. Thank you.

Some of the surprising graces of my ordination were my path into Hospital Ministry and more recently my training as a Spiritual Director. I must confess I never liked going to hospitals either as a patient or to visit someone. The training was painfully transformative. Hospital Ministry challenged me to rely on God's presence and taught me how to stand with others in their pain and sorrow. Today my primary Diaconal ministry to the Archdiocese of Seattle is coordi-

nating Eucharistic Ministers to provide a Catholic presence at Harborview.

For a while I thought I was called to do Hospital Ministry fulltime but the pull of the diversity of parish ministry was too strong.

I'm not sure how this fits in but selfishly ordination has held me accountable. What I mean is for me to get up and proclaim the gospel and break open the word I first need to be praying and preaching to myself. I can't possibly talk or preach to others about prayer, forgiveness, humility or generosity with any integrity if I am not working on these areas in my own life...first.

Another great joy has been my relationship working with children. What a blessing to be shopping at Safeway or out at dinner with my wife and have a child come up and say *"Hi Deacon Steve"*.

My work with older Children Baptism stands out for me as a good symbol for my Diaconal Ministry. Once a month I meet with families and usually cook dinner, teach the kids through song and story and ringing the bells! Then to be able to go into the font with them and pray the words of Baptism over them it truly does bond you in a special way to those children and families.

What does the future hold? I realized what I loved most about Hospital Ministry was the one-on-one spiritual conversations with patients, staff and families so I decided to do a two year training program for Spiritual Direction with the Benedictine Sisters and now I am starting a private practice of companioning people.

It's been a great ten years!

I feel so blessed to have St. Joseph's as my base camp... to use a metaphor that Fr. John shared when he first came here as Pastor. The JVC has a motto, *"Ruined for Life"*. I can safely say that motto was true for me, but in the best possible way. I often use the phrase, *"Be careful what you pray for"* and so my prayer is to be open to however God wants to use me and to have the courage to say, YES.

It's important that I ask forgiveness for the times I have hurt or failed you.

I would not be who I am today without the love and care of this community. I have grown up here in my ministry and as a person and I thank you for that gift.

God's Peace

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski





Prayer

Come and see what the Catholic Faith has to offer

Tuesday, September 24th
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
St. Joseph's Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?
- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!

St. Joseph Women's Ministry Fall Prayer & Potluck

Please join the ladies of St. Joe's for our annual Fall Prayer & Potluck event. Come for food and fellowship - bring a dish or drink to share. Are you a knitter, or do you want to learn how to knit? We will also be kicking off our knitting circle, with the goal of donating a little warmth to the homeless this winter. We'd love to see you there!

Thursday, October 3rd at the home of Susan Georgulas (2605 East Mercer). Please contact Kaz Maras at 206.228.2674 / kjmaras@gmail.com, or Susan Georgulas at 206.910.7418 / sueginwa@hotmail.com with questions or information on what to bring.

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

For the successful outcome of the surgeries of Kay and John . . . For the well being of Reilly, Helen, Paul, Cesar, Chris, Scott, Rebecca and Danny . . . For Pope Francis as he shepherds his flock . . . For people of wisdom to be influencing leaders towards peace and justice

Prayer Tree



"You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light."

~ 2 Samuel 22:29

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

St. Joseph Men's Home Mass & Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 20 at 6:00 PM

At the Home of Kevin Hylton 1336 Broadmoor Dr E
Seattle, WA 98112

Main Dish provided. All Men invited to bring salad, appetizer, dessert or bread and beverage of choice to share

Gather 6:00pm; Mass at 6:30 pm with Fr. John followed by dinner. Music provided by Matt Tilghman-Havens and Sean Walsh

Questions or for more information contact Deacon Steve at 206 965-1646 or steve@stjosephparish.org

COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

TOTAL NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET: \$15,994.00

TOTAL FOR MASSES AND GIFTS MAILED IN: \$10,380.00



Social Ministry

JustFaith Ministries

"Crossing Borders"

We hope you have been enjoying our Weekly Questions about Immigration. We will be registering people during the month of September for our JustFaith series, which begins on OCTOBER 3rd. We will be available after all the Sunday Masses on September 15th, and would love to talk with you. We look forward to interesting questions and interested people!

Here is the information you need:

This Fall, St. Joseph's will be sponsoring an eight-week Thursday (6:30 – 9:00 pm) JustFaith workshop series on Immigration, beginning Oct 3rd, ending Nov 21st (the week before Thanksgiving).

As participants, you will discuss topics like US Border Enforcement, possible paths for legalization for the undocumented, the Immigration Detention system, the push and pull of global migration. We will watch documentaries, attend a Spanish-language Sunday Mass at a migrant parish, think about our own family's immigration story, meet and talk with real people who are living in the limbo of undocumented immigrants.

Are you interested? Simply contact workshop coordinators Julia Buchholz (206-329-3323), Samantha Welte (samanthawelte@gmail.com) or email/talk with Deacon Steve Wodznowski.

In the meantime, we continue our "test questions" on Immigration.

Last Sunday's question: TRUE or FALSE: Undocumented immigrants bring crime.

Answer: FALSE. Nationally, since 1994, even as the number of undocumented immigrants has doubled, the violent crime rate has declined 34 per cent and the property crime rate has fallen 26 per cent. Truth is, foreign-born people in America – whether naturalized citizens, permanent residents or undocumented – are incarcerated at a much lower rate than native-born Americans, according to the National Institute of Corrections.

Question for this Sunday, Sept 15th: TRUE or FALSE: My ancestors learned English, but today's immigrants refuse. Look for answer next week!



Faith, Hope and Love in Action

Who Are You Becoming?

It's an important question to ask as you begin each day! Our thoughts, words, choices, actions and inactions reveal who we are; but is this who we really want to be? The GoodNews People program is an exciting new program being offered at St. Joe's that addresses the question, "Who am I becoming?" in a dynamic and thought provoking way. GoodNews People will familiarize you with the biblical witness of Jesus and explore the richness of the Catholic faith in a variety of way that honor the hungers of the soul, the needs of adult learners, and the competing demands of busy people.

Through prayer and reflection in small faith groups, you will draw on the wisdom that emerges from listening deeply to God's presence and action in your life. GoodNews People engages the head and heart along with the hands and feet as it seeks to build the bonds of community and foster a deeper understanding of discipleship.

Join your fellow parishioners now. Sign up online at www.stjosephparish.org or in the back of church for the next two weekends. We have groups meeting at various times and locations. For more information contact Dn. Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 or Vince Herberholt at vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

Who are you becoming? We hope the answer will be: GoodNews People! Sign up now!

Bulb Sale

The Lilly Peabody & Irene Hanley Circle of the Association of Catholic Childhood will hold a tulip and daffodil bulb sale on Sunday, September 22nd & 29th after the 9:00 am Mass during our hospitality hour.

You won't want to miss this chance to buy bulbs for some beautiful flowers.



Social Ministry

GoodNews People Get Involved

Below is a list of all the different GoodNews People groups with their location and the facilitator's name, that are formed at St. Joseph. To register for one of the groups, just visit our website www.stjosephparish.org or call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

Sundays

St. Joseph's Parish Center
Sundays 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
(Starts Sunday Oct. 13th)
Young Families
Facilitator: Viki and David Lawton
dvwemail@gmail.com or 425-223-5170

Jen & Matt Tilghman-Havens
620 32nd Ave, Seattle, WA 98122 (Madronna)
206-228-4471 or j.tilghmanhavens@gmail.com
Sundays 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Families With Young Children
Facilitator: Jen & Matt

Joe Anderton & Diane Lostrangio
5602 46th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118 (Seward Park)
dladopt@hotmail.com or 206-723-2477
Sundays 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Facilitator: Joe & Diane

St. Joseph's Parish Center
Sundays 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
SINGLE MATURE WOMEN
Facilitator: Victoria Selser
selser.victoria@comcast.net or 206-658-3389

Mondays

Dick and Linda Ellis
2020 E. Louisa St, Seattle, WA 98112 (Montlake)
landellis@comcast.net or 206-550-9340
Mondays 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Facilitator: Arlene Warnke
arlenezewcki@gmail.com

Ellen Kam
1815 E. Roy St, Seattle, WA 98112
emfkam@yahoo.com or 206-328-4768
Mondays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Sheila Marie
smarie49@comcast.net

Tuesdays

St. Joseph's Parish Center
Tuesdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Facilitator: Ro Bacina
rbacina@msn.com or 206-322-2452

Michael Bunney & Ray Frenchmore
9228 35th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126 (West Seattle)
michael.bunney@comcast.net or 206-935-4804
Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Jennifer Paquette
jennifer.paquette@providence.org or 206-954-0811

Rob & Karole Gorman
11010 24th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125 (North Seattle)
rg46@me.com or 206-364-6570
Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Stuart Rowe
stu.c.rowe@gmail.com or 206-321-0286

Wednesdays

St. Joseph's Parish Center
Wednesdays 6:00 am – 7:30 am
Facilitator: Chris Jones
cwjones@cwjones.net or 425-466-4488

Deanne & Phil Calvert
1923 Broadway E, Seattle, WA 98102 (N. Capitol Hill)
deanne.calvert@comcast.net or 206-720-5212
Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Families with School – Age Children
Facilitator: Deanne & Phil

Allison & Kevin Nackel-Gaffney
3217 Lafayette Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144 (Beacon Hill)
allisonnackel@gmail.com or 626-818-0109
Tuesdays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
YOUNG ADULTS
Facilitator: Allison & Kevin

Thursdays

Sr. Rosemary Dobler
714 22nd Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112
206-322-1473
Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Will Ross
skipperross@comcast.net or 206-323-5054



Social Ministry

Feast Of St. Matthew On The Mountain

Saturday, September 21st, 9 am
Please join us for some fellowship in the forest!

Young adults and friends over 18 are invited to hike Rattlesnake Ledge with Jesuit Fr. Glen Butterworth from St. Joseph Parish on Capitol Hill!

Gather at St. Joseph Parish parking lot in Capitol Hill for carpool at 9 am. Mass will be celebrated during a break from the hiking. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring water, a lunch for yourself, and a little something additional to share if you can!

Questions? Comments? Please contact Matt Luby from Blessed Sacrament at mpluby@gmail.com

St. Joseph Mom's Group

Parenting From the Inside Out

Three Wednesday Mornings; October 2, 9 and 16
9:30-11am, coffee & check-in begins at 9am
St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor
Childcare available (advanced notice required)
Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare

We invite you to join us for our upcoming series to explore how a deeper self-understanding can enrich our lives and the lives of our families. In this 3-part series we will participate in individual and group exercises and discover:

- #1 secret to having the relationships and lives we want with our families;
- Renewed energy to invest in our emotional, physical and spiritual well-being; and
- An enhanced appreciation of our individual parenting styles.

Facilitator, Jane Schmidt is a Certified Parent Coach in private practice and is the founder of Parent Coaching Northwest, LLC (www.parentcoachingnw.com). To reserve your place, please contact Lori Schwebel at laschwebel@aol.com or 206.948.7804

Cabrini Ministry Training Program

Pope Francis reminds us that *"We all have the duty to do good"*. We may feel called to serve our brothers and sisters who suffer from illness, grief, or other crisis, but feel inadequate to do so. *"How can I be an effective servant, that I may do good?"* you ask. Cabrini Ministry Training (CMT) invites you to consider its program of lay ministry training and outreach. CMT is a unique opportunity to learn pastoral care skills and enjoy continued support in a faith-filled community while providing lay ministry in or near your parish. The annual 5 month training program begins late October and we have some spaces left in our evening class in Seattle and in our daytime class in Kirkland. If you are interested in learning more about this remarkable program that has trained over 900 people in the past twenty years, please call Patt Reade at 425-923-4077 or go to the website- www.cabriniministry.org. Deadline for applications is October 10.

Winter Shelter at St. Joseph

For the past TWENTY years, 2 people (men, women and families) have come to the church at 8:00 pm, open the doors and prepared the old gym for 14 homeless men coming to stay for the night. 'The Hosts' don't have to sleep in the same room as the men but they sleep on the same kind of mat the men do in a nearby space. In the morning, you know you haven't ended the problems of the homeless but you can feel good about extending a hand to people in need!

If there aren't volunteers for a night then the men are out of one more place to stay.

The men are very appreciative of the safe place and kind people that work the shelter. They also love taking with them in the morning a "meal bag" for the day. The meals are provided by another group of dedicated volunteers that take their time and own money to put together 14 lunches once a month or every six weeks. The feeling of having something to eat for the day is over-whelming.

The shelter is open October 1st – April 30th
Tuesday through Saturday nights
8:00 pm – 7:15 am

If you are interested please contact: Taffy McCormick, 206.321.3702 (call or text) or taffymccormick@com-cast.net



Community

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concert Series

The Esoterics

AEONIA: the door to eternity
Saturday, September 21, 2013, 8pm

In our annual autumnal POLYPHONOS showcase, The Esoterics will premiere commissions by Joseph Gregorio, Iman Habibi, and Stephen Feigenbaum, as well as Donald Skirvin's choral symphony *Stars forever, while we sleep*, and Eric Banks' *I Am Among Them*. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, visit www.theesoterics.org.

The Byrd Ensemble

The Great Renaissance
Saturday, September 28, 2013, 8 pm

English Renaissance greats: Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Robert White, and perhaps the most popular setting of Psalm 51 with its soaring high C, Allegri's *Miserere*.

The focal points of the program are two of the most impressive achievements in Renaissance polyphony: *Ecce beatam lucem* and *Agnus Dei (II)* (northwest premiere) by Italian composer Alessandro Striggio, set for 40 and 60 independent voices respectively.

For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, visit www.byrdensemble.com

Altar Server Training:

For those youth in grades 4th and higher who would like to serve during the Mass, our next training will be Monday, September 16, 2013 at 3:30 pm or Sunday, September 22, 2013 after the 11 am Mass. Please meet at the front steps of the altar platform in the church. The training will take about an hour. New servers will begin in October. This is a great way to earn service hours too! To sign up, please contact John Stuntebeck at jstuntebeck@stjosephparish.org or 206 965-1645.

Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, September 17th - OWL's monthly Potluck, 6:00 pm in the Social Hall

PAB Fall Fundraiser

September 25 to October 9
Magazine subscriptions, gift wrap and more!

This year the PAB Fall Fundraiser will include magazine subscriptions!

You can renew current subscriptions, both print and electronic, as well as find new and interesting reading material for every family member. Giftwrap, totes, candy and gifts will also be available.

Want to start now? You can order/renew subscriptions or start your shopping, and orders will count for sale prizes. Visit the school website under Parent Association Events for the link. The St. Joseph school code is: **3135290**.

Make Money for St. Joseph School By Shopping



With our Amazon Partner Program

If you are shopping online think Amazon and follow these simple steps:

1. Go to the St.Joe's home page www.stjosephsea.org

2. Go to the Quick Links box, click on "Amazon Purchases" - that will take you through to the Amazon website.

3. Shop as usual, Amazon will automatically give a % of your purchase back to St. Joseph School

We are currently earning approximately \$500/month for the school. Let's use the link to double that amount.



Youth

Join us next weekend at the 9 am Mass to bless our Children's Ministers

We have over 200 children in our Sunday School and Youth Group programs. This vibrant and critical ministry is only successful with the help of an army of volunteers. The following volunteer positions are still needed!

Kindergarten, Sundays during the 9 am Mass
CFF1 Assistant, Sundays 10:10 am to 11:00 am
CFF3/4 Teacher, Sundays 10:10 am to 11:00 am
CFF 5/6 Teacher, Sundays 10:10 am to 11:00 am
Jr High Beginning Bible Study Teacher, Sundays 10:10 am to 11:00 am
Confirmation Assistant, Sundays, Beginning in October

We are also in need of a Childcare lead, that would work with our youngest parishioners (ages 1 - 3) during the 9 am Mass. This is a paid position, candidate must pass background check and be available for Safe Environment certification.

We will teach you how to teach, no experience necessary. A background check and safety class are required. Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

The VOICE

The VOICE, St. Joseph's High School Youth community, invites all new members to our Fall season kick-off on Wednesday, September 18th. Join us from 7 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph's Parish Center for food, friends and games! (For questions, please contact Sam Kennedy: samk@stjosephparish.org)

Pathfinders

Pathfinders begins Wednesday, October 2nd from 6-7:30 pm. We will meet in the basement of the Parish Center. Pathfinders is our middle school (6th, 7th & 8th grade) youth group focused on service, friendship and fun.

Looking for adult volunteers to support this dynamic ministry. Please contact Dottie Farewell if you are interested, dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652

Children's Faith Formation - CFF

Register now for our Children's Faith Formation Programs

We offer Sunday childcare, preschool, kindergarten classes during the 9 am mass, and classes for 1st thru 8th graders after mass beginning in October.

Please visit our website for more details and online registration: www.stjosephparish.org "Children/Youth"

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Here in our diocese the preparation for reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is a two year program, typically beginning in the first grade. If you are a St. Joseph Parishioner, then you will want to sign up for our Children's Faith Formation Year 1 program (CFF1).

For families who completed CFF1 last year, you must register for CFF2 now. Both CFF1 & CFF2 have additional event dates in addition to Sunday School. Check it out on our website under "Children/Youth," "Children's Faith Formation 1" or "Children's Faith Formation 2." If you are unable to register online or have questions, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org



2013 First Communion Class with Father Whitney



Pope - ourri

A message from the Holy Father on his visit to Jesuit Refugee headquarters in Rome

"Do I stoop toward someone in difficulty or am I afraid to get my hands dirty? Am I closed inside myself, in my things, or am I aware of who needs my help? Do I serve only myself, or do I know to serve others like Christ, who came to serve even to the point of giving his life?"



Last weekend St. Joseph parishioners donated \$1,138.00 to benefit Jesuit Refugee Services in Syria

If you would like to join Jesuit Refugee Services in their tireless work in Syria, please consider making a donation on their website www.jrsusa.org

Given the gravity of the situation on in Syria, JRS is in need of your financial support there.

- \$92: 100 liters of heating oil (for winter)
- \$105: a basic family kit: one mattress, two sheets, one pillow, two winter-blankets and two towels
- \$130: a food-basket for a five-person family for one month
- \$160: winter clothing for one family (pullover, jacket, trousers, shoes)
- \$210: one month's rent of an apartment for a displaced family
- \$5300: one day support for the families sheltered in the schools in Aleppo
- \$5300: cost of providing food for 10,000 people for one day
- \$10,500: the installation cost of the field kitchen